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EIGHT STARS OF GOLD—Eight bonfires on the sea ice in front of Nome—each fueled by 65 wooden pallets, with the great North Star burning 80—made for a stunning recreation of Alaska's flag on New Year's Eve. Bering Air's Russell Rowe braved the -27 degree weather to help get this aerial photo. When the glow of the fires got low, fireworks were used to bolster the image.

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BRIGHT BEGINNING—New Year's revelers celebrate the first few minutes of 2009 at a bonfire and fireworks show on Nome's center beach.

Citgo free oil appears to be a no-go for 2009

By Tyler Rhodes

Rural Alaskans counting on free heating fuel from Venezuelan-owned Citgo Petroleum should take another look at how much they have budgeted to keep their home warm this winter.

Despite earlier signs that the program would again be implemented this year, it appears that the assistance has been shelved—at least for now.

According to a press release issued from Citizens Energy Corp., the Massachusetts firm that administers the program, falling oil prices have forced Citgo to take a second look at the assistance which has meant a couple months of free heat for many rural Alaskans for the past few years.

"Citizens Energy has recently been informed by Citgo that due to falling oil prices and the world economic crisis, Citgo has been forced to re-evaluate all their social programs, including the heating oil program, which has provided hundreds of thousands of low-income U.S. households with much-needed fuel these past three years," said Citizens Energy Chairman and President Joseph P. Kennedy II in a press release. "As a result, the heating oil program has been suspended until further notice. It remains unclear how long this postponement, if it is one, will last."

In the Norton Sound region, the heating oil program has been run by Kawerak Inc. Dawn Salesky, Kawerak's Vice President of Education, Employment and Training, said initial indications were that the program would again be implemented this year. She only learned of the change of plans through the media. "All I know is what I read in *cbsnews.com* yesterday and then it appeared in the [*Anchorage Daily News*]," she said.

Even though she said she usually does not get the definitive go-ahead for the program until January, Salesky said she was already beginning preparations for this year's program. "I started contacting the villages, getting household lists together," Salesky said.

At the state level, the program is administered by the Alaska Inter-Tribal Council. Salesky said she has not heard from the organization yet. In media reports earlier this week, a representative from the group said it has not received any official message from Citgo.

Kennedy of Citizens Energy said he is pressing Citgo to continue the program. "All of us at Citizens Energy continue to do everything we can to advocate for a continuation of this vital assistance," he said in the

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Council keeps eyes on the pies

Nome looks to gain from proposed federal economic stimulus package that would include funds for construction projects

By Sandra L. Medearis

The Nome Common Council sees a rainbow that may lead to a pot of money to finish some work and start even more construction projects.

Getting to the end of this rainbow involves diligence in preparing construction-ready projects to seek a piece of the federal economic stimulus package divvied up among the states.

"We should hire a lobbyist to push through the stimulus package," Councilman Jon Larson told the Council. "The figures we are talking about are huge. We should push the hospital and the public safety building."

President-elect Barack Obama's economic recovery package will include domestic infrastructure investments. To enhance chances of getting a share and to back a list of federal legislative priorities, the panel voted Dec. 22 to hire a federal lobbyist for the next 120 days with a

salary and expense cap of \$100,000. The City's utility lobbyist, Larry Markley, will also help steer the possible resources Nome's direction, according to Nome Joint Utility System Manager John K. Handeland.

The Alaska Municipal League, of which Nome's mayor, Denise Michels, is president, is backing getting money from Obama's package for a state Department of Transportation western Alaska access study and money for ports and harbors as facilities for national security and spill response.

Nome administrators agreed with the AML priorities with a letter to Gov. Sarah Palin emphasizing that roads in western Alaska would promote the development and transmission of alternative energy. Additionally, the City would like to see continued support of the port and sea-

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NovaGold gets \$60 million cash infusion, Rock Creek still on hold

By Tyler Rhodes

The owner of the Rock Creek Mine has struck a \$60 million deal that will allow it to repay debt and further invest in other mining projects that are still in the development phase.

Whether NovaGold Resources Inc. will use any of that money toward restarting operations at the mine near Nome has yet to be decided.

In an e-mail to *The Nome Nugget* NovaGold president and CEO Rick Van Nieuwenhuyse said restarting the Rock Creek Mine is not simply a question of whether or not NovaGold has the money on hand to solve the hiccups that have prevented full production as of yet.

"[We] will examine the possibility of restarting the operation; however, it must make economic sense to do so. At this time we have not made a decision to do so. Obviously, answering that question has many facets and variables—including gold price and willingness of the state to grant workable permits," Van Nieuwenhuyse wrote. "We have just begun the process of evaluating this alternative. Regardless, we are committed to suspending and placing the mine on care and maintenance, and have submitted a plan to the state that we feel is appropriate to do so."

Under the deal between NovaGold and Elec-

trum Strategic Resources LLC announced Jan. 2, Electrum will become NovaGold's largest shareholder with a 30 percent stake in the company. Options in the deal could increase that

ownership stake to as high as 46 percent.

In a press release announcing the deal, No-

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Lingering water keeps NovaGold at work

By Tyler Rhodes

The suspension of production at the Rock Creek Mine just outside of Nome has not meant that all construction at the facility has come to a halt.

NovaGold is working to complete its water

treatment facility, an element necessary for the mine to meet state requirements in regard to its dam. The dam—behind which approximately 54.2 million gallons of water has accumulated

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Letters

Hello Nancy.
This letter has concerns about AICA company not helping out its money makers.The stores here in Alaska are the money makers for ANICA company. ANICA should be helping us out at least with our fuel prices— the national average of the cost of fuel is at its lowest in many years. I think that if ANICA wanted to help its customers it should buy bulk fuel now while the cost is way down and then mix the price of what we are paying for now. I think that would make the price come quite a bit down. Otherwise, just get rid of the markup of the fuel or at least part of it. I believe that if ANICA would do away with the markup on the fuel it wouldn't hurt the company at all because everything is way over priced.
Another really upsetting thing is that a bunch of us, if not the whole village, received bills from a collection company that threatens with a percentage growth if not paid in a timely manner. Why weren't we just notified right here from our store?
At one time we the ANICA customers were all filling out papers every time we shopped. At least we were given a number, we were told that we would be getting rebates. A lot of us got excited on the fact that

we would get nice rebates if we bought our sno-machines, boats, four-wheelers, outboards etc. Well, that never happened. Maybe it was just an enticement for us to buy all the things we need at ANICA prices. Another thing here is that everytime the ANICA advisers come to our village for our annual meeting they always say that Savoonga was the store that makes the most money for ANICA. Was that supposed to make us proud?
I will bet that if a lawyer would look into this all the rebate papers would not be available, no records would be there for us to pursue the rebates that we deserve to have. I myself bought a lot of expensive items on the thought of getting nice rebates from our ANICA store.
It would be very interesting to see a lawyer or lawyers look into this rebate matter. I have heard that some villages do get rebates from their ANICA stores. If that is true someone please let other ANICA customers know....
Thank you.
Ike Kulowiya
Savoonga, AK 99769

plished alone and we thank the people of Unalakleet for being our extended “family” and helping us parent our children. Please share in this award.
Sincerely,
Jeff and Donna Erickson
Unalakleet, AK

Dear Editor
I just returned from watching the Nome-Beltz Nanooks win the championship game at the ACS Invitation here in Anchorage. It's been almost 25 years since I graduated from NBHS, I don't know the coach and I only know the players by familiar last names or how similar they look to their parents.
I just wanted to congratulate the team and coach on their terrific performance. Despite winning all three games by wide margins, each member of the team displayed remarkable sportsmanship and talent throughout the tournament. The team was poised, focused and well coached. I predict its going to be a great season for the mighty Nanooks!
David Karp
Anchorage

NovaGold did nothing wrong and spent a lot of money to improve all state agency requests and also this group too. I was very surprised at how NovaGold officials were patient and didn't fight back. At the same time I am so glad they were very professional and strong even in this situation.
So! Now over 100 people were laid off and nobody from this group came to us or to the job service to bring some alternative idea or support for people who lost their job in middle of winter.
Ms. Steinacher, in a letter to the editor, tries explaining her position and bringing some sympathy to people who lost jobs, but I think it is too little and too late.

We have democracy in this county and everybody has a right to oppose some ideas, construction projects and etc; but sthey have to bring alternative idea or strong business plans to make sure people have jobs.
If this is not happening, I think people who oppose any development mining projects are digging a financial hole for the communities and state, because up to 80 percent of state revenue comes from oil and mining businesses.

Dear Editor
We have a bone to pick with the boys at the D.O.T. They've done such an amazing job with clearing the roads that we haven't been able to miss a single day of work! Also, the road this summer was maintained so well that we didn't have to repair any tires or shocks on our vehicles.
Last winter it was reassuring to know that with new babies in Banner Creek, we would be able to get to town if need be. And we just really appreciate the wonderful job you've done maintaining the roads. Thank you!
The Shannons
Banner Creek

Dear Nancy,
2008 year is gone and in general it was a good year for the Nome community, especially for businesses that provided services for Rock Creek mining.
Basically, all the community was supported and benefited from this project, except the few people who chose, based on their own or somebody's ambition, misunderstanding, to fight against NovaGold and state-federal agency.
They succeeded, because NovaGold spent a lot money, time to response to all legal challenges and unprofessional requests from a Nome small group of people who decided to take from us the constitutional right do our business and make money for living.

The State budget was created based on the price of \$75 for a barrel of oil: it now under it is \$40. Large oil companies decided not to drill on the new arctic offshore zone, because they are tired fighting environmental extremists who do not live in Alaska.
Also large mining companies and projects like Pebble have some problems too and maybe someday will decide to move business from the state, because some people don't want to have stable state and community budgets...
I think the times for “Uncle Ted” money is over and it will be more and more difficult to receive state or federal funds. Mr. Stevens did a great job for the state, country, but it was a different time and the state had more choices to receive some funds— not like now, when the country has some economic problems.
Our state is probably the richest state in the nation and we have all the needed resources to improve our life and have a strong economy. We just need for some people to be realistic and recognize what world we have now around us.
We lost almost all the industrial bases in the county and are heavily dependent on foreign countries, especially for oil supply, goods and etc. This is not a good sign and we need do something before it is too late...
The US is a great country and we

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Letters to the editor must be signed and include an address and phone number. Thank yous and political endorsements are considered ads.

Editorial

Restore Confidence

Alaska has just celebrated 50 years of statehood. As a state and as a nation we have been through good times and bad, but we have endured, learned and grown stronger. We are a great state in a super powerful nation. As we stand at the threshold of another 50 years and a new order of government we must restore confidence in ourselves and to the rest of the world. How do we restore confidence? We do it by recognizing the existence of a problem— the economy and its credit markets are broken. The American people need to be involved in the restoration of the certainty and predictability of our economy.
Alaskans have suffered through greed and the betrayal of public trust by our elected officials. This needs to be ended. However, there is a deeper reform that needs to take place. We need to restore and reform government rules and regulations. We need confidence in government on all levels, local, state and federal. The most important is the local level. If local politics are open and transparent, then state and federal government will follow suit. We can look around us here in Nome and see the results of toothless regulations. We are sitting downstream from a mine which the State of Alaska bent over backward to develop. We spent millions to build a new “Road to Resources.” We gave permits with a wink and a nod. We had visions of pockets lined with gold. What we have is a closed mine, a company on the financial ropes, a tailings pond that is full of water that is seeping through an earthen dam.
We need to do a better job. All levels of government must be cognizant that their function is to serve the people and protect our resources. Restoration of faith and confidence in government is fundamental in making democracy and capitalism work. — N.L.M. —

Dear Editor,
I didn't get a chance to thank the City of Unalakleet and its people for the humbling award given to my wife and me at the annual Jamboree. Being a parent isn't easy for anyone and I was lucky to have great parental role models, ones that I don't approach. Donna and I are also blessed with five great boys who have, for the most part, been extremely easy to parent. In addition to these two things though, I was blessed to have grown up in Unalakleet. Life in the '60s and 70's was much simpler and our recreation was left to our imagination, but all of us children were surrounded by so many elders and parents who looked out for us and taught us. Some things have changed, but there remains a sense of greater “family”. Our youngest son is autistic and we have had much soul-searching about whether to move to a more urban setting to get better therapy options for him. The main reason we have chosen to remain is the “safety net” Unalakleet people provide for Logan. He sometimes wanders and is unaware of dangerous situations, but we are always grateful at how quickly others respond to help or call to alert us where he is. At school there isn't a single student who doesn't treat him nicely, not one who disrespects or teases him. We are unwilling to sacrifice this important benefit. As with most successful parents, it isn't a job that is accom-

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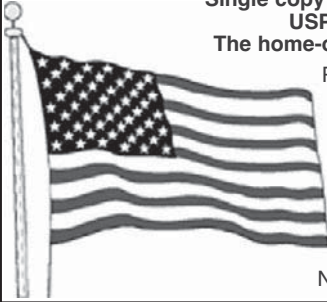
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Nome man perishes in the cold

A Nome resident was found dead Sunday morning behind the library. The police and the Nome Volunteer Ambulance and Fire services responded at approximately 10:30 a.m. after it was reported that Okinello was found not breathing at the above location. Okinello was transported to Norton Sound Regional Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

The police department statement said there was no indication of foul play. The statement issued by the police department said the area where Okinello was found is frequented by those who drink outdoors along Front Street. He was discovered on the path by Jack Amaktoolik and others who summoned help.

Council

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sonal U.S. Coast Guard facilities to support burgeoning exploration and commercial activities in arctic waters. The Council affirmed its support of water and sewer infrastructure improvements and construction of a new Carrie M. McClain Memorial Museum as top state legislative priorities for Nome. At the federal level, the Council put need for construction of a new Norton Sound Health Corp. hospital at the top of its list. In other action, the Council made final an ordinance taking the 5 percent sales tax off certain grocery items for 3.5 months, including food for human consumption taken away from the stores for preparation. The list of items exempt from tax from Jan. 15 thru April 30 coincides with the kinds of food eligible for federal food stamp purchases and the federal WIC program. The tax holiday does not apply to ready-to-eat food from the take-out counters. The Council's intent in passing the tax relief was in consideration of the increased costs of running a household and providing for families during the colder months because of what has been an unexpected and unusually fast rise in fuel prices. On Dec. 23 the Council had a work session slated to interview Dallas Massie as a temporary replacement for Chief of Police Paul Burke whose last day was Dec. 27. Massie, who graduated from high school in 1965, retired from Alaska State Troopers after serv-



Photo by Nancy McGuire

TOP COP—Dallas Massie is being considered for interim police chief.

ing in supervisory positions. His resume shows work with Alaska Bureau of Investigation and extensive mention of work with enforcement issues concerning child abuse, crisis negotiations and investigations. Massie has worked in law enforcement in Kotzebue, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough and Talkeetna. He currently is a volunteer with a child advocacy center, Mat-Su Crime Stoppers and American Legion. A draft contract for Massie will

be presented to the Council at its Jan. 12 meeting. Also under new hires and promotions: Janet Bloodgood was to take a new job as library aide on Jan. 3. William Gordon has been serving as communications officer at Nome Police Dept. effective Dec. 12. Nome Police Department Officer Byron Redburn stepped up to the rank of sergeant on Dec. 12.

Citgo

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press release. "I have personally travelled to Houston to meet with Citgo's CEO and have been in constant contact with members of Congress who have been supportive of this program, Citgo

executives and Venezuelan diplomatic officials in Washington." Salesky said Citgo officials have visited the Norton Sound region to see firsthand those who they have helped. She also said Kawerak has sent correspondence to the company

to express appreciation for the assistance. "We have sent a lot of thanks to Citgo and pictures to say this is how it helped," she said. "They know it does impact people in a good way. I'm still hoping that maybe they'll change their minds."

COMMUNITY CALENDAR
January 8 - January 14, 2009

EVENT	PLACE	TIME
Thursday, January 8		
Idita Splash *Tennis *Open Gym *XYZ Center *Nome Visitor Center *Preschool Story Hour *Kinderswim *Carrie McLain Memorial Museum *Library Hours *Tennis *Open Gym *Northwest Campus Library *Social Services Class *The Joys of Stress video *Strength Training with Robin *Lap Swim *Nome Food Bank *Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K. *City League Basketball *Open Swim *Thrift Shop *Swing Dancing *Narcotics Anonymous	Pool Nome Rec Center Nome Rec Center Center Street Front Street Kegoayah Library Pool Front Street Kegoayah Library Nome Rec Center Nome Rec Center Northwest Campus Prematernal Home Prematernal Home Nome Rec Center Pool Bering & Seppala Nome Rec Center Nome Rec Center Pool Methodist Church Nome Rec Center Behavioral Health Bldg.	from 1/2 - 3/31 5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m. 7 a.m. - noon 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. noon - 5:30 p.m. noon - 8 p.m. noon - 1 p.m. noon - 5:45 p.m. 1 p.m. - 8 p.m. 1:30 p.m. 2:30 p.m. 4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. 5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. 6:15, 7:30 & 8:45 p.m. 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Friday, January 9		
*Pick-up Basketball *Lap Swim *Open Gym *XYZ Center *Nome Visitor Center *Kindergym *Carrie McLain Memorial Museum *Library Hours *Open Gym *Strength Training with Robin *Medicaid/Denali Kid Care class *Nutrition class with Shanna *P90x videos *Kids Soccer 4th - 7th grades *Cardio Kick Boxing *Open Gym *Open Swim *Tae Kwon Do with Dan *Adult Drop-in Soccer *AA Meeting	Nome Rec Center Pool Nome Rec Center Center Street Front Street Nome Rec Center Front Street Kegoayah Library Nome Rec Center Nome Rec Center Prematernal Home Prematernal Home Nome Rec Center Nome Rec Center Nome Rec Center Nome Rec Center Pool Nome Rec Center Lutheran Church (rear)	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m. 6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. 7 a.m. - 10 a.m. 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. 10 a.m. - noon noon - 5:30 p.m. noon - 6 p.m. noon - 4 p.m. 12:05 p.m. - 12:50 2 p.m. 3 p.m. 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. 5 p.m. - 6 p.m. 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. 6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. 8 p.m. - 10 p.m. 8 p.m.
Saturday, January 10		
*Nome Visitor Center *Carrie McLain Memorial Museum *Library Hours *Open Gym *H2O Aerobics *Northwest Campus Library *Eating for Two video *Family Swim *Newborn Care video *Open Swim *Lap Swim *AA Meeting	Front Street Front Street Kegoayah Library Nome Rec Center Pool Northwest Campus Prematernal Home Pool Prematernal Home Pool Pool BHS Bldg. 2nd floor	9 a.m. - 9 p.m. noon - 5:30 p.m. noon - 6 p.m. noon - 8 p.m. 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. 1 p.m. 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. 2 p.m. 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. 8 p.m.
Sunday, January 11		
*Pool *Nome Visitor Center *Single Parenting video *CPR for Infants & Children video *Open Gym *Beginning Baton with Jay *AA: Big Book Study	Front Street Prematernal Home Prematernal Home Nome Rec Center Nome Rec Center HR Conf. Room, NSHC	Closed 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. 1 p.m. 2 p.m. 2 p.m. - 10 p.m. 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Monday, January 12		
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Tuesday, January 13		
*Tennis *Open Gym *XYZ Center *Nome Visitor Center *Summer Reading Program *Library Hours *Tennis *Carrie McLain Memorial Museum *Open Gym *Northwest Campus Library *Circumcision video *Early Infant Care video *Strength Training with Robin *Lap Swim *Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K. *Nome Food Bank *City League Basketball *Open Swim *AA Teleconference: 1-800-914-3396 *Thrift Shop	Nome Rec Center Nome Rec Center Center Street Front Street Kegoayah Library Kegoayah Library Nome Rec Center Front Street Nome Rec Center Northwest Campus Prematernal Home Prematernal Home Nome Rec Center Pool Nome Rec Center Bering & Seppala Nome Rec Center Pool (CODE: 3534534#) Methodist Church	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m. 7 a.m. - noon 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. noon - 8 p.m. noon - 1 p.m. noon - 5:30 p.m. 1 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. 1 p.m. - 8 p.m. 1 p.m. 2 p.m. 4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. 6:15, 7:30 & 8:45 p.m. 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. 7 p.m. 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
Wednesday, January 14		
*Pick-up Basketball *Lap Swim *Open Gym *XYZ Center *Nome Visitor Center *Kindergym *Dental class *Rotary Club *Carrie McLain Memorial Museum *Library Hours *Open Gym *Strength Training with Jennie *Northwest Campus Library *WIC class *H2O Aerobics *Tae Kwon Do with Dan *Hello Central (also on Channel 98) *AA Meeting	Nome Rec Center Pool Nome Rec Center Center Street Front Street Nome Rec Center Prematernal Home Airport Pizza Front Street Kegoayah Library Nome Rec Center Nome Rec Center Northwest Campus Prematernal Home Nome Rec Center Pool Nome Rec Center Nome Visitors Center BHS Bldg. 2nd floor	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m. 6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. 7 a.m. - 10 a.m. 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. 10 a.m. - noon 11 a.m. - noon noon - 5:30 p.m. noon - 8 p.m. noon - 10 p.m. 12:05 p.m. - 12:50 p.m. 1 p.m. - 8 p.m. 1:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. 6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 8 p.m.

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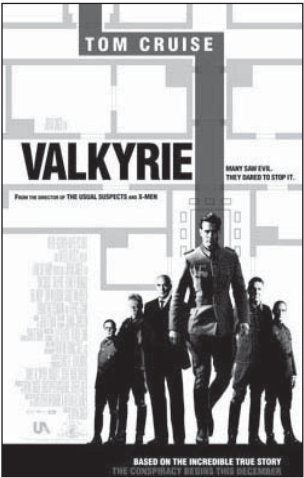
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Starting Friday, January 9

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7 p.m.

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The Nome Nugget takes a look back at

By Tyler Rhodes

Whether you found them surprising, sublime or surreal, the people and events that made Alaska headlines in 2008 assured that the news would be anything but boring.

From Gov. Sarah Palin's rise to national prominence as she occupied the second spot on the Republican presidential ticket to Sen. Ted Stevens' conviction on federal charges and narrow loss in the election against former Anchorage Mayor Mark Begich, the state's biggest names went places hardly imaginable this time last year. One of the state's longest sagas also saw some resolution in 2008 as claimants in the Exxon Valdez oil spill case began to finally see settlement payments after waiting for decades.

While many of Alaska's top news stories over the last year were also making national headlines, *The Nome Nugget* takes a moment in its first issue of 2009 to look back over some of the more prominent happenings in our corner of the state during 2008.

Rock Creek Mine stumbles out of the gate

One of the biggest news stories of 2008 came toward the end of the year. Citing trouble with permitting requirements, cash flow and challenges in processing the ore at the Rock Creek Mine near Nome, NovaGold halted operations at the facility just after Thanksgiving. The indefinite suspension of production at the mine put 75 workers out of a job at the end of November.

Started in September, NovaGold's flirtation with production at the mine was a short-lived affair. Troubles arose as the mine went through its commissioning process. A transistor bank failed in October, delaying production for several weeks. Problems with the crusher appeared to be the final straw, as NovaGold could not ramp the mine up to full production without having to invest more money in the project.

In the final days of the year, NovaGold was able to extend a repayment schedule for a \$20 million bridge loan

that was due in December, keeping the company financially alive. Since the new year, the company has entered another financial agreement that will allow it to repay that bridge loan. Even with its finances a little more secure, however, NovaGold has not committed to any schedule to bring the Rock Creek Mine back to life. Rather, in press releases, the company cites its focus on developing properties, such as the Donlin Creek and Galore Creek mines.

End of an era

Nome saw two of its iconic eateries disappear in 2008. Gone are Fat Freddie's and the Glue Pot. The death of her husband, Bob Madden, in the fall of 2007 and fewer customers coming through the doors forced Connie Madden to call it quits after 22 years. Started at the Rec Center and then moved to Front Street, the business fed countless tourists, miners, locals and Iditarod mushers.

In the case of the Glue Pot, not only did the business disappear, but also the building that housed it. Within a few hours on Election Day in November, the tired blue building was nothing but a memory; the only thing left on the lot was graded dirt. With its best years long since passed, owner Pat Krier said the building's condition was the reason behind the business's closure.

For years the restaurant served as the hangout for Nome teens, both inside and outside its doors. Come 2 a.m., a steady flow of bar-goers would arrive looking for late-night food. While the business closed down in the spring, it wasn't until November when the building came down.

Bankruptcy for diocese

The Catholic Bishop of Northern Alaska announced that the Fairbanks Diocese filed for Chapter 11 reorganization March 1. The filing came in response to more than 140 legal civil claims of sexual abuse of minors at the hands of Catholic priests, volunteers and lay workers in a time period spanning the 1960s through 1980s.

A deadline passed in December for victims of the past abuse to file

for claims against the church. At least 220 claims have been filed.

Entangled in the matter could be the fate of Pilgrim Hot Springs, as the church-owned property may be used to either generate income or be sold outright to help satisfy claims against the diocese. The church regained control of the property after the bankruptcy court granted its request to terminate a lease with Pilgrim Hot Springs Ltd., a business entity. Under the lease, Pilgrim Hot Springs Ltd. was to develop the property in a manner that could provide a return to the church. In the decades the entity held the property, little was accomplished. Why development did not occur is a matter of

dispute between the church and Pilgrim Hot Springs Ltd., which has a \$2.9 million claim against the church.

Nome: Mushing central in '08 No stopping Mackey

Any doubt over Lance Mackey's dominance in long-distance mushing at the start of 2008 was thoroughly crushed in the wee hours of March 12. At 2:46 a.m., Mackey drove a team of 11 dogs down Nome's Front Street to claim his second Iditarod Sled Dog Race championship in a row. Just a few weeks earlier, Mackey had claimed his fourth Yukon Quest victory. He is the only musher to win both races in one sea-

son, and remarkably accomplished the unthinkable two years in a row.

Mackey's Iditarod win came after being trailed for days by legendary musher Jeff King, who appeared to have the upper hand with a larger team still in harnesses. A faked nap in Elim, however, gave Mackey the edge he needed over King. Lulled into thinking Mackey would be resting for a while, King took a rest himself. As King snored, Mackey sneaked out the door and into a sustainable lead. King finished the race an hour and 20 minutes after Mackey.

Nomeites also saw a familiar face lead her team of dogs up Front Street to the burled arch. Nome's 18-year-old



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1: 100 YEARS LATER—Nome's Kirsten Bey drives her team onto the sea ice behind Nome to start her run in the All Alaska Sweepstakes 100 years after its first running.

2: TRAIL BOSS—Lance Mackey again sits triumphant under the burled arch after winning his second straight Iditarod.

3: NO MORE ICE CREAM—Nome's old snack shack, the Glue Pot, finds itself between the jaws of a track hoe in November. Both it and the iconic eatery, Fat Freddie's, closed their doors for good in 2008.

4: THE BIG PRODUCTION—Nome's surly crew of outlaws make their way down Front Street on the summer solstice in the revamped and extended mock bank robbery.

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Melissa Owens successfully completed her first Iditarod, finishing in 30th place out of the 78 who completed the race.

A race 100 years in the making

With a \$100,000 winner-take-all purse and a storied history, the resurrected All Alaska Sweepstakes brought many mushers back to Nome shortly after the finish of the Iditarod. Celebrating its 100th anniversary, the 408-mile, out-and-back race from Nome to Candle saw a mix of big-time and local mushers hit the trail to Candle and back.

The trip through the finish chute on Front Street was again a bittersweet moment for King as it was once more in the shadow of the race winner. Seward musher Mitch Seavey set the course record and hauled home the big payout with his finish just minutes ahead of King. Seavey passed King just outside of Safety as the two raced for Nome. Mackey was unable to complete a triple crown in the mushing world last year, finishing third in the race.

Several Nomeites harnessed their dogs for the race, including Conner Thomas, Cari Miller, Kirsten Bey and Jeff Darling.

Changing of the guard

Last year saw a reshuffling of the deck when it came to the top spot in many of the organizations that influence life on and around the Seward Peninsula.

NSEDC seats several CEOs

By the end of 2008, Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. saw a familiar face at the helm when Janis Ivanoff was named chief executive officer. Ivanoff, who has worked for NSEDC since 1998 in various positions, was named CEO Dec. 6. Ivanoff, born and raised in Nome, re-

placed former Nomeite Bob Walsh. NSEDC's board of directors voted to not renew Walsh's contract at its third quarter meeting in November.

Walsh's time as CEO was short-lived. Walsh was voted into the position by the board of directors March 27, filling a void that had been left since Eugene Asicksik resigned the last day of the year in 2007. Asicksik's resignation, after serving as CEO since 1995, came after turbulence between him and the board of directors. Ivanoff served as interim CEO from the start of the year until Walsh was elected to the position in late March.

City Manager no longer interim

Another Nome-grown candidate took on a leadership role this year as Josie Bahnke was hired as Nome's City Manager. Bahnke, who was born in Nome, accepted the position as the city's top executive Oct. 15.

Bahnke's hiring gives some stability to the position, which has been filled by interim managers since Randy Romelesko's retirement in December 2007. At first, Nome's Parks and Recreation Director Chip Leeper filled in. Wasilla's Don Moore then put in a few months as interim manager, followed by Pete Hallgren of Delta Junction.

Bahnke's contract is set for two years.

Schools bid farewell to Lujan, hello to Luthi

Nome Public Schools also saw a changing of the guard in 2008. In early March, Rick Luthi was named to replace outgoing superintendent Stan Lujan. Before coming to Nome, Luthi worked as the Mat-Su Correspondence Principal, a principal in Unalakleet and assistant superintendent for the North Slope Borough.

Lake takes reigns at hospital

Norton Sound Health Corp. wel-

comed new leadership in March as Michael Lake moved into the top spot vacated by Trevor Colby. Lake previously ran a company that operated hospitals in rural parts of Florida and Mississippi. After a brief retirement, Lake traded the sunny south for a bit of adventure in the northern climes. Lake came aboard as NSHC advanced plans and preparation for its new hospital in Nome. As 2008 came to a close, the sound of pilings being driven into the ground for the new facility could be heard throughout Nome.



7: NOT YOUR NORMAL FAIRY TALE—Tara Schmidt plays Little Red Riding Hood during a Nome-Beltz Drama Club production.

8: IRON DOGS—Snowmachine racers motor out of Nome to start the second leg of the world's longest snowmachine race, the Iron Dog.

9: DOG DAYS OF SUMMER—The annual Nome River Raft Race brought out all sorts of competition.

Nome's top cop leaves town

In the blink of an eye, former Nome Police Chief Paul Burke's life was changed. A head-on car crash near Lake Tahoe in California nearly took the life of his daughter, Karen, in the fall. With his daughter facing a prolonged recovery and

his wife, Michelle, living in Reno, Nev., to take care of her, Chief Burke opted to leave Nome to be closer to his family.

Sergeant Byron Redburn is filling the role of acting chief as the Nome Common Council considers former Alaska State Trooper Dallas Massie to serve as Nome's interim chief.



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vaGold said the funds will be used to repay the principal and interest from a \$20 million bridge loan from Auramet Trading LLC. That loan, originally due Dec. 29, was reworked last month to give NovaGold more time to repay. NovaGold also said it would direct funds toward exploration and development activities at the Galore Creek project in British Columbia and the Donlin Creek project near the Kuskokwim River in Alaska. Both are joint ventures, with NovaGold teaming with Barrick Gold Corp. at Donlin and with Teck Cominco at Galore.

NovaGold said the new money could also be used "to further examine, develop and, if warranted, re-activate the Rock Creek Mine near Nome."

NovaGold suspended operations at the open-pit mine just after Thanksgiving, citing troubles fulfilling regulatory requirements, a shortage of

cash and problems with the consistency of the ore and its crushing unit. At that time, the company projected running out of cash by the end of 2008 if it could not find new means of raising capital. Van Nieuwenhuysse said at the time that the company would focus its efforts and resources on developing Donlin Creek.

Even with the new cash infusion, it appears NovaGold's attention will still mainly be directed away from Nome.

"We believe that Electrum's strategic alliance with NovaGold recognizes the tremendous value of the company's key assets—its 50 percent stakes in two of the largest undeveloped gold and copper-gold deposits in the world," said Van Nieuwenhuysse in the Jan. 2 press release. "This investment substantially strengthens NovaGold's balance sheet and provides funding for the company's on-going commitments to advance our key projects toward development. This source of funding

will also allow the company to look at new opportunities that can provide future growth for the company."

With its financial outlook improved, it appears NovaGold will dodge a de-listing from the Toronto Stock Exchange.

Electrum is buying nearly 46.2 million equity units, each containing a common share and a four-year warrant to buy a share for \$1.50. The units were priced at \$1.30 each.

Electrum is a New York-based private firm that invests in pre-

cious metals exploration projects around the globe. As part of the deal, the firm has agreed to vote for the management's nominees to the board of directors, or to abstain, at NovaGold's 2009 annual general meeting.

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in addition to the mine's tailings—is the source of a notice of violation sent by the state to NovaGold in mid-December.

Officials from the Alaska Department of Natural Resources are working with NovaGold to develop a plan to deal with the dam that was never meant to hold primarily water. The facility, rather, was meant to contain mainly tailings—waste rock from the mining process which are about 65 percent solid and 35 percent water—allowing water to evaporate out of the system.

"Because the Rock Creek TSF dam is not designed to operate as water storage structure with an operable spillway, it appears that the commissioning dam will exceed its approved operating limitations in a matter of time," writes State Dam Safety Engineer Charles Cobb in the notice of violation sent to NovaGold in December. "The unexpected seepage rates and the incomplete construction can affect the structural stability of the dam. These factors jeopardize the structural integrity of the dam which could eventually lead to a catastrophic failure and an uncontrolled release of solution water from the reservoir."

While details of a plan for the dam are being ironed out, both the state and NovaGold agree that getting water treated and out from behind the dam is the first order of business.

"The plan that's being pursued is to start the water treatment plant as soon as possible," said Jack DiMarchi of the Department of Natural Resource's Large Mine Permitting Team.

The treatment plant needs to be operational before any water can be drained from the facility. DiMarchi said NovaGold has projected to DNR a target date of Feb. 15 for having the plant up and ready. DiMarchi said the plant should be able to process approximately 350 gallons of water a minute. Initial designs called for a second phase for the plant which would increase its capacity to about 700 gallons per minute.

The water must be treated since it has come into contact with the tailings. It also contains chemicals used in the mill. The chemicals used to help extract gold from the rock, including cyanide, were not employed in great quantities since the mine was only in production for a short period. "They were only in operation for a few short weeks, so most of the water in the dam is mostly runoff water that they were col-

lecting over time," DiMarchi said.

NovaGold President and CEO Rick Van Nieuwenhuysse argues that the state bears responsibility for much of that build up. "One of our primary objectives in the plan is to vacate the water from behind the tailings storage facility," Van Nieuwenhuysse wrote in an e-mail to *The Nome Nugget*. "As you are aware, this was primarily snow-melt run-off water that we were required by our permits to store behind the dam rather than let into the creek—which is what would have happened naturally."

Nevertheless, cyanide and other chemicals were routed to the tailings storage facility to mix with the runoff water, and the mixture must be treated before being pumped back into the ground via reinjection wells. "We will complete commissioning of our water treatment plant which allows us to treat the water to meet drinking and aquatic water quality standards before being injected back into the groundwater," Van Nieuwenhuysse said.

DiMarchi said the amount of cyanide in the facility is quite low, though it still appears to be above the standard required for release into the environment. "The mill only used cyanide for two weeks or so," DiMarchi said.

DiMarchi said the cyanide content needs to meet what is known as the "aquatic life standard" at 5.2 micrograms per liter. That equates to about 5.2 parts per billion to get a sense of the necessary dilution.

Aside from the cyanide, which was expected in the tailings storage facility, DiMarchi said preliminary testing appears to show that the water behind the dam is not unlike that outside the facility. "The initial results suggest that the chemistry [of the water behind the dam] is quite similar to the groundwater there," DiMarchi said.

DiMarchi said testing is ongoing at the mine to determine the chemistry of the water in the tailings storage facility, at the toe of the dam and in the groundwater. DiMarchi said three sets of samples are being taken a week until 20 sets have been accumulated.

The sampling, among other things, should determine how water is moving into, and perhaps through, the dam and the tailings storage facility.

A system is set up to catch water that seeps from the toe of the dam and pump it back into

the tailings storage facility. Whether that water is making its way through the dam or under its liner, or is completely coming from a groundwater source beyond the toe of the dam is not completely known. DiMarchi said it is likely a combination of both. "Some of the preliminary information shows that seepage at the toe of the dam is a mixture of fresh water and [tailings storage facility] water making its way through the dam," he said.

"A substantially higher volume of seepage than anticipated in the design is being observed since the actual operating and construction scenario that occurred in 2007 and 2008," writes State Dam Safety Engineer Cobb in the notice of violation.

DiMarchi said if the chemical make up of the water being pumped back in matches that already in the storage facility, that would show that some water is indeed escaping the impoundment.

DiMarchi also said the amount of water behind the dam slowly appears to be increasing, the rate of increase does not appear to be equal to that which is being pumped in from the seepage collection system. That would further support the theory that some of the water being pumped in had already previously spent time behind the dam.

"[NovaGold] is faced with a paradox. If the majority of the current seepage is from the tailings pond, then the performance of the [tailings storage facility] containment system is outside of design expectations, and the ability of the Stage III seepage collection system to prevent a discharge is suspect," Cobb writes in the notice of violation. "If the majority of the seepage is fresh groundwater inflow, then the water balance is upset and engineer's estimates of seasonal flow variation are in error ... Excessive seepage through the foundation of the dam brings into question both the effectiveness of the containment system design and the stability of the embankment."

DiMarchi said a more definitive answer on just where the seepage water originates will have to wait until the water sampling is complete.

Structure of dam needs to be addressed

While the immediate concern with the dam is getting the water out from behind it, ulti-

mately the state wants NovaGold to either abandon the structure while operations are suspended or redesign it to properly hold water.

The first option seems the most feasible. "Because the temporary closure period [of the Rock Creek Mine] is up to three years, Dam Safety believes that in the interest of public safety, the [tailings storage facility] must be dewatered and the dam configured such that no additional water impoundment can occur while the mine is closed," writes State Dam Safety Engineer Cobb in the notice of violation.

DiMarchi said this could be achieved, once the water is treated and emptied, by putting a notch in the dam to allow water to flow through, a process known as breaching. DiMarchi also said the tailings could be covered with surface material from the site to prevent water from coming into contact with exposed waste rock. "It would be like having a small creek flow through the dam," DiMarchi said. "The water that flowed through it would be separated from tailings."

Another option, though not as attractive, is to continually treat and pump water from the facility, DiMarchi said.

As of now, no formal plan for the dam has been agreed upon by the state and NovaGold.

Steeper than anticipated

The notice of violation sent to NovaGold also cites concern over the slope angle of the dam. Ultimately the dam was to have a horizontal to vertical ratio of 2.5 to 1. So for every foot of rise, the dam should extend outward for 2 1/2 feet.

As construction occurred, the state allowed the preliminary dam to be built at a ratio of 1.5 to 1 with the belief that the dam would only exist in that state for a brief period. As construction continued, the ratio would be corrected to align with the state's standards. The suspension of operations at the mine in November derailed the construction schedule for the dam.

"The structural stability of the commissioning dam has not been demonstrated to Dam Safety," Cobb wrote in the notice of violation.

"We don't know if it's unstable, but it is something other than we expected it to be long-term," DiMarchi said.

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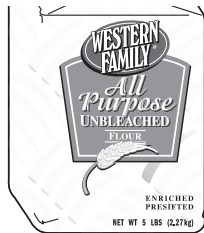
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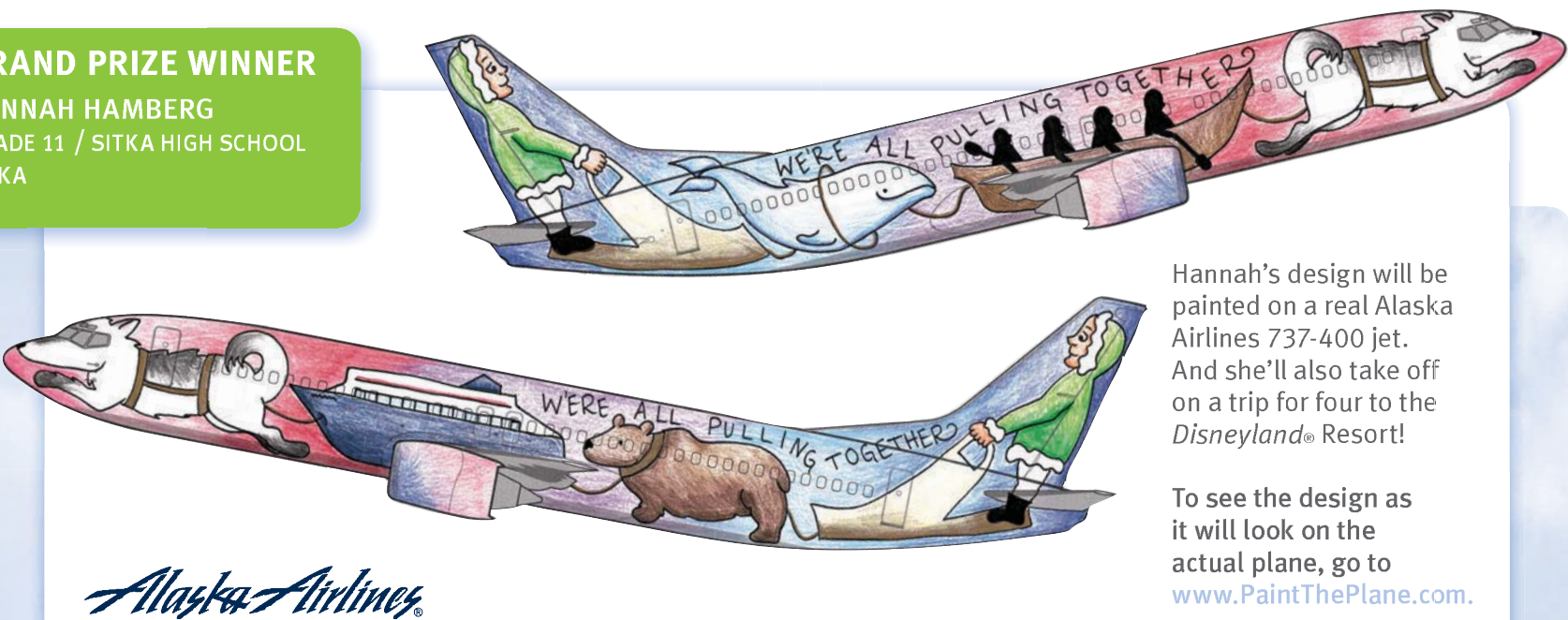


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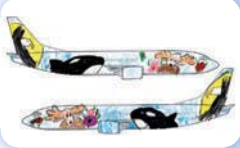


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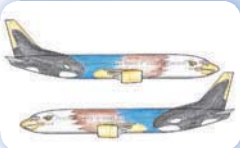
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FIRE IN THE SKY (above, left) — Warmed by a bonfire on the beach, Nomeites enjoy the fireworks show just after midnight on Jan. 1.

CHASING AWAY THE DARK (above, right) — Blast after blast of pyrotechnics lit up the Nome skyline for at least a half hour after the stroke of midnight Jan. 1.

DIRECTING THE TROOPS (above) — Richard Beneville helps arrange Nomeites helping spell out “49-50” with sparklers in front of Old St. Joe’s Hall Jan. 3 to celebrate Alaska’s 50th anniversary of being the 49th state.

AGLOW (below, left) — Leo Rasmussen basks in the glow of road flares during Nome’s celebration of Alaska’s 50th year of statehood. Rasmussen helped organize the many facets of Nome’s celebration.



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Nanook ballers ring in new year as champions

If the first three days of the year are any indication of what 2009 holds for Nome's boys basketball team, it should be a very good season for the Nanooks.

Nome wasted no time in starting the new year off right, easily dispatching three opponents in as many days to take home the title for the 2009 Anchorage Christian School's ACS Pepsi Invitational. The Nanooks defeated the Eielson Ravens 77-59 Jan. 3 to take home the title from the tournament held in Anchorage.

Tournament MVP Jesse Blandford led Nome with 25 points and nine rebounds in Saturday's game. Jeremy Head chipped in for 19 points while Christian Leckband put down a season-high 15 points. Mason Evans dished 10 assists to his teammates. In addition to Blandford, Head was named to the all-tournament team for his effort.

Nome bowled over its competition in the lead-up to the championship game. The Nanooks nearly hit the century mark in their debut match-up against Valdez on New Year's Day. Led by double-digit scorers Tim Sullivan, Head, Blandford and Mikey Wongittilin, Nome put up 99 points on the scoreboard compared to the Buccaneers' 38. All 10 Nanooks scored in the game.

Nome earned its spot in the championship game after defeating Barrow last Friday 84-48. Head and Blandford combined for 46 points to lead the Nanooks. Evans chipped in

with 10.

In other awards given at the tournament, Nome earned honors for three-point shots.

Nome came home from the tournament with a 6-1 record and will next play in Unalakleet Jan. 9-10.

Next home event

The NBHS girls will host the Unalakleet Wolfpack on January 9-10.

On the horizon

The 2009 Nome Subway Showdown will take place Jan. 15-17. Teams in the tournament are Nome, Point Hope, Valdez, Noorvik's boys and Hooper Bay's girls.



Photo by Janeen Sullivan

DRIVING—(right) Christian Leckband scores Jan. 3 against Eielson on the way to his season-high tally of 15 points in the championship game of the ACS tournament in Anchorage.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration finds ribbon seals not threatened by global warming

By Diana Haecker

As the ice melts underneath most Arctic ice-dependant species' flippers or paws, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) announced on December 23 that ribbon seals should not be listed under the Endangered Species Act as a threatened species.

The Center for Biological Diversity submitted a petition to list ribbon seals as threatened based on the shrinking of sea ice needed by the animals to breed and rear their young. In the petition filed Jan. 2, 2008, the center argues that global warming results in the rapid melting of the seals' sea ice habitat. Other threats further endangering the seals include the Russian Federation's allowance of high levels of harvest, oil and gas exploration, and rising contaminant levels in the Arctic, according to the center. The warming trend and the unpredictability of sea ice coverage in the seals' habitat wreaks havoc in the seals' nursery, contends the center in its petition.

NOAA and scientists with the National Marine Fisheries Service issued a 12-month review of the petition and the condition of the ribbon seals, with the conclusion that winter ice will continue to exist and that ribbon seals are in no imminent danger.

"Our scientists have reviewed climate models that project that annual ice, which is critical for ribbon seal reproduction, molting and resting, will continue to form each winter in the Bering Sea and the Sea of Okhotsk where the majority of ribbon seals are located," said Jim Balsiger, NOAA's acting assistant administrator for fisheries.

Lawyers with the center disagree, saying that NOAA has used an

overly optimistic climate model and that the findings are not based on good science, but on the political agenda of the Bush administration. "The denial of protection for the ribbon seal ignores the science on global warming and ignores the law. We are confident it will be overturned by either the courts or the new administration," said Brendan Cummings, oceans program director at the Center for Biological Diversity. "This decision is reflective of how badly the scientific integrity of NOAA and other federal agencies has been damaged under the Bush administration."

Scientists with the National Marine Fisheries Service and the National Marine Mammal Laboratory estimate that there are 200,000 ribbon seals roaming the Bering and Okhotsk seas. The 12-month finding concedes that the sea ice is more unpredictable and mentions that there is

no study available that would clarify the crux of the matter, namely if the shrinking edge of the sea ice is affecting reproduction.

"There has not been, however, any study that would verify whether vital rates of reproduction or survival have been affected by these interannual variations in ice extent and breeding," reads the 12-month finding. "Whelping, nursing of pups, and maturation of weaned pups could conceivably be impacted in years when the ice does not extend as far south as it has typically in the past, because the breeding areas would be farther from the continental shelf break, a zone that seems to be a preferred foraging area during spring. If these conditions occur more frequently, as is anticipated from projections of future climate and sea ice conditions, reproduction and survival of young could be impacted."

An independent marine biologist

and seal researcher with the University of West Virginia, Carlton Ray, said in a phone interview with *The Nome Nugget* that ribbon seals need the sea ice in the Bering Sea and the Sea of Okhotsk to give birth on the spring ice in late March, and nurse the pups until after three to four weeks when the babies molt and are ready to live on their own. By the end of April or early May, the mothers are then mating again and are pregnant for 11 months.

Ray said if the sea ice breaks up while the pups are losing their white baby coat, they are at the most vulnerable and cannot survive a swim in the water. "If the sea ice is disappearing before the molting process is over, most pups would not survive," Ray said. "It is probable that there will be a high mortality rate because the sea ice is disappearing too early."

Ray said he has studied ice seals surrounding St. Lawrence Island

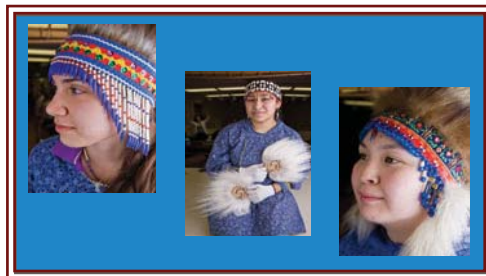
since 1958. Global warming, arctic thawing and the ramifications for humans, animals and plants alike is at the heart of the matter as conservationists try to force the government to act while business interests defend the extraction and use of fossil fuel. "The scientific consensus is that probably humans are at least partially the cause for greenhouse gases causing climate change," Ray said. He said that the downward spiral would accelerate for species like the ribbon seals, as the animals over a very short time would have to adapt to new survival strategies. "Ribbon seals for example don't come on land at all and it would be a big jump for them to come on land as an alternative to sea ice," Ray said.

Favoring a more precautionary approach, he said that he doesn't find any solace in the fact that NOAA

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included the ribbon seal as a "species of concern."

"What does that mean?" Ray said. "I would take the position that we should go as easy on their environment as we can. Increased boat traffic, oil and gas exploration in addition to the melting sea ice are just going to add to their stress."

The 12-month finding acknowledges the lack of data on how the shrinking sea ice affects the seals' reproduction, but assumes that population numbers haven't changed. "Lacking relevant data, the most conservative approach is to assume that the population has been at equilibrium with respect to conditions in the past, and that a change such as more frequent breeding farther from preferred foraging habitats will have some impact on vital rates," reads the document. "Even given the uncertainties, we conclude that the anticipated slight increase in frequency of years with low ice extent in April and May is likely to have some impact on reproductive rates."

The finding also recognizes increased ship traffic in the Bering Strait region or oil and gas activities during the ribbon seal breeding and molting seasons as additional threats.

"If such threats were to occur and cause a high rate of mortality or forgone reproduction, the species could be considered threatened or endan-

gered in a significant portion of its range. However, none of the threats considered here is presently considered to be both sufficiently likely to occur and sufficiently high in impact, alone or cumulatively, to raise concern about them posing a risk of ribbon seal extinction or becoming endangered throughout a significant portion of its range," reads the 12-month finding.

Ray, disappointed with the federal agencies' finding, said that there needs to be a lot more done in the policy arena. "I don't think public discussions went far enough to address the scope of the problem," Ray said. "Something's got to be done, and unfortunately an [Endangered Species Act] listing is the only tool that may help."

The Center of Biological Diversity is a nonprofit conservation organization with the goal to protect endangered species and wild places, said its oceans program director Cummings. With a staff of lawyers and biologists, the center has filed Endangered Species Act petitions for other species including ringed, bearded and spotted seals as threatened under the act.

NOAA and NMFS found last fall that the petition presents substantial scientific and commercial information that the petitioned action of listing the ice seals may be warranted. Last year, in a finding contested by Gov. Sarah Palin and the State of

Alaska, Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne announced the listing of the polar bear as threatened under the Endangered Species Act. "This was a very significant event," said Cummings in a phone interview with *The Nome Nugget*.

The center identified global warming as one of the leading causes for the loss of species, hence the center's focus on Arctic species. "The global warming problem is twofold: through unchecked carbon emissions, we lose the species, we lose villages, we lose subsistence," Cummings said. "The warming is happening right now, and we need to change our management to ensure that these species survive with less ice and at the same time try to slow down the warming trend."

Cummings said that the center sees the Endangered Species Act as the most effective tool to cause a sea change in policies while trying to protect what is so critical to Alaska Native peoples, subsistence. "I don't think the Endangered Species Act is a threat to subsistence, but instead I think of it as a shield that protects the species that Alaska Natives depend on," Cummings said. "I don't want to pretend that subsistence is not going to change, but global warming is bringing about changes in subsistence practices, and what we as people need to do is figure out how to protect endangered species in a rapidly changing climate."

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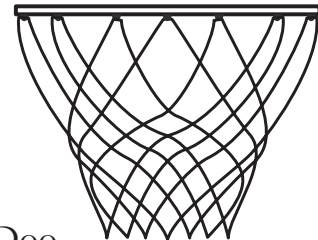
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- 7. Assist the General Manager in developing and maintaining Project Schedules and Project Control Summaries.
- 8. Assist the General Manager in preparing financial, narrative and statistical program progress reports for review by the Tumet Board of Directors and program funding sources.
- 9. Assist the General Manager and staff with the personnel recruitment process for program position vacancies. Draft job description as needed for projects.
- 10. Maybe assigned to provide bookkeeping services (accounts receivable/payable, payroll, profit & loss statements) on an as needed basis.
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- 18. Other duties as assigned.

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TUMET INDUSTRIES LLC POSITION DESCRIPTION

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- 12. Maintain an inventory of program equipment and office supplies. Purchase and disseminate to village staff as required.
- 13. Coordinate and develop a program report for the Tumet Board on an as needed basis.
- 14. Assist the Manager and Tumet staff; develop a system to monitor program effectiveness and recommendations for program improvement.
- 15. Assist in monitoring project cost tracking and program budgets.
- 16. Assist the Manager and staff to determine staff training needs of the Program. Track training implementation goals to ensure training needs are being met.
- 17. Other duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS:

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Reports to: Accountant

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Report to: CFO
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EXEMPT STATUS: Non-Exempt
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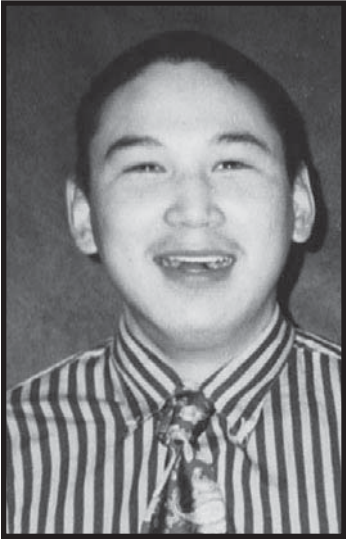
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Thomas William Rock Sr.

Obituaries

Thomas William Rock Sr.
March 29, 1982 to December 17, 2008
“A song of degrees.” Given to life on March 29, 1982, Suqkana was filled with love for all who encountered him. This love of many and every yearn to indulge in happiness. He was known to live in honesty, willingness, true understanding and respect thanks to his devoted mother, Irene Rock and father Daniel (See-took) Omedelena. On the 17th of December 2008, these purities; Thomas William Rock Sr. (T-dubbz) passed on upon family, friends, and strangers alike.
His hometown became Brevig

Mission for three years. He then moved to Nome with his mom at the age of four, attending school there to fifth grade. In the time being he welcomed living with a sister, Octaivia, and brother Chad Everest Wilson, to whom he enjoyed telling stories of his outside activities. Back in Brevig, he continued learning and welcomed sister AnnéCecilia into his life. Avgana liked hunting; later, he yondered out as time permitted. He shared his ventures, and his companions know this so. He made himself to be a great guide and company to those younger or yet those who wanted to abide with him as a hunter. He shared his food that he caught. Sometimes he hunted because the power to see truth made him notice

that a loved one was in dire need of fresh food. If not working as a pipe-driver/lineman, his specialties were at home as a caring boyfriend to Carolyn Jean Olanna, and father to three charming children: Kimberly Grace, Molly Ann, and “Junior.” Yamanii helped clean, cook and tend to their siblings. When needed he maintained his equipment.

He joined the spirit world of all those who have passed on. Thomas W. Rock, Sr. leaves precious memories to everyone who accompanied him in this world of faith, kindness, prosperity and indulgence. Psalm 121; A song of degrees; I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help? My help cometh from the Lord, which made

heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber nor sleep. The Lord is thy keeper: The Lord is thy shade upon the right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even forever more.”

T-dubbz had been granted the serenity to accept the things he could not change. He had courage to change things he could, and the wisdom to know the differences. He made himself familiar in frequent

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ACTION: Notice of decision approving lands for conveyance
SUMMARY: As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that an appealable decision approving lands for conveyance pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act will be issued to Bering Straits Native Corporation for lands located in the vicinity of Council and Elim, Alaska. Notice of the decision was published in the Federal Register on December 23, 2008.
DATES: The time limits for filing an appeal are: 1.Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision shall have until January 22, 2009 to file an appeal.

2.Parties receiving service of the decision by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal.
Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR Part 4, Subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.
ADDRESS: A copy of the decision may be obtained from:
Bureau of Land Management
Alaska State Office
222 West Seventh Avenue, #13
Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7504

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:
The Bureau of Land Management by phone at **907-271-5960**, or by e-mail at **ak.blm.conveyance@ak.blm.gov**.
12/24, 1/8, 1/15, 1/22

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA

SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME

In the Matter of the Estate of
DAVID A. BERGSRUD,
Case No. 2NO-08-49 PR
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, Brenda L. Bergsrud, has been appointed

Personal Representative of the above-captioned Estate.
All persons having claims against said Estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred. All claims should be presented to the office of HUGHES PFIFFNER GORSKI SEEDORF & ODSEN, LLC, 3900 C Street, Suite 1001, Anchorage, Alaska 99503, which place has been selected by the Personal Representative as the place for transaction of business of said Estate, within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice.
DATED at Anchorage, Alaska, this 30th day of January, 2009.

HUGHES PFIFFNER GORSKI
SEEDORF & ODSEN, LLC
Attorneys for Brenda Bergsrud

By: /s/ Timothy R. Byrnes
ABA No. 7710103

1/8-15-22

NOTICE OF DEFAULT — SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

A foreclosure sale will be held **February 24, 2009, at 10:00 a.m.** in the main lobby of the Kotzebue Courthouse, 605 3rd Ave., Kotzebue, AK, of the Deed of Trust recorded December 15, 1997, in Book 51, Page 46, Kotzebue Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska, as a lien

Trooper Beat

On December 12, WAANT Investigators contacted a 45-year-old female from Anchorage attempting to fly 8 bottles of Monarch Vodka and 1 bottle of Hennessy on Frontier Alaska to a 21-year-old male in Saint Michael. Investigation determined \$200 had been sent by the male to the female through a Western Union wire transfer for the purchase of the alcohol. Saint Michael is a local option community where the sale or importation of alcohol is banned. The alcohol was seized and charges are being referred to the District Attorney's Office against the female and male.

On December 18, at approximately 10:00 a.m., AST received a report that the Mary's Igloo Office in Teller had been burglarized. The investigation is ongoing.

On December 19, at 7:58 p.m., Savoonga Village Public Safety Officer John Peratrovich received a report of a disturbance at a Savoonga residence. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Daisy Kiyuklook, 18, of Savoonga, for Assault IV, Disorderly Conduct, Resisting Arrest, and Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance VI. Kiyuklook was remanded to AMCC.

On December 20, at 8:15 p.m., AST received a report of an assault that occurred in Gambell. AST is assisting the Gambell VPSO with the investigation.

On December 23, at 11:55 a.m., AST arrested a 15-year-old juvenile in Elim at the request of the Department of Juvenile Justice with an arrest warrant issued by the Nome Superior Court for Probation Violation. The juvenile was remanded to the Nome Youth Facility without incident.

On December 23, at approximately 5:30 p.m., Shishmaref VPSO Harley Huntington received a report that Clarence Tocktoo, 74, of Shishmaref, was overdue from moose hunting. The Shishmaref VPSO launched a hasty team, which lo-

cated Tocktoo. Tocktoo had difficulties butchering his moose and was tired. All returned back to Shishmaref without incident.

On December 23, at approximately 8:47 p.m., Shaktoolik VPSO Nora Paniphtchuk received information of alcohol manufacturing at a residence in Shaktoolik. The investigation revealed that a resident of Shaktoolik had been manufacturing alcohol. Charges are pending.

On December 23, at approximately 9:45 p.m., AST received a report that Sean Yi, 17, of Nome, Janet Oquilluk, 15, of Nome, Jonathan Yi, 11, of Anchorage, and Lina Yi, 6, of Anchorage went for a drive at 3:00 p.m. and failed to return. Nome Volunteer Fire Department Search and Rescue sent out hasty teams on the road systems. At approximately 11:30 p.m., Search and Rescue located the truck and the occupants, stuck in a large snowdrift at approximately 15.5 mile Kougarak Rd. They had been stuck since approximately 4:00 p.m. All occupants were okay and returned to Nome. The Alaska State Troopers would like to thank the Nome Volunteer Fire Department Search and Rescue for their time and effort.

On December 24, at approximately 4:15 p.m., Norton Sound Health Corporation contacted Nome AST to report an infant death in Wales. Investigation determined that a five-month old infant stopped breathing and was taken to the health clinic. Resuscitation efforts failed. Next of kin were present at the time of the incident. No foul play is suspected and alcohol was not involved.

On December 27, at about 12:00 p.m., Nome AST received an anonymous tip that Jared Buffas was bringing marijuana to White Mountain. On December 27, at about 3:00 p.m. Buffas, 25, of White Mountain, was contacted at a local commercial airline and subsequently arrested for Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance, Fourth Degree. Buffas was transported to AMCC where

he was lodged with no bail.

On December 30, at approximately 5:25 p.m., Nome AST received a report that a juvenile female of a village located in the Norton Sound Region had been sexually assaulted during the fall of 2008. Due to the ongoing nature of this investigation information regarding location and dates will not be released at this time.

On December 31, at approximately 4:11 a.m., Nome AST received a report of an assault in the village of Diomedea. AST is responding to the village to investigate.

On December 31, at approximately 9:00 p.m. AST received a report that Ben Attatayuk, 48, of Brevig Mission, left Brevig Mission at 1:45 p.m. on December 31, and was on his way to Wales and was overdue. A hasty team was sent from Brevig Mission but only made it 15 miles out of Brevig Mission and were forced to turn around and return to Brevig Mission. The search was suspended due to white-out conditions. On January 1, 2009 the search resumed with ground searchers from Wales and Brevig Mission. On January 1, at approximately 4:00 p.m. Tin City reported to AST that Ben Attatayuk had arrived there. Attatayuk had been on his way to Wales when he encountered white-out conditions, got disoriented and thought that he was heading back towards Brevig Mission. No injuries were reported.

On January 2, 2009, at approximately 12:43 p.m., Nome AST received a report that a 4-year-old male had been sexually abused by a 15-year-old male juvenile in the winter months of 2008. Due to the ongoing nature of this investigation information regarding location and dates will not be released at this time.



Did you get that million dollar shot?

Sorry, no prizes awarded, but we will publish your name. You will be a published photographer! Send your photos (in jpeg format) to **photos@nomenugget.com** or mail to your negs or photo print to **The Nome Nugget Pouch 610 Nome, AK 99762.** (Please give us a brief description of who, what, when and where your photo was taken.) If you have questions call **(907) 443-5235.**



NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

NSHC Board of Directors meeting at the Pioneer Hall located at 110 Front Street in Nome, AK

The Norton Sound Health Corporation (NSHC) Board of Directors is scheduled to meet January 19-21, 2009 at the Pioneer Hall located on **110 Front Street in Nome, Alaska** beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Portions of the meeting may be conducted in executive session. The public is invited to attend the meeting. Testimony from the public maybe limited. Members of the public wishing to receive information or a copy of the agenda may contact the Administration Office at **(907) 443-3226** as soon as possible, but no later than 24 hours before the meeting so that arrangements may be made.

If you are a person with a disability who may need a special accommodation in order to participate in the meeting, please contact **(907) 443-3226** as soon as possible, but no later than three days before the meeting to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

1/8, 1/15

Sitnasuak Native Corporation Shareholder Notice

36th Annual Shareholders Meeting Saturday May 9, 2009, • 10:00 a.m. Mini-Convention Center • Nome, AK

BUSINESS CONDUCTED WILL INCLUDE:

- Election of four (4) Directors for three year term
- Approval of the Independent Auditor
- Other shareholder business

SOLICITATION OF CANDIDATES FOR BOARD POSTIONS

- Written Letter of Candidacy and Nominee Information Questionnaire
- Canidates must be 19 years old or older by filing date.

MUST BE RECEIVED BY **February 8, 2009 by 5:00 p.m.**

SHAREHOLDER PROPOSAL

A proposal form (fee & signature requirements) will be provided, please contact the Sitnasuak Native Corporation Office **907-443-2632** or **877-443-2632 (toll free)**

MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE CORPORATION OFFICE ON OR BEFORE **February 8, 2009 by 5:00 p.m.**

For more information write or call:

Sitnasuak Native Corporation
P.O. Box 905
Nome, Alaska 99762
907-443-2632 or 877-443-2632 (toll free)

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rested and booked into AMCC for Violating Probation Conditions.

Edna Reynolds, DOB: 8/4/75, was arrested and booked into AMCC for interfering with an Arrest.

Diana Ellanna, DOB: 2/28/85, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault in the Fourth Degree, Domestic Violence.

Michael Aukon, DOB: 3/15/90, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.

Yvonne Aukon, DOB: 2/5/89, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.

12/29/08

A Little Diomedea male was transported to the hospital for a Title 47 Protective Custody Hold.

Kyle Crump, DOB: 4/16/81 received a citation for Failure to show proof of Insurance.

Kyle Crump, DOB: 4/16/81 received a citation for Failure to carry Operators License.

Douglas Seidelmann, DOB: 12/17/63 was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation, failed to show proof of Insurance and Driving while License suspended or revoked.

Delbert Oozevaseuk, DOB: 4/3/54 was arrested and booked into AMCC for Drunk on Licensed Premise.

12/30

A Nome male was transported to the hospital for a Title 47 Protective Custody Hold.

Al Ahnangnatoguk, DOB: 3/16/57, was arrested and booked into AMCC for two counts of Assault in the 4th Degree, Domestic Violence, Resisting Arrest, Providing False Information and Felony Probation Violation.

12/31

A Nome male was transported to the hospital

for a Title 47 Protective Custody Hold.

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Robert Piscoya, DOB: 7/28/86 received a citation for Expired Registration.

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Arnold Takak, DOB: 7/5/64 was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault in the 4th Degree, Domestic Violence and Violation of Conditions of Probation.

Cory Wells, DOB: 8/15/79 was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault in the 4th Degree Domestic Violence.

Joseph Nupowhotuk, DOB: 2/8/69 was arrested and booked into AMCC for Drunk on Licensed Premises and Criminal Trespass in the 2nd Degree.

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Michelle Ahnangnatoguk, DOB: 7/28/84 was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violation of Conditions of Probation.

Randall Huffman, DOB: 12/17/70 was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violation of Conditions of Probation.

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Delight Aukon, DOB: 3/22/87 was arrested and booked into AMCC for Drunk on a Licensed Premises.

Adrian Daniels, DOB: 10/30/83 was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violation Conditions of Probation.

Ryan Angtoghame, DOB: 10/16/76 was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault in the Fourth Degree and Violation conditions of Probation.

A Nome female was transported to the hospital for a Title 47 Protective Custody Hold.

1/5 A Nome female was transported to the hospital for a Title 47 Protective Custody Hold.

• More Obituaries

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spirit. Without being seen they are presented to you to behold as an angel. Thomas W. Rock Sr. believed in the name of Jesus, a person special enough to sacrifice his life to remind us to make better choices. For many had chosen a life of hardship – blame, criticism, and/or living by negativity without understanding key facts of life.

Keep me for today, help me avoid wrong, and let my will prompt me to

obey. Guide me just for today.

Thank you all for your prayers and help. God’s Blessing. From Irene, Octaivia, Chad and AnnéCecilia Wilson, and Molly, Kimberly, T.W. (T-Dubbs) Jr., and Carolyn J. and families.

Opal Blackshear

Edith Opal Blackshear, 90, of Big Spring, Texas died December 21 at her home. Funeral services were

Tuesday, December 23 with interment at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mrs. Blackshear was born December 25, 1917 in White Wright, Texas. She married her sweetheart and soulmate H. C. (Horace) Blackshear on August 6, 1932, in Madill, Oklahoma. He preceded her in death after 65 years of marriage July 26, 1997.

She is survived by two sons and their wives, Bobby and Barbara Blackshear and Tim and Terri Blackshear, both of Big Spring, a son Dealy Blackshear of Big

Spring; a daughter Barbara Conaway of Spring and daughter Debra Wallace of Big Spring; one brother Carrel Bishop of Farmersville; four sisters, Orene Blackshear and Wynona Phillips of Farmersville; Marie Moore of Waco and Evelyn Johnson of Houston. Thirteen grandchildren will forever cherish the memories of their times with Granny. Natalie McDonald, Mike and Danny Conaway, Kerrie Raffles, Becky McGuire, Cathy Viccello, Cass and Cameron Blackshear, Tania, Wendie and Whitney Wallace, and Shane and Timmi Blackshear; and 24 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. One “special daughter” who cared for and loved Granny for over three years, Bertie “Bee” Hawkins and her husband Fred of Big Spring. She is also survived by a

number of nieces, nephews, cousins and other loving relatives and friends.

In addition to her husband , she was preceded in death by twin sons, Fletcher Harold and E.C. Carol Blackshear; two grandsons, David Kevin Blackshear and James “Pete” McDonald; one great-granddaughter, Christine Ann McDonald; her parents, Dealy Fletcher and Minnie Bishop; three brothers, Clyde Bishop, Clifford Bishop and Woodroe Bishop; and two sisters, Effie Ragsdale and Ethel Key.

The family suggests memorials be made to College Baptist Church; c/o Building Fund, 1104 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com <<http://www.npwelch.com>>



Alaska's Oldest Newspaper turns 109!

Happy Birthday Nome Nugget!

Dear People of Nome,

Thank you for your loving support of my recently deceased father Job Kokochuruk. He meant so much to so many people and I thank you for helping celebrate his life at his memorial service on Saturday December 6 at 2:00 pm at the Nome Covenant Church.

I would like to thank Jo Putnam, Leora Labinski, and Flora Simon-Allen for putting together the collage of my Father’s photos. Thanks to Carolyn Johnson-Shubert and Maggie Couchi for writing the beautiful obituary on his behalf and printing it all for everyone to view. I would like to thank Johnny Johnson for always being there for my Dad, I know he thanks you too Johnny. Thanks especially to Harvey Fiskeaux for the Memorial Service, and his daughter for the photos on the big screen in Church. Also, I would like to thank Tula Mae for all the help getting the service together and for singing with her husband Ron at the service. Not forgotten at the service, all who came and sang in my Father’s native language, that was very beautiful. Thank you to Shirley Tisdole for all the beautiful flowers. Thank you to the Honorary Pallbearers Johnny Johnson, James A. Barefoot, Ron Huffman, Carl Ashenfelter and Jacob Ahwinona. Thanks goes out to all the Nome cab drivers that helped load my electric wheelchair. Thank you Leora for escorting me all over Nome to take care of matters. And thank you Nome for that pot luck. You do not know all the memories the tastes evoked.

I know there are some I have missed here, but thank you one and all for your loving support of my Father Job. Have a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

Alice Kokochuruk

• More Letters

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have the capacity and people who are willing to do jobs in order to protect this country and promote a strong domestic economy.

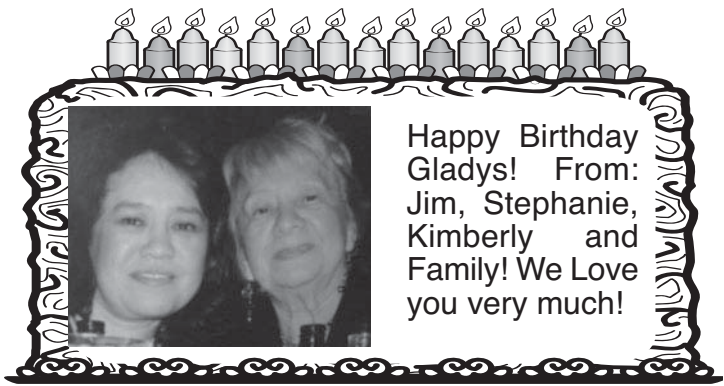
In this difficult time for the country, state, communities we need to look closely at what we have, to make good use of our resources for improving peoples’ lives.

Many people and I too, hope Rock

Creek will be back in business and Nome will have a very stable economical situation.

Happy New Year for all my friends, our supporters and for everybody who lives in this great community!

Nikolai I. Ivanoff
Nome, AK



Nome Chamber of Commerce invites you to a Solar Thermal (hot water) Heating Seminar at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 14 at Old St. Joe’s Hall.

The community seminar will be conducted by the technicians with CarbonSmart, a Seattle based distributor of innovative solar solutions.

Come and see if solar is in your future.

Solar thermal can supplement your home heating.

The Nome Chamber/CarbonSmart will also be conducting a workshop to certify solar thermal installers. The session will be held on Thursday, Jan. 15 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Nome Pioneer Hall. Registration is required. Please call **443-3879** if you would like to attend.

HOROSCOPES

January 8 - 14, 2009

Dec. 22–Jan. 19	You don't miss a thing, do you, Capricorn? You get an inkling that something is amiss and prepare yourself. Friendly banter at work lifts everyone's spirits.	Mar. 21–Apr. 19	It's a brand new year, Aries, and what better time to get your finances in order. Take up a savvy friend's offer to help and put that windfall to good use.	Jun. 22–Jul. 22	Marvelous, Cancer. An old friend drops by and hatches a plan to revive an old hobby. Go ahead and pursue it! You've got the time and the money.	Sept. 23–Oct. 22	Bliss is yours, Libra. You've got the golden touch this week. Enjoy! A memo at work sends the rumor mill into high gear. Steer clear of it. A deadline is moved up.
Jan. 20–Feb. 18	Check yourself, Aquarius. Don't divulge any more information than is necessary about a matter at work. Someone in the wings is watching and waiting for you to slip up.	April 20–May 20	Shh, Taurus. Hear that? No one is clamoring for your attention. Enjoy the peace and quiet. It won't last for long blast from the past returns with an intriguing question.	Jul. 23–Aug. 22	Drat, Leo. A home improvement project hits a snag. Call in the troops and work quickly to get over the hump. Saving for a rainy day pays off big at the end of the week.	Oct. 23–Nov. 21	Watch it, Scorpio. A friend may not have your best interest at heart. Take what they have to say with a grain of salt. The pace picks up at work, and a project is completed on time.
Feb. 19–Mar. 20	Solitude is in short supply these days, Pisces. Not to worry. Projects will wrap up sooner than thought, and the opportunity to get away for a while will appear. Seize it!	May 21–Jun. 21	Cheers, Gemini! A fantastic opportunity is headed your way. Make the most of it. A secret rendezvous with that special someone revives your love life.	Aug. 23–Sept. 22	It cannot go on any longer, Virgo. A family member's lack of judgment is apparent, and it's high time you expressed your feelings and offered your support.	Nov. 22–Dec. 21	You cannot believe it, Sagittarius, when letters from long ago make their way to you. Read them carefully. They may provide insight into a matter that has been bugging you for some time.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

Court

Week ending 12/26/08 Civil
Johnson, Loretta A. et al vs. City of Unalakleet et al; Wrongful Death - Superior Court Cornerstone Credit Services vs. Tocktoo, Ernest P.; Debt - District Court Johnson, AyyuSue vs. Johnson, Frank; Divorce With Children - Superior Court Oakes, Eleanor vs. Holly, David et al; Real Estate Matter - Superior Court Discover Bank vs. Stott, Faata; Debt - District Court Henderson Receivables Origination LLC vs. Cheemuk, Elmer; Structured Settlement - Superior Court
Small Claims
No Small Claims on file
Week ending 1/2/09 Civil
Johnson, Loretta A. et al vs. City of Unalakleet et al; Wrongful Death - Superior Court Cornerstone Credit Services vs. Tocktoo, Ernest P.; Debt - District Court Johnson, AyyuSue vs. Johnson, Frank; Divorce With Children - Superior Court Oakes, Eleanor vs. Holly, David et al; Real Estate Matter - Superior Court Discover Bank vs. Stott, Faata; Debt - District Court Henderson Receivables Origination LLC vs. Cheemuk, Elmer; Structured Settlement - Superior Court Buffas, Faye P vs. Buffas, Sterling E.; DV: Both ExParte & Long Term
Small Claims
No Small Claims on file
Week ending 12/26/08
State of Alaska v. Jan Campbell (3/23/78); 2NO-08-107CR Judgment and Order of Commitment/Probation; Count 001: AS04.11.010(a)(fel): Sell Alcohol w/o License-

Dry Area; Date of offense: 2/4/08; The following charges were dismissed pursuant to Criminal rule 43(a): Count 002: AS04.11.010(a)(fel): Sell Alcohol w/o License-Dry Area; Count 003: Sex Assault 2-Penetrate Incap Victim; Count 004: Sex Assault 2-Penetrate Incap Victim; Date of offenses: 2/4/08; 18 months, 12 months suspended; Shall remand himself to AMCC on 2/1/09; Pending reporting to serve this term of imprisonment, defendant remains subject to the Conditions of Release entered on 8/12/08; Defendant is to be credited for time already served in this case; Police Training Surcharge: Pay to court within 10 days; through Nome Trial Courts; Initial Jail Surcharge: Defendant was arrested and taken to a correctional facility and is being sentenced to serve a term of imprisonment; Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that defendant immediately pay a correctional facilities surcharge of \$100 to the Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage; Second Jail Surcharge: IT IS ORDERED that the defendant pay a correctional facilities surcharge of \$100 if defendant's probation is revoked and, in connection with the revocation, defendant is arrested and taken to a correctional facility or jail time is ordered served; AS 12.55.041(c); IT IS ORDERED that, after serving any term of incarceration imposed, the defendant is placed on probation for 2 years under the following conditions: General and Special Conditions of Probation set, as stated in order; Any appearance or performance bond in this case: is exonerated when defendant reports to the jail to serve the sentence.

State of Alaska v. Jan Campbell (3/23/78); 2NO-08-557CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4°; Charge 002: Violation of Conditions of Release; Filed by the DAs Office 12/19/08.

State of Alaska v. Jermaine Albert Lockwood (12/23/82); 2NO-08-622CR Count 1: Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 9/3/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 2 (002); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 360 days, 180 days suspended; Unsuspended 180 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC, consecutive to 2NO-08-890CR; Jail Surcharge:

\$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 12/22/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not contact, directly or indirectly, Lisa Jack without consent; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in his residence, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Jermaine Albert Lockwood (12/23/82); 2NO-08-890CR Count 2: Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 12/7/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 1 (001); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 75 days suspended; Unsuspended 15 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC, consecutive to 2NO-08-622CR; Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 12/22/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not contact, directly or indirectly, Lisa Jack, without consent; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in his residence, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Marrian Oozeva (9/7/76); Dismissal; Count 1: Liquor Importation Into Local Option Area; Filed by the Office of Special Prosecutions and Appeals

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12/18/08.
State of Alaska v. James Longley (8/30/88); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Minor Consuming Alcohol; Filed by the DAs Office 12/22/08.
State of Alaska v. Darrin Iyatunguk (8/16/80); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110068218; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 8 months, shall report to AMCC by 1/5/09.
State of Alaska v. Adrian E. Barr (12/25/75); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 108953262; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 90 days, shall report to AMCC by 2/13/09; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.
State of Alaska v. Melinda Anowlic (12/23/77); Disorderly Conduct; Date of offense: 12/20/08; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 10 days, 9 days suspended; Unsuspended 1 day shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation for 6 months; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer.
State of Alaska v. Roger Gomez (8/6/81); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110697066; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 45 days, shall report to AMCC by 1/30/09; Subject to Order and Conditions of Release entered 12/21/08 pending report to jail; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.
State of Alaska v. Teresa Richards (12/31/73); Criminal Trespass 2°; Date of offense: 12/20/08; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 20 days suspended; Unsuspended 10 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC 1/5/09; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 12/21/09; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer.
State of Alaska v. Aaron Enoch Moses (5/13/81); 2NO-08-715CR Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 10/13/08; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 360 days, 300 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC, consecutive to 2NO-08-877CR; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 12/19/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not contact, directly or indirectly, or return to the residence of Paula Nakarak without consent; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer for alcohol.
State of Alaska v. Aaron Moses (5/13/81); 2NO-08-877CR Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 11/22/08; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 75 days suspended; Unsuspended 15 days shall be served consecutive to 2NO-08-715CR; Probation until 12/19/10, subject to the following conditions: Same as in 2NO-08-715CR.
State of Alaska v. Shaun A. Mokiyuk (2/17/81); 2NO-07-576CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109523619; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to 12/19/09; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.
State of Alaska v. Shaun Allyn Mokiyuk (2/17/81); 2NO-08-290CR Count 2: Assault 4°; Date of offense: 2/26/08; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 1 (001); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 120 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 120 days shall be served with defendant reporting by 1/7/09, consecutive to 2NO-08-568CR; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days.
State of Alaska v. Shaun Allyn Mokiyuk (2/17/81); 2NO-08-568CR Count 1: Misconduct Involving Controlled Substance 6°; Date of offense: 8/11/08; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 45 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 45 days shall be served consecutive to count 2 and 2NO-08-290CR; Forfeit \$10,360.00 and marijuana to State; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated.
State of Alaska v. Shaun Allyn Mokiyuk (2/17/81); 2NO-08-568CR Count 2: Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 8/11/08; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 45 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 45 days shall be served.
State of Alaska v. Kaster A. Lockwood (2/11/74); 2NO-03-471CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 107073981; Defendant refusing probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: Balance of time, remanded into custody.
State of Alaska v. Kaster Lockwood (2/11/74); 2NO-08-903CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 3°; Charge 002: Reckless Endangerment; Charge 003: Reckless Endangerment; Filed by the DAs Office 12/19/08.
State of Alaska v. Elia Abruska, Jr. (10/10/84); Notice of Dismissal—PTRP; PTR filed on 11/30/08; Filed by the DAs Office 12/19/08.
State of Alaska v. Daniel C. Payne (9/27/73); Take Caribou In Closed Season; Date of offense: 9/30/08; Fined \$500 with \$100 suspended; Any unsuspended amount is to be paid 2/15/09; Police Training Surcharge: To be paid within 10 days: \$50 (Misd); Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 12/23/08); Comply with all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Commit no fish and game violations dur-

ing the probation period.
State of Alaska v. David Miller (11/11/80); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110826558; Violated conditions of probation; Probation modified as follows: Add: Shall not have alcohol in his residence; Residence subject to warrantless search for alcohol; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 10 days, shall report to AMCC by 6pm on 12/28/08; Subject to immediate remand for any violation of probation conditions; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.
State of Alaska v. Charles McKinnon (11/8/86); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; Sex Abuse/Minor/2ND; Date of original offense: 2/26/05; Petition to Revoke Probation #4 filed on 5/31/08; Violated conditions of probation by defendant's own admission to both allegations contained in Petition to Revoke Probation #4; Suspended jail term must now be served: 6 months revoked, consecutive to time imposed in 4FA-08-1759CR; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.
State of Alaska v. Clifford F. Murray (9/14/73); Judgment and Order of Commitment/Probation; Count 1: Sex Assault 2-Contact w/o Consent; Date of offense: 12/15/06; The following charges were dismissed pursuant to Criminal rule 43(a): Count 2: Sex Assault-1st DG; Count 3: Kidnapping; Count 4: Burglary-1st Degree; Count 5: Crim Mischief 4; Count 6: Sex Off Reg Failure; Date of offenses: 12/15/06; 38 years, 3 years suspended; Credited for time already served in this case; Police Training Surcharge: Pay to the court within 10 days: through the Nome Trial Courts, Nome; Initial Jail Surcharge: Defendant arrested and taken to a correctional facility and is being sentenced to serve a term of imprisonment; Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that defendant immediately pay a correctional facilities surcharge of \$100 to the Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage; Second Jail Surcharge: pay a correctional facilities surcharge of \$100 if defendant's probation is revoked and, in connection with the revocation, defendant is arrested and taken to a correctional facility or jail time is ordered served; DNA Identification: ordered to provide sample; IT IS ORDERED that, after serving any term of incarceration imposed, the defendant is placed on probation 10 years under the following conditions: General and Special Conditions of Probation set, as stated in order; Any appearance or performance bond in this case: is exonerated; Must register as a Sex Offender.
State of Alaska v. Troy Adam Walker (6/19/76); Judgment and Order of Commitment/Probation; Count 1: Attempted Arson 2°; Date of offense: 8/24/07; 5 years, 3 years suspended; Police Training Surcharge: \$100 pay to court within 10 days; Initial Jail Surcharge: Defendant arrested and taken to a correctional facility and is being sentenced to serve a term of imprisonment; Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that defendant immediately pay a correctional facilities surcharge of \$100 to the Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage; Second Jail Surcharge: pay a correctional facilities surcharge of \$100 if defendant's probation is revoked and, in connection with the revocation, defendant is arrested and taken to a correctional facility or jail time is ordered served; Restitution: pay restitution: in an amount to be determined as provided in Criminal Rule 32.6(c)(2); Probation for 10 years under the following conditions: General and Special Conditions of Probation set, as stated in order; Any appearance or performance bond in this case: is exonerated.
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State of Alaska v. Delbert Oozevaseuk (4/3/54); Drunken Person on Licensed Premises; Date of offense: 12/29/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 3 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 3 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated.
State of Alaska v. Calvin J. Paniptchuk (9/23/77); Other: Theft 3°; Date of offense: 2/22/06; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 180 days, 180 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Restitution: Shall pay restitution as stated in the Restitution Judgment and shall apply for an Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend, if eligible, each year until restitution in paid in full; Amount to be determined; Hearing 2/5/09 10:30 a.m.; Probation until 12/30/09; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; Other: Pay all restitution by 12/30/09.
State of Alaska v. Anatole N. Bogeayaktuk (11/8/79); Dismissal; Count 1: Liquor Importation Into Local Option Area; Filed by the Office of Special Prosecutions and Appeals 12/30/08.
State of Alaska v. Ellis Oozeva (4/18/61); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110826468; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: Shall perform an additional 20 hours of community work service for a total of 60 hours; The due date for the additional and original community work service imposed is now 3/1/09; Probation extended to 12/30/09; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.
State of Alaska v. Louise Martin (3/8/84); 2NO-06-781CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109521846; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to 12/29/10; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 60 days, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-08-902CR; Remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.
State of Alaska v. Louise Martin (3/8/84); 2NO-06-998CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109522377; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not consume or possess alcohol, nor be where alcohol is present; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer; Shall not have alcohol in her residence, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Defendant's residence is subject to warrantless search for alcohol; Shall participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare, including up to 1 year of treatment as an in-patient; Probation extended to 12/29/10.
State of Alaska v. Louise Martin (3/8/84); 2NO-08-643CR Count 2: Criminal Mischief 4°;

DV; Date of offense: 9/16/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 1 (001); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 90 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Restitution already paid; Probation until 12/29/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in her residence, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol; Not be where alcohol is present; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare; Including up to 1 year treatment in-patient.
State of Alaska v. Louise Martin (3/8/84); 2NO-08-902CR Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 12/11/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days shall be served consecutive to other cases; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days.
State of Alaska v. Lawrence Paul Martin II (11/11/86); Dismissal by State; Count 1 (001): Prohibition Of Alcohol Importation; Date of offense: 12/11/08; Minute Order; On this date (12/30/08) in open court the Prosecuting Attorney for the SOA orally dismissed the charge(s) named above pursuant to Rule 43(a), without prejudice; Accordingly, it is ordered that as to said charges defendant be released from custody, any bond executed on behalf of defendant be exonerated, and any cash or other security posted as bail be refunded to the depositories.
State of Alaska v. Jamone Cross (12/22/82); 2NO-08-475CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110697363; Violated conditions of probation; No action is taken; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.
State of Alaska v. Jamone Cross (12/22/82); 2NO-08-574CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110698083; Violated conditions of probation; No action is taken; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.
State of Alaska v. Jamone Cross (12/22/82); 2NO-08-671CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110698587; Violated conditions of probation; No action is taken; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.
State of Alaska v. Jamone Cross (12/22/82); 2NO-08-788CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110699307; Violated conditions of probation; No action is taken; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.
State of Alaska v. Jamone Cross (12/22/82); 2NO-08-936CR Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 12/24/08; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 9 months, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 9 months shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days.
State of Alaska v. Jeffrey Saclamana (4/17/82); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109526832; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, remanded into custody.
State of Alaska v. Janice Joe (8/14/76); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4°; Charge 002: Interfere with Report of Domestic Violence; Filed by the DAs Office 12/29/08.
State of Alaska v. Calvin John Paniptchuk (9/23/77); Dismissal; Cts. I-IV/Chgs. 001-004: Theft 2°; Cts. V-VIII/Chgs. 005-008: Forgery 1°; Filed by the DAs Office 1/2/09.
State of Alaska v. Daniel Apok (3/7/76); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Driving Under Influence; Charge 002: Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance Required; Filed by the DAs Office 1/2/09.
State of Alaska v. Frank R. Johnson (1/18/79); Promoting Contraband °; Date of offense: 11/2/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days.
State of Alaska v. Jeffrey Mychal Kimoktoak (6/20/89); Habitual Minor Consuming of in Possession or Control of Alcoholic Beverage; Date of offense: 10/31/08; 30 days, 30 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Fine: \$500 with \$0 suspended; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 due within 10 days; Pay total of \$550 to Nome Clerk of Court by 2/15/09; Community Work: Complete 96 hours of community work service and submit proof of completion to the Nome Clerk of Court within 120 days; Driver's License or Permit: Revoked for 6 months, concurrent with any DMV administrative action; Shall immediately surrender license/permit to court; Probation until his 21st birthday; Shall not consume inhalants, or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages; Shall surrender any license/permit, pay fine and surcharge, show proof of community work service; Shall submit to warrantless breath test at request of any peace officer and may be arrested without a warrant for probation violation; Failure to comply with community work, requirements will result in an extra six months revocation of driver's license.
State of Alaska v. Darcie Leanne Kingeekuk (9/11/89); Minor Consuming or in Possession or Control of Alcoholic Beverage; Fined \$400 with \$200 suspended; Shall pay \$200 to Nome Clerk of Court or show proof of completing 66 hours of community work service by 4/15/09; Probation for 1 year; Shall not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages; Shall pay the fine or show proof of community work service, as ordered.

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SPELLING IT OUT—Nomeites gather in front of Old St. Joe's Hall Jan. 3 to celebrate 50 years of Alaska statehood by spelling out with sparklers "49-50"—the "49" signifying Alaska's order of admittance to the union, and "50" representing the anniversary.



Nome celebrates 50 years of Alaska statehood

BIG BAKED ALASKA (left)—Chuck Fagerstrom (left) and Leo Rasmussen prepare for lighting a baked Alaska flambe that occupied an entire flatbed trailer in front of Old St. Joe's Hall Jan. 3.

SHARING BIRTHDAYS (below)—Chick Trainor, who shares a birthday with the State of Alaska, cuts cake for the masses at Old St. Joe's Hall Jan. 3.

A CHILLY PARADE (bottom right)—Despite temperatures hovering near -20 degrees, Nomeites take to Front Street for a parade to honor Alaska's 50th year of statehood.

LIGHTING UP THE NIGHT (bottom left)—Nomeites raise their sparklers high to celebrate Alaska's 50th anniversary.



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SUNNY SKI—Isaac Grody-Patinkin (left), Erika Eaton (center) and Kristen Widmer enjoy the sunshine and snow Jan. 10 near the Nome River.

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One too many

Community leaders aim to curb Nome's growing population of chronic inebriates

By Laurie McNicholas

The need for a community-wide effort to address a growing problem of chronic inebriates in Nome is gaining attention.

A representative of Homeward Bound, a 25-bed transitional living program in Anchorage that helps chronic homeless alcoholics reintegrate into the community, will describe the program Jan. 16 at 1 p.m. at a meeting of the Bering Strait Leadership Team in the Kawerak boardroom, and at 3 p.m. for local leaders at Nome Community Center. The Rural Alaska Community Action Program operates Homeward Bound.

Bering Strait Leadership Team members are administrators of regional organizations that include Kawerak, Norton Sound Health Corp., Bering Straits Native Corp., the Uni-

versity of Alaska Fairbanks Northwest Campus, Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. and Bering Strait Regional Housing Authority.

Two months ago Michael Lake, NSHC's president and CEO, told the Nome Common Council that treatment of increasing numbers of alcoholic patients was taxing the hospital's emergency room medical staff, at times overcrowding the inpatient facility and creating problems in caring for critically ill patients. He projected that alcohol-related ER visits would grow from 486 in 2006 to 585 by the end of 2008.

He proposed that the City establish an alcoholic detention center staffed with a physician's assistant or nurse at peak times to screen intoxicated

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HIGH FLYING—Members of an international demonstration taekwon do team from Korea take to the air in perfect synchronization while performing a kata before a packed house at the Nome Rec Center Jan. 10.

NSEDC evens up with IRS, state to the tune of \$12.4 million

By Laurie McNicholas

Dan Harrelson, president and chairman of Norton Sound Economic Development Corp., announced payment of the company's federal and state tax obligations in the following -mail message Jan. 8.

"During our discussions yesterday at the *Nome Nugget Newspaper*, I gave you an estimate off the top of my head on an amount of our tax payments," Harrelson wrote. "I've checked with staff and after following the guidance from our legal advisors, for 2005-2008

NSEDC has paid federal taxes, penalties and interest of approximately \$10.2 million and state taxes, penalties and interest of approximately \$2.2 million. We are pleased that this issue has been resolved and we have taken the necessary steps, as laid out by our legal advisors, to ensure we are in compliance. This guidance included the formation of our wholly owned for-profit subsidiary—Siu Alaska Corporation."

NSEDC is one of six Community Development Quota groups in western Alaska, and has nonprofit tax-exempt status as a social welfare organization under 501c4 of the Internal Revenue Code. Such organizations annually file a Form 990 informational return with the IRS. Gross income from a business reported on the return that is not substantially related to the tax-exempt purpose of

the organization, other than the need for funds, is subject to unrelated business income tax (UBIT).

During a meeting at *The Nome Nugget* Jan. 7, Harrelson said NSEDC's nonprofit status had been threatened by the UBIT issue and the board had created Siu Alaska in consultation with legal counsel to protect the parent company's nonprofit status. NSEDC also had faced a potentially much higher tax assessment if the IRS had not settled for payment of back taxes covering only three years—2005, 2006 and 2007.

Siu was created in secrecy

On Jan. 7, 2008, NSEDC's executive committee directed staff to explore creation of a

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UP FOR GRABS—Richelle Horner struggles for a free ball surrounded by the Unalakleet Wolfpack Jan. 9 at a match in Nome. For more on this week's sports action, see page 9.

Common Council gives nod to interim police chief

Dallas Massie could start as early as Jan. 19

By Tyler Rhodes

The Nome Common Council approved the hiring of Dallas Massie as the city's interim police chief for a six-month period at its regular meeting Jan. 12.

The decision to bring Massie aboard to fill the void left by former chief Paul Burke was unanimous. Massie, a former Deputy Commander of the Alaska Bureau of Investigation and Alaska State Trooper who lives in Wasilla, is slated to start work in Nome Jan. 19.

The contract is set to expire June 17 or when a permanent chief is hired.

Under the approved contract, Massie will

earn \$6,500 a month with no provision for overtime pay. The city will also provide Massie with a furnished apartment and vehicle. The contract also calls for the city to provide for transportation and moving expenses to Nome, a provision that sparked some discussion amongst the council.

Councilman Jon Larson, participating in the meeting telephonically, expressed concern over the wording of the clause. The contract reads, "City shall reimburse employee for actual moving expenses and return transportation an

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Letters

Dear Editor,

I just wanted to respond to a letter that was printed in the Jan 8th edition regarding Alaska’s revenue generation. Mr. Ivanoff’s statement “If this is not happening, I think people who oppose any development mining projects are digging a financial hole for the communities and state, because up to 80 percent of state revenue comes from oil and mining businesses” is not entirely factual and I’d like to know what his source of information was for his numbers. Also, was he including in our local government’s revenue? Has he explored what our local business profit was from mining? I think that would be a better estimate of what mining brings to and takes away from our town.

According to what I could find online at various sources, our revenue is based mainly on oil and gas. It should be noted that our Alaskan fishing industry is our main exporter.

Alaska has been ranked 45th in gross state product since 2004. [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_U.S._states_by_GDP_\(nominal\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_U.S._states_by_GDP_(nominal)) <http://www.bea.gov/>

“The 2005 gross state product was \$39.9 billion, 45th in the nation. Its per-capita GSP for 2006 was \$43,748, 7th in the nation. The oil and gas industry dominates the Alaskan economy, with more than 80% of the state’s revenues derived

from petroleum extraction. Alaska’s main export product (excluding oil and natural gas) is seafood, primarily salmon, cod, Pollock and crab.” <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alaska>

“Oil revenue contributed 93% of the unrestricted FY 2008 revenues; in FY 2009 and FY 2010, oil will contribute 90% and 88%, respectively.”<http://www.revenue.state.ak.us/Press%20Releases/08-013%2012-9-2008%20RSB.pd>

For the State of Alaska, government revenue per a 2007 report, mining contributes a small fraction of our government’s revenue.

“Our current forecast calls for state revenue from mining to decrease somewhat in the near future as minerals prices decrease. We expect state revenue from mining to begin to rise by 2012, and reach \$110.9 million by FY 2017, still below the current high of \$151.6 million. We currently forecast that GPUR from mining will reach 5.5% of total GPUR in FY 2017, up from 2.9% in FY 2007.” <http://www.tax.alaska.gov/programs/documentviewer/viewer.aspx?255>

The statement above is only for our state government. It doesn’t reflect local business and government numbers. I believe that the hope of our state government is that mineral resources will help offset the decline in oil revenue for the future as our reserves fall.

At this point in time mining provides a small fraction of state revenue, which is what Mr. Ivanoff is quoted as having lumped in with our oil industry.

If we encourage our mining companies to build strong foundations from which to work safely, it is possible for them to be much more sustainable. But it needs to proceed safely in order to be a stable economic resource. I believe that this is what our permitting agencies are trying to achieve.

Thank you,
Karen McLane
Nome, AK 99762

Disclaimer: Any content in this email is strictly the opinion of the writer, Karen McLane FNP-C. The opinion of the writer does not reflect the opinions of any organization she belongs to (i.e.) Bering Straits Citizens for Responsible Resource Development and Norton Sound Health Corporation.

Dear Editor,

I am using the written message for all of our state politicians, policy makers and especially those who control our ‘Permanent (not very) Fund.’ Has anyone contemplated the billions of dollars that has gone

away on Wall Street?

No matter how careful you (they?) have been with our permanent fund and its investment, I hope that you are thinking of other ways to invest our funds. It is very disheartening to see our villages going without proper law enforcement and many benefits taken for granted in our larger cities. We in villages must live with a very high cost of living. When the politicians come to rural Alaska, they **always** say “vote for me” and I will see that your living standards will be improved.

I have watched the process unfold here in Alaska since statehood and have seen depression here in Golovin. Well, since the advent of Statehood I have also been lucky enough to be employed seasonally as we here in Golovin developed our community to what it now is. We have built our City infrastructure from nothing to a viable City Government and its facilities. At least we now are in the process of Water and Sewer development. We have electricity thanks to Revenue Sharing and such things as Native Corporations and CDQs, etc.

Governor Hammond had a wonderful dream, which has come around to being a reality for our villages. No doubt all of us have benefited in one way or another to improve our way of life. Yet there is so much more potential when you think of all the other possibilities that exist with our oil wealth while it is still coming in.

It is sad to have seen us hurt so much by the great losses on Wall Street. I think and wish that we could have had the chance to direct those funds to more infrastructure and improvements in third world Alaska.

We should had done this—should have invested in developing alternative energy or at least help our rural communities more in their efforts (if any) to work at that. Now is the time to do it. Alyeska Pipeline is running out of time—at least there is the possibility of a gas pipeline. Well, there goes our energy again—we still are not realizing the full benefit of our rural resources being developed—we foolishly continue burning fuel oil for heat and pay exorbitant prices for gasoline. It’s now becoming a fact that people in village must decide to be **warm** or hungry! Maybe being warm and eating less will help us survive somehow in the long run. Since I have heard an Eskimo say, “shoot, a dollar bill won’t even burn well to start a fire.” I believe that. With the CDQ program also running into diminished quotas, what will happen when that runs out?

Wind energy, I think **must** be de-

veloped in villages—we cannot even now afford the cost of shipping oil and petroleum products to village. I know transportation is always a big cost for everything. At least we wouldn’t have to transport wind—it is here, there and everywhere. Design and performance have improved a lot since territorial days when few people had “farm windmills” to provide lights for their own home use. Two or three units per village would greatly improve our situation by lessening our dependence on oil which comes from our natural settings and we must buy back as it is refined and sold to us at sky high prices.

Such things as nuclear and hydro-electric power cannot work in Alaska because of the immense distances to transport, as is the case with all of our commodities and necessities. We used to eat healthier foods before the cash economy took hold of our existence—witness more pizza, hamburgers, pop and everything else that medical science finds wrong with what we inject into our bodies, but that in another story. Well, in other words—“help us now to help ourselves” and quit throwing money at us in the form of energy assistance—I already feel guilty enough sending CO₂ into our atmosphere and contributing to the global warming effect. Wind energy has ZERO emissions and does not contribute to our community noise pollution.

Please consider.
Thomas E. Punguk
Golovin, AK 99762-6091

Dear Editor,

Before we go head-on into the new year, I would like to say a few words.

Now, we know that we are all conscious human beings. Consciousness is being aware. Perhaps some of you have seen or heard of some animals playing dead when they cannot get away or fight. Unconsciousness is the same thing. We cannot run from or fight our bosses or we’ll loose our jobs, so we turn to drugs, alcohol, cigarettes and even food, like pop and chips. Addictions are human beings’ way of being unconscious. Unconsciousness is the mother of all addictions and the father of all suicides.

Some of you may remember being a toddler. Remember always asking questions about things you don’t understand. Toddlers have this pure honest love of self. That is why we love them so much. We are always teasing them lovingly. Maybe some of you noticed that when you

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Letters to the editor must be signed and include an address and phone number. Thank yous and political endorsements are considered ads.

Editorial

Safety Net Needed

Two Nomeites froze to death this winter. This should not have happened. We should be ashamed. We have thousands of bucks to spend on fireworks and celebrations, but the city purse is pinched shut when it comes to the welfare of the street people. We can shake our heads and tisk tisk our tongues, but when it gets down to the bottom line we are our brothers’ keepers. We may not approve of the lifestyle of the habitual street drunk, but we have an obligation to see that our fellow human beings do not freeze to death in our streets.

We need a shelter. Call it a sleep-off center or a drunk tank. Several years ago we had a facility called the Turning Point. It was well used but its money ran out. We still need a Turning Point. We currently relegate the drunks to the hospital emergency room. They stumble in, or are hauled in my police, flop down on a gurney and take up medical care and facilities needed for true emergencies. Often the police haul them off to jail. Jail is not a place to shelter a person because they are drunk. The jail facility is for prisoners, not folks who need to get a bath, sober, and three squares. The expense of using the hospital and the jail as drunk tanks is hard to justify. We need to re-establish a sleep-off center. Every organization in town should fund the facility. Booze taxes, bed taxes, charitable donations, non-profit corporations, private businesses, churches and bars should ante up some bucks.

We have seen alcohol abuse ruin many lives. Yet it is a problem many Nomeites find easy to ignore. We have a social and moral obligation to solve the problem and keep our fellow Nomeites from freezing to death in our streets. We need a functional safety network to help the recovering alcoholic and to prevent the inebriates from hurting themselves and their families. A drunk tank does not have to be fancy, just clean and warm. It would also show that Nome cares for even the most hard to tolerate fellow human beings. — N.L.M. —

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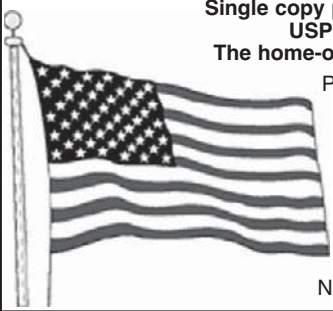
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Retired computers can be safely recycled

By Anna Hahn
Within the City of Nome the facilities to recycle newspaper, white paper and aluminum are provided by none other than the City itself. The only thing that seems to be overlooked is the service to recycle computers and electronics.
Old, useless, obsolete computers suffocate Nome. They clutter office buildings, schools and homes. Plac-

ing them in the landfill could potentially damage the environment and possibly exposes private information. Where and how should old products such as computers, TVs and gadgets go post use?
A recycling company in Anchorage, Alaska (and Seattle, Washington) called Total Reclaim recycles computers and other such electronics. They state that computer moni-

tors and TVs have lead on their printed circuit boards. Cadmium is found in chip resistors and semi conductors. Mercury is in all florescent lamps, printed circuit boards, laptops and LCD screens. Brominated flame retardants are found in some plastics in some products and again specifically on the printed circuit board. All of the stated substances can damage the environment when placed in a dumpsite or landfill.
Sending products to Total Reclaim costs \$10 for 15 and 17-inch monitors and 35¢ per pound for computers and peripherals.
An alternative salvaging company is Apple, the computer manufacturers. They recycle computers (of any brand), iPods, cell phones and land-line phones free of charge. Simply send the old products to the company and they will dispose of the items responsibly.
Finally, there is Sim Recycling Solutions. However the nearest facility is in California. The company accepts TVs, radios, computers and most electronics. For a fee of \$50, Sim will provide the shipper with a box for electronics for recycling. It measures 22"x22"x24" and is not to exceeded a weight of 69 pounds. An additional fee will be put into place if it balances over that weight.



Photo by Nancy McGuire
WAITING FOR RECYCLE—Old computers take up much needed storage space but need special attention to prevent damage to the environment.

Investors pump another \$15M into NovaGold

NovaGold Resources Inc., the owner and operator of the idled Rock Creek Mine, announced Jan. 6 that it has received an additional \$15 million in investment.
The news comes on the heels of a Jan. 2 announcement of a \$60 million deal with Electrum Strategic Resources LLC. The \$75 million cash infusion comes as the junior mining company faced the prospect of empty coffers.
Both deals are based on the same terms, with units offered at \$1.30 each. Each unit contains one common share of NovaGold and a purchase warrant for an additional share at \$1.50 per share. The warrants are good for four years.
NovaGold had mentioned in its Jan. 2 release that it was in discussions with other investors for the ad-

ditional \$15 million available in the offering. The company did not specifically identify the party or parties that ultimately took NovaGold up on the offer, listing them only as "institutional investors."
NovaGold said the \$15 million would be directed toward "general corporate purposes."
Both the deal with Electrum and the additional investors are subject to certain provisions and the approval of the Toronto Stock Exchange and the NYSE Alternext. The transactions are to be completed concurrently, NovaGold said.
NovaGold is also having its shares reviewed by the Toronto Stock Exchange through a delisting review. According to its Jan. 2 press release announcing the Electrum deal, NovaGold said the review

would come as a consequence of relying on a financial hardship exemption offered by the exchange.
In that release, NovaGold said it invoked that hardship exemption in its offering to Electrum by giving the firm a 30 percent stake in NovaGold without a shareholder vote. Under the Toronto Stock Exchange's rules, an offering of common shares in excess of 25 percent of the current and outstanding shares would normally require shareholder approval.
A company spokesperson said NovaGold believes it is—and was—not at risk of being delisted. NovaGold said in the Jan. 2 release that it believes upon completion of the offering it will be in compliance with all of the exchange's listing requirements.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR
January 15 - January 21, 2009

EVENT	PLACE	TIME
Thursday, January 15		
IditaSplash *Tennis *Open Gym *XYZ Center CarbonSmart Solar workshop *Nome Visitor Center *Preschool Story Hour *Carrie McLain Memorial Museum *Library Hours *Tennis *Kinderswim *Northwest Campus Library *Audiology Class *Smoke Free Class *Strength Training with Robin *Lap Swim *Nome Food Bank *Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K. *City League Basketball *Open Swim *Thrift Shop *Swing Dancing *Narcotics Anonymous	Pool Nome Rec Center Nome Rec Center Center Street Pioneer Hall Front Street Kegoyah Library Pool Front Street Kegoyah Library Nome Rec Center Nome Rec Center Northwest Campus Prematernal Home Prematernal Home Nome Rec Center Pool Bering & Seppala Nome Rec Center Nome Rec Center Pool Methodist Church Nome Rec Center Behavioral Health Bldg.	from 1/2 - 3/31 5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m. 7 a.m. - noon 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. noon - 5:30 p.m. noon - 8 p.m. noon - 1 p.m. noon - 5:45 p.m. 1 p.m. - 8 p.m. 1:30 p.m. 3:30 p.m. 4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. 5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. 6:15, 7:30 & 8:45 p.m. 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Friday, January 16		
*Pick-up Basketball *Lap Swim *Open Gym *XYZ Center *Nome Visitor Center *Kindergym *Carrie McLain Memorial Museum *Library Hours *Open Gym *Strength Training with Robin *Breastfeeding video *Nutrition class with Kelly *Kids Soccer K - 3rd grades *P90x videos *Kids Soccer 4th - 7th grades *Cardio Kick Boxing *Open Gym *Open Swim *Tae Kwon Do with Dan *Adult Drop-in Soccer *AA Meeting	Nome Rec Center Pool Nome Rec Center Center Street Front Street Nome Rec Center Front Street Kegoyah Library Nome Rec Center Nome Rec Center Prematernal Home Prematernal Home Nome Rec Center Nome Rec Center Nome Rec Center Pool Nome Rec Center Nome Rec Center Lutheran Church (rear)	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m. 6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. 7 a.m. - 10 a.m. 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. 10 a.m. - noon noon - 5:30 p.m. noon - 6 p.m. noon - 4 p.m. 12:05 p.m. - 12:50 1 p.m. 3 p.m. 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. 5 p.m. - 6 p.m. 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. 6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. 8 p.m. - 10 p.m. 8 p.m.
Saturday, January 17		
*Nome Visitor Center *Carrie McLain Memorial Museum *Library Hours *Open Gym *H2O Aerobics *Northwest Campus Library *We're Having a Baby - Childbirth video *All About Babies video *Family Swim *Open Swim *Lap Swim *AA Meeting	Front Street Front Street Kegoyah Library Nome Rec Center Pool Northwest Campus Prematernal Home Prematernal Home Pool Pool Pool BHS Bldg. 2nd floor	9 a.m. - 9 p.m. noon - 5:30 p.m. noon - 6 p.m. noon - 8 p.m. 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. 1 p.m. 2 p.m. 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. 8 p.m.
Sunday, January 18		
*Pool *Nome Visitor Center *After Pregnancy - a New Start video *Comforting Your Fussy Baby video *Open Gym *Beginning Baton with Jay *AA: Big Book Study	Front Street Prematernal Home Prematernal Home Nome Rec Center Nome Rec Center HR Conf. Room, NSHC	Closed 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. 1 p.m. 2 p.m. 2 p.m. - 10 p.m. 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Monday, January 19		
Martin Luther King Day (city offices open, post office closed)		
*Pick-up Basketball *Lap Swim *Open Gym *XYZ Center *Nome Visitor Center *Kindergym *Library Hours *Open Gym *Strength Training with Jennie *Northwest Campus Library *Staying Sane - Tips for Parents video *Prevent Bottle Tooth Decay video *Beginning Yoga with Kari *Cardio Kick Boxing with Jennie *H2O Aerobics *City League Basketball *Tae Kwon Do with Dan *Drop-in Volleyball *AA Meeting	Nome Rec Center Pool Nome Rec Center Center Street Front Street Nome Rec Center Kegoyah Library Nome Rec Center Nome Rec Center Northwest Campus Prematernal Home Prematernal Home Nome Rec Center Nome Rec Center Pool Nome Rec Center Nome Rec Center Nome Rec Center Lutheran Church (rear)	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m. 6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. 7 a.m. - 10 a.m. 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. 10 a.m. - noon noon - 8 p.m. noon - 5:45 p.m. 12:05 p.m. - 12:50 p.m. 1 p.m. - 8 p.m. 1 p.m. 2 p.m. 4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. 6:15, 7:30 & 8:45 p.m. 6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. 7:30 p.m. - 10 p.m. 8 p.m.
Tuesday, January 20		
*Tennis *Open Gym *XYZ Center *Nome Visitor Center *Summer Reading Program *Library Hours *Tennis *Carrie McLain Memorial Museum *Open Gym *Northwest Campus Library *Social Services Class *Play it Safe - What to Know Re:RSV video *Strength Training with Robin *Lap Swim *Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K. *Nome Food Bank *City League Basketball *Open Swim *AA Teleconference: 1-800-914-3396 *Thrift Shop NJUS Regular Meeting	Nome Rec Center Nome Rec Center Center Street Front Street Kegoyah Library Kegoyah Library Nome Rec Center Front Street Nome Rec Center Northwest Campus Prematernal Home Prematernal Home Nome Rec Center Nome Rec Center Pool Nome Rec Center Bering & Seppala Nome Rec Center Pool (CODE: 3534534#) Methodist Church Council Chambers	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m. 7 a.m. - noon 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. noon - 8 p.m. noon - 1 p.m. noon - 5:30 p.m. 1 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. 1 p.m. - 8 p.m. 1:30 p.m. 2:30 p.m. 4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. 6:15, 7:30 & 8:45 p.m. 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. 7 p.m. 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, January 21		
*Pick-up Basketball *Lap Swim *Open Gym *XYZ Center *Nome Visitor Center *Kindergym *Dental class *Rotary Club *Carrie McLain Memorial Museum *Library Hours *Open Gym *Strength Training with Jennie *Northwest Campus Library *Still Shiny video *Pregnancy & Smoking *Cardio Kick Boxing with Jennie *H2O Aerobics *Tae Kwon Do with Dan *Hello Central (also on Channel 98) *AA Meeting	Nome Rec Center Pool Nome Rec Center Center Street Front Street Nome Rec Center Prematernal Home Prematernal Home Airport Pizza Front Street Kegoyah Library Nome Rec Center Nome Rec Center Northwest Campus Prematernal Home Prematernal Home Nome Rec Center Pool Nome Rec Center Nome Visitors Center BHS Bldg. 2nd floor	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m. 6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. 7 a.m. - 10 a.m. 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. 10 a.m. - noon 11 a.m. noon noon - 5:30 p.m. noon - 8 p.m. noon - 10 p.m. 12:05 p.m. - 12:50 p.m. 1 p.m. - 8 p.m. 1 p.m. 2 p.m. 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. 6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 8 p.m.



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Citgo executes a welcomed flip-flop

Free heating oil program back online for villages, Nome's fate in program still unknown

By Tyler Rhodes

In a quick about-face, Venezuelan-owned Citgo Petroleum Corp. confirmed Jan. 7 that its free heating oil program would continue.

The announcement came as welcome news as rural Alaska has been paying record prices for its heating fuel and temperatures throughout the state have nose-dived far below zero ever since the start of the new year.

Whether or not that assistance will be extended to all the fuel customers of Nome, however, remains to be determined.

It appeared that the program risked being scuttled on Jan. 5 when Citizens Energy Corp., the Massachusetts firm that administers the program, reported that falling oil prices had forced Citgo to take a second look at the assistance which has meant a couple months of free heat for many rural Alaskans for the past two years.

Two days later, Citizens Energy and Citgo released a joint press release confirming Citgo's continuation of the program that delivers up to 100 gallons of free heating oil for low-income and Native households across the nation.

"This decision is the result of a strong commitment and a big effort on the part of Citgo and our shareholder in light of the current global financial crisis and its impact on the oil

industry in general," Citgo President and CEO Alejandro Granado said in a press release.

Kawerak Inc. administers the heating oil program in the region around Nome. Dawn Salesky, Kawerak's vice president of Education, Employment and Training, said Jan. 8 the organization has yet to receive official notice

oil. Salesky said most of those households travel to the fuel vendor to receive their oil. She said the vouchers are kept at the vendor with the household representative signing the vouchers each time they receive fuel until they have received the full 100 gallons.

Nome, as a whole, was included in the program

not meet that threshold. According to data from the 2000 U.S. Census, Nome's population of 3,505 is nearly 59 percent Native. "Nome was just kind of thrown in last year," Salesky said.

As for the village program, Salesky said it would get underway as soon as funding arrives. "We usually start the program when we get the money in the bank," Salesky said. "Last year we started really late, in February, for the village program."

Alaska Inter-Tribal Council Interim Executive Director Steve Osborne said all his organization knew for certain as of Jan. 12 was that the program was back on. "I spoke with Citizens' Energy late [in the first full week of January] and the program specifics are not yet finalized," Osborne said in an e-mail to *The Nome Nugget*. "I do know that we should have more concrete information this month. Outside of that, the only information being released is that the program is going to continue."

Salesky said as soon as the money appears for this year's program, Kawerak is ready to go for the 15 villages. "We have household lists for all the vendors and tribes for each community," she said. She said if a household is not on a vendor's list, the vendor should call Kawerak to confirm their eligibility.

"Nome was just kind of thrown in last year."

— Dawn Salesky, Kawerak

that the program is a go for the villages in the region, let alone Nome. For that matter, she said Kawerak didn't receive the earlier word of the program potentially being scuttled either.

For the past two years, Kawerak has set up vouchers for each household in the 15 villages it covers. Those vouchers allowed each household to receive a total of 100 gallons of heating

for the first time last year. "It was a total surprise for us to get the Nome program," Salesky said.

Salesky said Kawerak had to ask Citgo directly that Nome be included in the program.

According to the Alaska Inter-Tribal Council, the entity that administers the program at the state level, the program is available to villages that are more than 70 percent Native. Nome does

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amount equal to the price of two round-trip tickets between Anchorage and Nome."

"This seems to be awfully open-ended," he said. Larson lobbied to place some sort of limitation on the moving expenses the city would cover, "so he doesn't fly a car up here or something."

Councilman Jerald Brown questioned whether the wording simply applied to the cost of an airline ticket to Nome and not the shipping of other goods. The discussion turned to changing the wording to apply only to airfare when Councilwoman Mary Knodel argued that the city should provide more. "I think that it's only right to give him some moving expenses," Councilwoman Mary Knodel said. "Maybe he's got a bicycle he wants to bring?"

Before approving the contract, the council settled on stipulating the city would cover moving expenses, in addition to airfare, of up to \$1,000.

In the quest to find a permanent police chief, City Manager Josie Bahnke said the city has commenced advertising for the position and is in the process of forming a selection committee that would be approved by the council.

Since Burke's departure in late December to be closer to family, Sgt. Byron Redburn has filled in as acting chief.

Seeking funds

Bahnke also reported on the city's

effort to secure federal funding for Nome through President-elect Obama's proposed economic stimulus package. Bahnke said she and Nome Joint Utility System Manager John Handeland submitted six proposals to Sen. Mark Begich, who requested project proposals from throughout the state be sent to him.

In her report, Bahnke said it appears unlikely that any earmarks will make it into the package. Nevertheless, a list of six projects totaling \$170.6 million was put together. In order of importance, listed were a new Norton Sound Regional Hospital at \$150 million; phase II of the Nome Public Safety Building at \$2.25 million; alternative energy in the form of wind generation at \$10 million; dredging of the port's inner harbor at \$1 million; the renovation of the Nome Recreation Center/emergency shelter at \$1.3 million; and construction of a power distribution line at \$6 million.

The council had requested the city to seek additional federal lobbying services to maximize its chances of receiving funding from the recovery package. Bahnke and Handeland met with the city's two lobbyists, Wendy Chamberlain and Larry Markley, by telephone Jan. 8 and 9.

Bahnke reported that all parties in discussion of the matter agree that the funding will be directed through block grants to federal agencies. With earmarks apparently out of the question, Bahnke said the city was advised at this

time that additional lobbying was likely unnecessary.

Councilman Anderson opined that earmarks or not, there still will be federal funds in the offering. "They might call it a different name, but it's still the same thing," Councilman Anderson said. "It's still money being appropriated."

Closer to home, Bahnke said she, Mayor Denise Michels and Handeland will travel to Juneau Jan. 27 to present the city's legislative priorities to state leaders. She said the list of priorities is being finalized. The list was developed in mid-November with input from the council, Nome Joint Utility System, Nome Public Schools, city lobbyists and the public.

Bahnke also reported that the group will go to Washington, D.C., Feb. 23 to meet with the state's congressional delegation.

Update from the schools

Nome Public Schools Superintendent Rick Luthi told the council that the district is starting to form its fiscal year 2010 budget. He said as student numbers are thinning, fewer state dollars will be available to the district. "We want the process to be a very public process," he said.

Luthi described the work on the budget at this moment as "very preliminary."

Luthi also briefed the council on efforts to collaborate with the Bering Strait School District. Luthi said a joint meeting between the two boards would be held in Teller

in the future. He also said the two districts are exploring the possibility of collaborating on in-services, supply purchases and potentially the sharing of staff.

The superintendent also informed the council that the district had received a letter from the Nome Education Association requesting that contract negotiations be open.

Nome-Beltz High School Principal Janeen Sullivan invited the council to attend a public meeting that was held Jan. 14 on Rachel's Challenge, a program aimed at improving a school's climate.

Utility report

Utility manager Handeland reported to the council that Nome Joint Utility System has been working on its year-end budget closeout. Handeland said the utility is working on its new budget, which will be addressed at its Jan. 20 meeting.

Handeland also said he will meet with engineers next week to work on plans for water and sewer projects for next year. He said the utility has some money for projects, but is also looking for U.S. Department of Agriculture funding. He said specific projects would be targeted in the area of Sixth and Seventh avenues with updates to the pump house behind the Nome Recreation Center, as well as work on a segment of the Moonlight Springs water transmission line.

Other council business

• Nome Chamber of Commerce Ex-

ecutive Director Mitch Erickson informed the council that the Nome Visitors Center will soon receive a new interior paint job. He noted that the center is not set up to be an Internet hot spot, allowing visitors to come in and check their e-mail. He said the center plans to have a computer available to visitors as well. "We're just trying to make it a good spot for visitors to come," Erickson told the council.

• The council passed the first reading of several ordinances regarding budget amendments on to a second reading for its Jan. 26 meeting. The budgets with proposed amendments are the municipal general fund, capital projects fund, special revenue fund, Port of Nome fund and the construction capital projects fund.

• The council approved facility fee waivers for a taekwondo demonstration at the Rec Center on Jan. 10, the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race Committee at the Mini Convention Center for March 14-18, the Kawerak Regional Conference at the Mini for Feb. 23-27, and the American Red Cross of Alaska at Old St. Joe's on Feb. 4.

• The council finished its meeting in a closed session to discuss personnel matters regarding the interim police chief; legal and financial matters in regard to NovaGold, the owner of the suspended Rock Creek Mine; and the labor contract negotiations between the city and the Alaska Public Employees Association.



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New rules likely for next year’s musk ox hunt

Slain and wasted animals mar first hunt in game management unit 22(C) under new regulations

By Tyler Rhodes

A less-than-stellar debut of a new musk ox hunt in the Nome region this month has an Alaska Department of Fish and Game biologist shaking his head.

ADF&G Area Biologist Tony Gorn said there were several disappointments in how this first musk ox hunt under new rules was carried out. “Fifteen percent of the harvest was something other than what we wanted,” Gorn said. “Some were cows, some were animals that were shot and not recovered for whatever reason.”

Citing that the quota would likely be reached by the end of the day, ADF&G closed the subsistence musk ox hunt in a portion of Unit 22(C) by emergency order Jan. 8.

A quota of 34 bulls in the unit was open to Alaska residents who applied for a permit by Dec. 31. The hunt began Jan. 1.

As of Jan. 12, Gorn said Fish and Game knew of 33 musk oxen that had been killed. Of those, 29 were bulls, three were cows and one was a calf of which the sex could not be determined. Three shot musk oxen—the calf and two cows—were left in the field to waste, he said. According to the Alaska State Troopers, one cow and the calf were found near the Nome-Teller Highway approximately one mile from each other. The Trooper report said the two incidents were likely unrelated.

Another cow was shot and wounded during the hunt. As far as Fish and Game knows that cow is still alive.

“The idea that hunters are shooting cows in a bulls hunt is disappointing,” Gorn said. “The other disappointing thing is presumably several muskoxen that were killed died of a pass-through shot, [meaning] that animal was standing behind the intended target.” He said the pass-through shootings are particularly distressing since a principal tenet of ethical hunting is to be aware of what is behind your target and to not fire unless you have a clean shot.

The animals left in the field and the other harvested cow were counted against the hunt quota.

Fish and Game have guides to identifying the sex of musk ox both in its office and online. “There were definitely problems with hunters not identifying individual musk oxen, which is very discouraging to me. If you spend 10 to 15 minutes looking at pictures, you’ll be able to tell not only the sex, but the age class,” he said. “This is not a hunt that should catch you by surprise.”

Alaska Wildlife Trooper Brian Miller said five investigations have been initiated in relation to the hunt. “All the cases either involved shooting the wrong sex animal, wanton waste or failure to submit to trophy destruction,” Miller said.

Hunters who were taking animals out of the area were required to cut off the last three inches on the end of the musk ox’s horns. The requirement is an effort to prevent individuals from just seeking a trophy in what was designed as a subsistence hunt.

Miller said two individuals reported themselves to the Troopers.

One was Matt Slingsby of Nome, who according to a Trooper dispatch, was issued a citation Jan. 3 for taking a cow in the permit hunt. Slingsby brought the cow back to town, cleaned it and turned it over to the Troopers.

Miller declined to name the second hunter who self-reported until he has met with the district attorney to determine charges to be filed.

Another Trooper dispatch said Travis Murphy of Nome was issued a misdemeanor citation Jan. 9 in regard to trophy destruction. The Troopers assert that Murphy sent the head of a musk ox of a legally harvested animal out of Game Management Unit 22 without having Fish and Game personnel first cut the horns.

Miller, who spent the first few freezing days of the hunt camped out in the field, also said he issued several warnings to hunters. Most of those warnings were for failure to leave evidence of sex attached to the animal or a failure to attach the

required metal band to the animal—a process known as sealing.

Previous musk ox hunting opportunities in the area came by way of a restrictive Tier II permit, which was awarded to hunters based on a point system. This year’s hunt was conducted under a registration permit, which simply required Alaska residents to register before partaking in the hunt.

The more liberal structure of the hunt perked the attention of both locals and hunters from other corners of the state. High interest and a limited quota made for a bit of a race when the hunt opened. “There was definitely a feeling of a derby hunt on January first,” Gorn said.

Gorn said that while 84 percent of the permits went to locals, 47 percent of the opening day harvest of 19 musk oxen was attributed to out-of-town hunters. Most of the musk oxen killed throughout the entire hunt were harvested west of Nome.

While Gorn said it’s too early to detail for certain all the possible changes that could be implemented for next year’s hunt, he did note some differences that are likely to be enacted. “The encouraging thing is that under the current regulatory regime, there

are changes we can make to the hunt to improve it next year,” Gorn said.

He said to decrease the hunting pressure in just one spot, the registration permit will probably cover additional hunt areas. “So if hunters pick up that one permit, they’ll be able to hunt in three areas instead of one. So we hope that will spread out some of the hunting pressure,” he said.

Gorn also said the amount of trophy destruction required for those taking the animal out of the Nome area will likely be more substantial.

A 2007 population estimate put the musk ox population in Unit 22(C) at 445 animals. The quota for the hunt was established by targeting an 8 percent harvest rate for bulls in the unit.

“When the Board of Game adopted this hunt a lot of changes were made in a short period of time, and we knew that this wasn’t perfect,” Gorn said. “Even so, I was hopeful that it would go better than it did.”

Another closure

The final available musk ox from a quota of 16 in the “Remainder” portion of Unit 22(D) was harvested last weekend, Gorn said.

“That season opened in August,” Gorn said. “It just kind of

trickled along.”

Gorn did not report any abnormalities occurring in that hunt.

Moose hunt at slower pace

The results of another big-game hunt opened in the area Jan. 1 have been much quieter. As of Jan. 12, only one moose harvest had been reported to ADF&G.

A quota of eight bulls is set for a registration hunt in the southwest and Kuzitrin River drainage portions of

Unit 22(D). The hunt is set to close Jan. 31 or once those eight bulls are harvested. The hunt was opened after the quota was not met in the fall hunt.

The subzero weather experienced the first week of January could have contributed to the hunt’s slow start. Also, the hunt area is farther from Nome than the musk ox hunt in 22(C), likely leaving hunters from the area’s population center less willing to travel the distance in the cold.



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NSEDC 2007 financials still have not seen light of day

By Laurie McNicholas

The Western Alaska Community Development Quota Program section of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act requires each of the six CDQ entities to provide annual reports to the entity's member villages summarizing financial operations for the previous calendar year, including general and administrative costs and compensation levels of the top five highest paid personnel.

Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. is a CDQ entity that represents 15 member villages in the Bering Strait Region. In 2008 NSEDC did not comply with the federal law cited above; the corporation did not provide an annual financial report for 2007 to its member villages.

The Nome Nugget asked Dan Harrelson, NSEDC's board chairman and president, to explain why the corporation has not issued an annual financial report for 2007. He replied as follows in an e-mail Jan. 8:

"NSEDC's 2007 annual report is nearly complete. We've sent notifications to our communities that we're awaiting the completion of the audit of our financials for inclusion in our report; the 2007 annual report will be disseminated shortly thereafter. We've historically published our audited balance sheet so this won't look completely new to the communities. However, we've engaged a new firm to complete audits for us and the process has taken longer than we've anticipated. We look forward to wrapping it up quickly."

Audit delay puzzling

Last July when the NSEDC board held a

quarterly meeting in Nome, the firm's former Controller Tasha Huffman met in a closed session with the finance committee to discuss a delay in the 2007 audit report by KPMG, a firm that had prepared the corporation's annual audit reports and Form 990 informational returns to the IRS for years. NSEDC has a nonprofit tax-exempt status as a social welfare organization under 501c4 of the Internal Revenue Code.

In a public session following the closed committee meeting, Huffman said KPMG had completed 90 percent of the 2007 audit report. The finance committee recommended that the full board adopt a resolution to have Altman, Rogers and Co. prepare NSEDC's 2007 IRS return, and the board did so. Anchorage-based Altman, Rogers performs management, book-keeping, tax and audit work.

Prior to voting on the motion, board member Elvina Naranjo of Koyuk asked why the finance committee recommended switching from KPMG to Altman, Rogers. Harrelson said KPMG has been slow in audit preparation and unrelated business income tax issues are involved.

In September the *Nugget* asked Bob Walsh, who was then NSEDC's chief executive officer, when the 2007 annual report would be complete. He said he had seen drafts of it on his desk.

The finance committee again held a lengthy closed session at the NSEDC board meeting in November in Nome. During a break in the session, the *Nugget* asked Walsh about the status of the 2007 annual report. He said he needed the board's approval regarding an issue on the

finance committee agenda, and that he expected the board to approve it and clear the way to print the report. When the finance committee ended the closed session, its members adopted a motion by Don Stiles of Nome to recommend that the full board direct staff to fill in blanks in the 2007 annual report as instructed. *Nugget* staff did not attend the board's vote on the recommendation.

During a meeting with *Nugget* staff Jan. 7 in Nome, Harrelson said the NSEDC board had decided at the November meeting to have Altman, Rogers prepare the 2007 audit report instead of KPMG. Accompanying Harrelson to the meeting was Simon Kinneen, NSEDC's CDQ harvest manager, who offered to explain off the record why certain topics and information are too confidential to address on the record. The *Nugget's* editor and publisher Nancy McGuire declined Kin-

neen's offer.

Nugget staff raised questions about NSEDC with an understanding that Harrelson and Kinneen could choose to listen, but were not expected to answer if the topic were confidential. One such question was, "Why did you wait so long to have Altman, Rogers do the audit instead of KPMG?"

The question is especially puzzling because a KPMG representative told members of the NSEDC finance committee in February 2007 that the corporation's current activity is related to its tax-exempt purposes and is non taxable. Through subsequent consultation with a tax attorney, NSEDC learned that some of its current income is unrelated to the tax-exempt purpose of the organization and is taxable. (NSEDC recently resolved its tax issues with the IRS. See the cover story.)

Nome seafood plant manager resigns

By Laurie McNicholas

Josh Osborne reportedly has resigned as operations manager for Northern Norton Sound Seafood Processing in Nome effective Jan. 15. NNSSP and Southern Norton Sound Seafood Processing at Unalakleet are owned by Norton Sound Economic Development Corp.

Sources who have asked not to be identified provided the following information about Osborne's career. He started work as a salmon processor at the Unalakleet plant when he was 16 years old. A couple of years later he fished

in Bristol Bay for a season before returning to Nome to work at the NSSP halibut plant.

Osborne was promoted to manager of the Nome processing plant in 2002, and a couple of years ago he was named NSSP operations manager for both Nome and Unalakleet.

Last year NSEDC split NSSP into two companies, with Osborne as manager of NNSSP and William (Middy) Johnson as manager of SNSSP.

Osborne did not respond to the *Nugget's* request for an interview.

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wholly owned subsidiary corporation to hold assets. The company then moved gradually—and for the most part secretly—toward formation of a for-profit subsidiary, Siu Alaska Corp. Siu was listed as a business corporation with the State of Alaska effective June 5 at the same Anchorage address as the NSEDC headquarters office. Janis Ivanoff is the registered agent for the company.

At some point it was decided that (1) a seven-member board of directors—three from within NSEDC and four from outside the company—would govern Siu's activities; and (2) directors would serve for varying terms—Class A seats for one year, Class B for two years and Class C for three years.

NSEDC staff reportedly polled their board members individually by phone to elect the three NSEDC directors of Siu. Initially Harrelson, board member Don Stiles of Nome and Janis Ivanoff, NSEDC's acting CEO at that time, were elected to the Siu board. During an NSEDC board meeting July 28 through Aug. 1 in Nome, Ivanoff withdrew as a Siu director and NSEDC board member Harvey Sookiayak of Shaktoolik was elected to replace her. Board member Wilfred Katcheak of Stebbins asked how come Stiles holds a three-year seat on the Siu board. He received no answer.

By that time, the NSEDC board had named John Eccles and Neal Foster to the Siu board, and two other individuals from outside the company had declined invitations to join the Siu board. The NSEDC board developed a list of five candidates for the remaining two Siu seats at the July 28-Aug. 1 meeting. During the same meeting, Ivanoff gave board members a confidential written progress report on formation of Siu Alaska that included proposed bylaws for the new company. They approved Siu's bylaws as presented. The bylaws have not been made public.

The NSEDC board held a special meeting Aug. 28-29 in Anchorage to discuss plans for an educational foundation and to consider selecting directors for two open seats on the Siu board, according to Bob Walsh, NSEDC's CEO at that time. Walsh said he would inform *The Nome Nugget* of any actions taken at the meeting. He did not do so. Eventually the *Nugget* learned that John Baker of Nome and Ike Towarak of Unalakleet had been named to the Siu board.

On Nov. 6 during a meeting of NSEDC's executive committee in Nome, Harrelson said the Siu Alaska board members had elected Stiles as board chairman and president Oct. 9

during their first meeting and were advertising for a Siu Alaska CEO/assets manager within NSEDC. "No [NSEDC] assets have been transferred and won't be until a CEO is in place," Harrelson said. The company has not announced selection of a Siu CEO, but a public notice dated Jan. 6 from NSEDC's current CEO Janis Ivanoff to each municipality of the corporation's member communities and to IRAs and Native corporations states:

"NSEDC is endowing Siu with vessels and businesses that fall outside of our tax exempt ruling, including its full interests in Glacier Fish Company, the longliner *F/V Glacier Bay*, the crabber *F/V Aleutian No. 1*, and the *F/V Pacific Star*. It is also providing initial funding to Siu to allow it to invest in additional business ventures after due diligence." The notice adds, "Siu has been capitalized in the amount of \$6 million in cash in addition to the fishery investments to provide start-up funds, operating cash, and a financing base." The notice says Siu's purpose is to earn profits and return dividends to NSEDC, Siu's sole shareholder, for its nonprofit activities.

Siu may operate in secret

There is no indication whether or how Siu Alaska Corp. intends to inform residents of NSEDC's 15 member communities of its business ventures and their successes or failures. During the NSEDC board meeting last November, Nome resident Tim Smith asked Harrelson if Siu board meetings are open to the public.

"The last one was open," Harrelson answered, but he did not say where the meeting had been held. "That would be the call of the chair. I don't know."

Smith asked whether Siu meetings will be advertised. "I'm sure we'll go through a process," Harrelson replied.

When Smith asked whether the public can see Siu's documents, Harrelson referred the question to NSEDC's attorney Margaret Russell, who told Smith the board will make public only the documents it wants to make public. "It's a private for-profit corporation," she added.

It's not known whether Siu will be required to prepare annual financial reports or make them public. NSEDC is required by federal law to prepare and disseminate annual financial reports to its member villages, but the corporation has yet not issued one for 2007. (See related story above.)

NSEDC perused UBIT question

NSEDC's first recorded public discussion of a potential tax liability for

unrelated business income took place Feb. 26, 2007 at a meeting of the board's finance committee. A representative of KPMG, which provided auditing services to NSEDC and to several other CDQ groups, presented an overview of the UBIT issue and said NSEDC's tax-exempt status is not at risk because its potentially taxable activities are minor. (The KPMG representative is identified only as Dion in minutes of the meeting.)

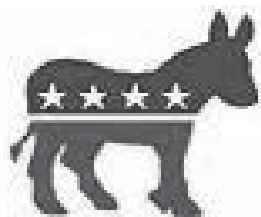
"KPMG's view has not changed in that CDQ organizations are different, that CDQ groups are basically doing what they were set up to do, and their current activity is related to their exempt purpose and non taxable," Dion said, according to minutes of the meeting. "NSEDC has been providing their

earnings activity to the IRS each year on their 990 tax return, and the IRS has not come back and said that NSEDC is doing something outside of its exempt purpose. The issue is just clarification that Bering Sea fishing activities are part of the exempt purpose."

However, Don Mitchell, who at that time was NSEDC's legislative attorney, argued that some CDQ groups and KPMG staff in Washington, D.C., think there may be an issue. Attending the meeting via teleconference, Mitchell pointed out that CDQ groups have changed their income-producing activities since the inception of the program in 1992. He noted that, early in its history, NSEDC had obtained a private letter ruling from the IRS exempting CDQ pollock harvest royal-

ties from taxation, and he said NSEDC should let the IRS know about changes in its activities. He also suggested that NSEDC seek advice from an attorney, separate from KPMG, who is an expert on exempt tax law.

NSEDC followed Mitchell's suggestion and selected an international law firm, Latham & Watkins, as tax consultants for UBIT issues. On Nov. 12, 2007, NSEDC filed Form 990 for 2006 with the IRS, listing as unrelated business income \$5.7 million from investments other than dividends and interest from securities (income derived from its ownership interest in Glacier Fish Co.), and \$700,162 in harvesting revenues transferred to the corporation from its crab harvesting partner, Norton Sound Ventures LLC.



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Sex abuse claims by Catholic clergy reach 294

By Diana Haecker

The total number of claimants alleging sexual abuse at the hands of Catholic priests and lay workers working for the Catholic Bishop of Northern Alaska between the 1950s and 1980s more than doubled to 294 claimants after a Dec. 2 bankruptcy court deadline passed.

As part of the bankruptcy proceedings a deadline was imposed to figure out once and for all how many sexual abuse claims are out there against Catholic clergy and laypersons. Bishop Donald Kettler announced in February 2008 the diocese's plan to seek bankruptcy protection, as they couldn't reach settlement agreements with 140 claimants who had filed 150 claims.

Ronnie Rosenberg, human resources director for CBNA, said that six claims were filed a day after the deadline and that she wasn't sure how those claims will be dealt with.

The 288 claimants that filed before the deadline included more claims against former Nome priest Jim Poole. Rosenberg said she could not

divulge exact numbers of allegations against Poole as the claims are filed under seal with the bankruptcy court.

Altogether, 40 priests and layworkers are accused of sexual abuse.

A significant number of those claims were filed against a single lay worker, Joseph Lundowski, who worked for the Fairbanks Diocese between 1959 and 1975. "We were aware of many allegations against Lundowski," said Rosenberg. According to a story on Lundowski by Anchorage television station KTUU, he was last found in a homeless shelter in Chicago, where he presumably died in 1991.

Rosenberg added that the church lost track of Lundowski after he left Alaska in 1975, and that most priests or church employees who knew him are also deceased. Claimants against Lundowski are all males who were children at the time of their sexual abuse. He worked in Nulato, Stebbins and St. Michael, Rosenberg said.

The wave of new claimants also brought

forth new names of formerly unknown alleged abusers.

As part of the bankruptcy proceeding, the court ordered a deadline to come up with a final number of claims against the diocese.

What happens next depends on whether or not the diocese and the committee of claimants can come up with an agreement. Negotiations take place between the diocese and the unsecured creditors committee, a term describing the claimants. The committee is comprised of bankruptcy attorneys and lawyers representing the claimants. "We advocate positions on behalf of the entire group of claimants with the goal to make the recovery as big as possible," said committee member David Bundy in Anchorage. He explained that the process of coming up with a final sum to be paid out to the victims is not a speedy process and that many issues need to be resolved, including how much the diocese can pay and how much the diocese's insurance is willing to pay. CBNA's in-

surance carrier disputed its obligation to cover sex abuse claims. "This is not a speedy process, and it always takes some time, but eventually all these issues will be resolved," Bundy said.

"Now we are garnering our assets and figuring out what we can contribute to the plan," Rosenberg said. "We are hopeful that we can work out an agreement in the next couple of months."

The diocese's Pilgrim Hot Springs property 60 miles north of Nome is one of the significant assets. "We are hoping that Pilgrim either gets sold or leased," Rosenberg said.

The Society of Jesus paid \$50 million in 2007 to settle lawsuits filed by 110 Alaskans against 12 Jesuit priests and three other church workers, including Lundowski.

The *Catholic News Service* reports that dioceses in San Diego, Spokane/Washington, Denver/Iowa and the Archdiocese of Portland/Oregon have filed for bankruptcy to resolve clergy sex abuse claims.

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persons and refer only those with medical problems the staff cannot handle to the hospital's emergency room. Some persons with experience in programs for alcoholics told *The Nome Nugget* that a detoxification facility is a safer, more appropriate and more effective alternative.

In an interview with the *Nugget* Jan. 5, Lake said he agrees with those who believe Nome needs a detoxification center with extended care such as the newly constructed, 16-bed Gateway to Recovery Center opening this month in Fairbanks. After a new hospital is built in Nome, Lake wants to use the existing hospital for alcohol and substance abuse treatment. "It would financially sustain itself," he said. "We could get funds from Medicaid, Medicare and the Alaska Mental Health Trust." He pointed out that the current hospital has no space for such a facility.

Nome's former detox facility

Ike Ozenna helped establish Turning Point Detox, a well-regarded Nome program that operated for about eight years in the 1990s. "Turning Point was a non-medical detox social program with very caring people from top to bottom," he said. "I can't say enough good about it; it was a great program. It is needed. It will take a grassroots community effort with all entities involved to get it going again."

The facility was listed as a reception center in the State of Alaska Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Plan for 1990-1992, according to Marilee Fletcher of the Department of Health and Social Services. Ozenna, a former Alaska Mental Health Trust board member, said the reason he worked to establish Turning Point is that people shouldn't have to go to jail just because they are drinking. His view is reflected in The Uniform Alcoholism and Intoxication Treatment Act, which Fletcher said was passed in the 1970s in recognition that alcoholism is a disease and is not a crime.

Ozenna obtained resolutions in support of Turning Point from tribal governments in Nome and Bering Strait villages. "I said to IRA presidents in villages, 'This is your problem as much as ours; when your people come to Nome at PFD time, we take care of them.'" The City of Nome does not deal with social problems, but can help by providing a resolution supporting a program to address them, he added.

He said a number of volunteers worked in groups with assigned tasks for about a year to establish Turning Point, which opened late in 1989 with \$87,000 in state funds in a building owned by the Bureau of Indian Affairs at 105 E. First Ave. Berry Gold was the program's first director, and Ozenna served as first president of the Turning Point board.

How Turning Point operated

Sue Buchanan is the only Turning Point staff member who still resides in Nome. She retired from NSHC in 2001 after a lengthy career as a registered nurse in the emergency room, inpatient services and the outpatient clinic, and as director of Quyanna Care. She also provided health care in villages served by NSHC.

Paul King, the second director of Turning Point, hired Buchanan in 1996 to work with the program's clients. Several months later King died and Buchanan succeeded him as director until 1998, when the facility closed because the state said it did not serve enough clients to merit continued funding. "I had just received a grant for \$100,000 to remodel the building," Buchanan recalled. "I had to cancel it."

Turning Point provided treatment to eight to 10 clients a night and more during cold weather in her term as director, Buchanan reports. She said the facility operated 24/7 with three 8-hour shifts, each staffed by a man and a woman with level-one training in Emergency Medical Services. They attended state-funded training programs at the UAF Northwest Campus

or in Anchorage to learn how to deal with addicts. After completing their training, they were called withdrawal management supervisors and wrote WMS behind their names on patients' charts, she added.

"We ran Turning Point with a chart for each client with their name, address, phone number, next of kin, and age and kept a daily record of progress," she said. "I had to burn all the records and charts when Turning Point closed." She reported the client count to the state, but not the numbers of others who came to the facility for a free lunch or to sit on a

couch on a cold day. She wishes she had counted and reported all of those who received food and shelter at Turning Point. *The Nome Nugget* has not yet been able to obtain from state records data about the program such as numbers of clients served.

"Our budget was \$525,000 a year, and we needed in-kind services," Buchanan continued. "Restaurants in town gave us leftover baked goods, the grocery stores donated food, and the hospital did not charge us for treating our clients." She said the ratio of men to women among clients was about two to one. Most Turning Point

clients were alcoholics, some were addicted to drugs, and some used both drugs and alcohol, she added.

Dedicated staff needed

Buchanan said she interrupted her career at NSHC to work at Turning Point because she wanted to do something about the inebriated population she was seeing in the hospital's emergency room. "The police and hospital staff can get callous after dealing with them 20 times a day," she explained. "It takes a spe-

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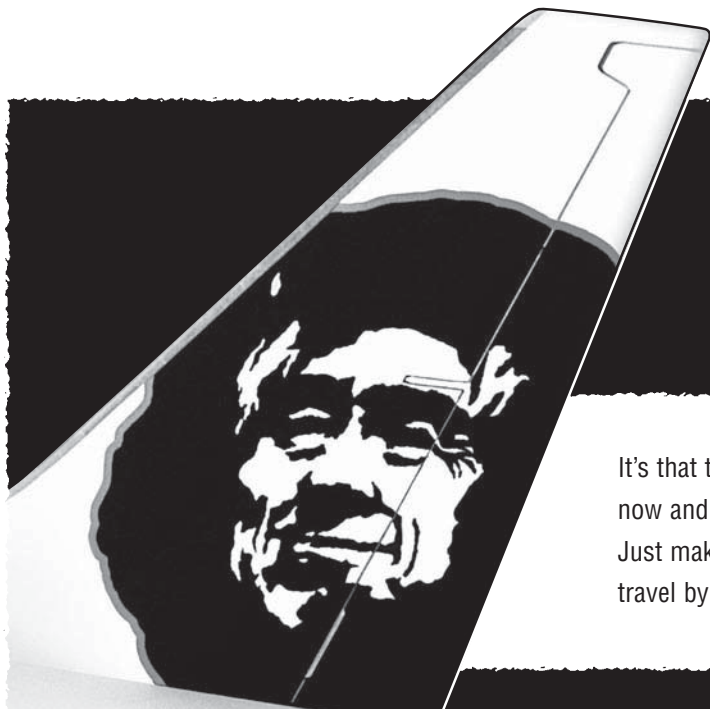
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cial person to deal with intoxicated people. They are not pleasant. You have to be able to see beyond that and then start seeing what they need.

"The staff was very dedicated to Turning Point," she continued. "All of the staff—except myself, one WMS and the secretary—were recovering alcoholics. They worked well with our clients. You can't fool somebody who's been there."

"It was our rule that anyone who came to the door got in," she continued. "Clients were referred to us mostly by the hospital after they were seen in ER. They were intoxicated, wet and cold, and the hospital had no place to send them. Everyone got a bath and was tucked into bed."

"The jail did not want them; it's not set up to do detox," she noted. "You have to be able to monitor vital signs during detoxification. We gave clients meds prescribed by a doctor for detox, and if something came up that needed a doctor's attention, which it often did, we returned them to the hospital."

Buchanan described a woman who came to Turning Point intoxicated and was put in bed but sat up. "Her blood pressure kept going down, which is the opposite of what happens in the detox process, so I sent her to the hospital in an ambulance. She died. We learned she had been beaten a couple of days earlier and her bladder had ruptured, but she did not know that. She was in pain, so she drank and then she became septic."

"Intoxicated people often have other medical problems," she said. "They become sick with pneumonia, and too often they don't see beyond alcohol, and too often the hospital is focused on their alcoholism."

Marvin Poyourow, NSHC's clinical director of Behavioral Health Services with 25 years of experience at the corporation, describes Turning Point as a wonderful program that fortunately was run by a registered nurse. "There is always a danger for alcoholics of physiological reactions with abstinence," he noted. "Sue covered that end, made sure people were safe and sent them to the hospital if necessary. Turning Point was very sensitive to the psychological, social and economic needs of the client and tried to understand what support could be

built in for sobriety. I found that every person who went through detox at Turning Point had a plan or goal. I often referred people there or received clients from Turning Point. I was very unhappy to see it close."

Poyourow believes that Nome needs a facility that can provide residential treatment with a detoxification component. "We need it desperately," he said. "There is room to discuss what the [program] would look like. We lose so much: People get hurt, people get sick, people die, and it's related to addiction."

He agrees with the Norton Sound's CEO Lake that the hospital's growing number of alcohol-related visits strains its resources. "To his credit, he got concerned enough to throw the problem on the table," Poyourow said. In addition to picking up the slack for the Nome community, the hospital provides care for villagers who become inebriated in Nome, he noted.

Detoxification takes time

"Detoxification takes three to five days," Buchanan said. "Alcoholics build up a resistance to the drug and can be legally drunk and appear and function normally, so you have to get them below their maintenance level for complete withdrawal. Then you will see detox symptoms. The blood pressure goes up; the pulse can, too. There may be tremors, nervous agitation, pacing and in some cases hallucination. That needs monitoring. There is a chance that their blood pressure will get too high and they will have a heart attack. Or they may hurt themselves when they hallucinate. Withdrawal is traumatic. This is when they need help."

"A key point is that no treatment facility will take you unless you are stone-cold sober, and you've got a mile and a half to walk first," she noted. "Getting them to treatment is difficult. Alcoholism is a very different disease. A psychiatrist told me alcoholism, like many diseases, sometimes is terminal. A terminal alcoholic needs treatment the same as a terminal cancer patient. We can't just blow them off."

Buchanan described rules followed by Turning Point clients in a stepping stone process toward recovery. "At intake we said, 'We're glad you're here.' One detox visit planted



Photo by Tyler Rhodes

CARETAKER—Susan Buchanan tends to a guest at Raven Nest Boarding Kennel at her home in Banner Creek. For a couple of years she ran Nome's former detox center, Turning Point.

a tiny little seed in the bottom of the bottle. Whether or not it grew, they remembered. We planted the seed and had to step back and let it grow.

"During a second visit, clients watched one Alcoholics Anonymous video, and the third time they came they watched two AA videos," she said. "On their fourth visit, we sent them to an AA meeting. If they returned again we tried to get them into treatment. I sent clients all over the state to treatment centers."

Benefits of Turning Point

Buchanan listed some benefits of the Turning Point program for clients and the community. "It was a medically safe place to stay. There was never any violence. No one froze to death on the street while we were open. We cut down the number of intoxicated persons the police had to deal with. We obtained funding to open a place next to Builders Supply for recovering alcoholics to hang out and play games. We started six or seven Alcoholics Anonymous groups. To this day I see sober persons in Nome who were Turning Point clients."

She said a number of Turning Point clients who recovered left Nome and found a new environment helpful in staying sober. "Never once did any of our clients call me at home or come to my house," she added. "They had that much respect. They called me 'Mom.'"

In regard to the needs of Nome's current population of chronic inebriates, Buchanan says, "It's a problem that everybody would like to fix. It's basically finding someone who will actually step up and do it. It's not easy to love them, but if you tell them what you expect, they will do it."

Childhood dream fulfilled

"I passed a dog kennel as a little girl and thought I would like to run one," recalled Buchanan, who currently operates Raven Nest Boarding Kennel at her home in Banner Creek. "I decided I wanted to be a nurse when I was a teenager." Born and raised in Pueblo, Colo., she worked as an intensive care nurse at Denver General Hospital before moving to Nome in 1989. In the year before she retired from NSHC, she completed a veterinary technician training course by correspondence.

Buchanan's kennel was full during the holidays, with 20 dogs outside and five little ones (poodles, for instance) inside the house. She walks the small dogs four times a day and the large ones twice a day.

"We had a musk ox come into the dog lot last fall," she said. "My husband, Bill, shot a rifle in the air and the dumb thing just looked at us. Bells and whistles did not help. Our son, Doug, took a canoe and banged it till it went away. The dogs thought the musk ox was a big puppy."

Buchanan provides medical care to her borders if necessary. "A 14-year-old sled dog tried to die, but I would not let him" she said. "Dr. [Derrick] Leedy treated the dog and gave me medication for him. I gave the dog shots at home. I also mixed water with raw eggs and poured them into him. Now he's back pulling his owner on skis. He was just plain sick, not elderly and dying."

Buchanan clearly finds fulfillment in her whole-hearted commitment to the health and well-being of humans and critters alike. "Not many people can say they did the things they wanted to do most with their lives," she said.

Read a good book lately?

By Meghan Ten Eyck

When was the last time you visited Nome's Kegoayah Kozga library?

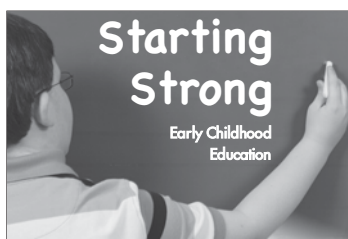
Maybe it was yesterday, last week, possibly even longer. I will admit that I have not made the time to read for enjoyment as much as I would have liked this past year. However, this Christmas break I took some time to relax and actually read for pleasure. I forgot how wonderful it was to get lost in a book!

My New Year's resolution is to read more literature. I would like to propose a similar resolution to everyone in Nome. I encourage and invite everyone to visit the local library at least once a month with their family. It's free, and the time spent there is 100 percent worth it.

Incorporating reading into your child's daily life is the first step on the road to success. One of the best ways to accomplish this is a trip to the library. To get the most out of the library, treat it like an adventure. Set up a time with the library staff to get a personal tour. Ask about any special programs, such as a preschool story hour.

Using a child's interests is another wonderful way to encourage reading. Before heading to the library, have you and your child pick a topic—such as dinosaurs, for example—you want to learn and read about. While you are there, go on a "book hunt" and find all the books on that topic.

All that is left to do is to choose a time during the day that can be dedicated to quality uninterrupted reading time with your child. To help engage them, ask questions before, during and after reading. This helps with comprehension, sequencing and predicting skills. Remember, that



even just 10 minutes of reading is better than an hour of TV.

There are so many benefits to reading together that it could fill a whole book.

Reading together can lead to further discussion, exploration and interest in learning. It also expands children's horizons and their imaginations by exposing them to new and different worlds. This also can lead to finding activities based on the book or topic. Check the back of books because sometimes there are suggested activities listed that you can do with your child.

Not only does reading together help strengthen the bond between you and your child; it helps create successful readers. Listening to stories helps young children develop rich language and vocabulary skills, which are particularly important when they begin to learn how to read.

I hope that everyone will join me in finding more time to incorporate reading into their family's lives. The library staff and/or your child's teacher would love to help you pick books that your child would enjoy.

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Meghan Ten Eyck is a kindergarten teacher at Nome Elementary School



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SETTING UP (above)—Rachael Bauman prepares to shoot Jan. 10 at a home game against Unalakleet. Bauman put up 14 points helping lead Nome to the win.

TRAFFIC (right)—Vanessa Tahbone slices and dices for the shot Friday night in the Nanook Den as the Nome girls rolled their way to a 54-26 win over the Wolfpack.



Nome tames the Wolfpack at home and abroad

Nome's boy and girl ballers both post back-to-back wins over Unalakleet last weekend

The Lady Nanook basketball team kept its record spotless with a pair of wins at home against Unalakleet last weekend. Their male counterparts also continued their dominance on the court, putting the Wolfpack on the ropes on their home court with two decisive wins.

In their 2009 home opener Jan. 9 the Nome-Beltz Lady Nanooks combined strong defense and solid rebounding to defeat the visiting Unalakleet Lady Wolfpack 54-26. Rachael Bauman and Richelle Horner led a balanced Nanook offensive attack with 14 points each. Vanessa Tahbone chipped in with 12 points, and Hilary Stiles added seven.

Unalakleet made the Lady Nanooks earn it Saturday night, with Nome pulling out a 42-40 win to keep their record untarnished at 5-0.

When the Nanook boys hit the court, the scorekeeper is bound to get a workout keeping pace with the action on the court. In Friday night's game in Unalakleet, Nome put up 40 points to the Wolfpack's six in the first quarter alone. Jesse Blandford scored 15 points in the first quarter, while Jeremy Head notched the same tally in just nine minutes of play. Nome won the game 79-32.

The Nanooks followed up on Saturday night by delivering another bruising with a final tally of 89-45. Blandford again wielded a hot hand, scoring 23 of his game-high 32 points in the first quarter. Head added 20 and Tim Sullivan put up 10 points. The win put Nome at 8-1 for the season.

Jan. 9
Lady Nanooks 54 — Unalakleet 26
Nome Boys 79 — Unalakleet 32

Jan. 10
Lady Nanooks 42 — Unalakleet 40
Nome Boys 89 — Unalakleet 45

Nome Subway Showdown

The Nome Subway Showdown tips off Jan. 15 at the Nome-Beltz gym.

Competing in the ladies' bracket are Nome, Valdez, Hooper Bay and Point Hope. Boys teams are Nome,

Valdez, Noorvik and Point Hope.

Nome's boys lead off the tournament playing Noorvik in the opening round Jan. 15 at 6 p.m. The Lady Nanooks face Valdez, a traditional powerhouse in Class 3A, Jan. 15. at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 15

3 p.m. — Point Hope vs Hooper Bay (GIRLS)
4:30 p.m. — Valdez vs Point Hope (BOYS)

6 p.m. — Nome vs Noorvik (BOYS)
7:30 p.m. — Nome vs Valdez (GIRLS)
Activity Bus from Beltz to town after the last game

Friday, Jan. 16

3 p.m. — Noorvik vs Valdez (BOYS)
4:30 p.m. — Valdez vs Point Hope (GIRLS)
6:00 p.m. — Nome vs Point Hope (BOYS)

7:30 p.m. — Nome vs Hooper Bay (GIRLS)
Activity Bus from Beltz to town after the last game

Saturday, Jan. 17

11 a.m. — Skills competition
2 p.m. — Hooper Bay vs Valdez (GIRLS)
3:30 p.m. — Noorvik vs Point Hope (BOYS)
5 p.m. — Nome vs Point Hope (GIRLS)

6:30 p.m. — Nome vs Valdez (BOYS)
Activity Bus from Beltz to town after the last game

On the horizon

The Lady Nanooks will host the Barrow Whalers Jan. 23-24. The boys will play in Barrow. Visit www.nomeschools.com/athletics to view the game schedule. Game schedule will be posted on the Monday prior to the games.



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All Around the Sound

New Arrivals

Margaret Saccheus and Fred Nagaruk of Elim announce the birth of their daughter **Bethany Madeline Nagaruk**, born November 12, 2008 at 1:12 p.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. She weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces and was 19 " in length. Her sister is Shyanne Louisa Saccheus, 20 months.

Alvina Amaktoolik and Cory Naulik Wells, Sr. of Nome announce the birth of their son **Cory Naulik Wells, Jr.**, born December 4, 2008 at 9:22 a.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. He weighed 8 pounds, 15 ounces, and was 20 " in length. Siblings are Anthony, Kaydin, Christopher and Taelyn Wells.

Joylynn Kugzruk and Kyle Komok of Teller announce the birth of their daughter **Talisa Margaret Komok**, born December 9, 2008 at 8:37 p.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. She weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces, and was 19" in length. Her maternal grandparents are Etta Kugzruk and Johnny Topkok, great grandparents Chester and Emma Topkok. Her paternal grandparents are Bill and Barbara Topsekok, and great grandma Thelma Komok. Aunts are Alisa, Karena, Krista, Maranda, Iris, Kaitlin and Maggie; Mari Rose. Uncles are Elliot, Matthew, Chester, and Brian. Cousins are Aiden, Desmond, Derek, Johanna, and Belinda.

Sean and Jovonna Bogart of



Theodore Augustus Bogart

Nome announce the birth of their son **Theodore Augustus Bogart**, born on December 13, 2008 at 1:18 a.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. He weighed 8 pounds, 6 ounces, and was 20" in length. Siblings are Danielle and Kenneth. Maternal grandparents are Kuni Ellanna-Muktoyuk and Harry Muktoyuk of Nome; and paternal grandparents are Bill Bogart of Bloomington, Minnesota; and Connie Campbell of South St. Paul, Minnesota.

Renee J. Brown and Irving M. Ashenfelter of White Mountain announce the birth of their daughter **Lana Carolyn Ashenfelter**, born

December 21, 2008 at 5:25 a.m. She weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces, and was 20" in length. Sibling: Tristan A. Ashenfelter, 3; maternal grandparents Charlie and Bernice Brown of Golovin; and paternal grandparents Willa Ashenfelter; and Mary Charles and Dean Pushruk of White Mountain.

Clara Mae Noyakuk and Arnold Royal Mueller, Jr. of Nome announce the birth of their daughter **Malissa Sage Noyakuk**, born December 15, 2008 at 10:41 p.m. She weighed 7 pounds, 14.2 ounces, and was 19 1/2" in length. Siblings: Marilyn Ann Helen Noyakuk, 17 months and happy to be a big sister; maternal grandparents: Mike Noyakuk of Teller, and Mary Noyakuk of Nome; and paternal grandma Gwen Mueller of Nome.

Amanda L. Olanna and Andrew J. Ningealook of Shishmaref announce the birth of their son **Trent Ryan James Ningealook**, born December 23, 2008 at 2:38 p.m. He weighed 7 pounds, 13.6 ounces and was 20" in length. Maternal grandparents Elton Olanna Sr. of Brevig Mission; and Mary Noyakuk of Nome; and paternal grandparents Fred and Frieda Eningowuk of Shishmaref.

Bonnie M. Martin and Kevin D. Tom, Sr. of Stebbins announce the birth of their son **Oswald John Bert Tom**, born December 27, 2008 at 10:34 a.m. He weighed 9 pounds, 7.6 ounces, and was 21 " in length. Siblings: Imagin, 6; Kevin Jr., 5; Kibbie Theresa, 3; and Mikhale, 1. Maternal grandparents: the late John and Theresa Martin of Stebbins; and paternal grandparents Raphael and Virginia Tom of Stebbins.

Richard and Thiry Titus of White Mountain proudly introduce their son, **Reese Hunter**, who was born Dec. 10, 2008 at Mt. Carmel hospital in Colville, Washington. He weighed 9 pounds, 7 ounces and was 22 inches long. Sisters Acacia, 7, and Cecelia, 5, welcomed him home. Grandparents are Jake and RoseAnn Titus, and great-grandpa Guy Ione,



Reese Hunter

Sr. of White Mountain; and Doug and Brenda Kellogg, and great-grandma Rose Kidwell of Republic, Washington.

Kacey S. Okbaok of Teller announces the birth of her son and that

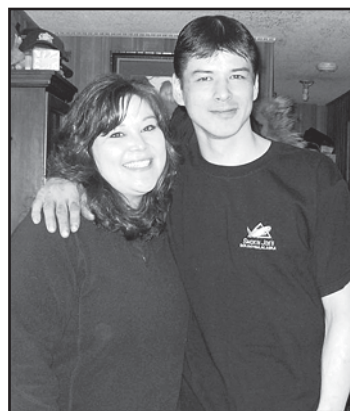
of the late Galen B. Pushruk, **Galen Bradley Katwena Pushruk**, born January 2, 2009 at 8:45 p.m. He weighed 7 pounds, 3.8 ounces and was 20" in length. Maternal grandparents are Wes Okbaok and Rose Thomas of Teller; and paternal grandparents are Rebecca Pushruk of Nome, and the late Patrick "Rudy" Pushruk.

Cheri J. Apangalook and William C. Iyakitan of Gambell announce the birth of their daughter **Carl Jessa Apangalook**, born January 3, 2009 at 8:23 a.m. She weighed 6 pounds, 13 ounces, and was 19" in length. Her sister is De'Lainie Vivian-Layla Apangalook. Maternal grandparents are Preston and Alvina Apangalook of Gambell. Paternal grandparents are Ruth and Lewis Iyakitan of Gambell.

Laura M.J. Toolie and Seth H. Rookok of Savoonga announce the birth of their daughter **Ileah Grace Toolie-Rookok**, born January 3, 2009 at 12:32 p.m. She weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces, and was 19" in length. Her sister is Angel Rein Toolie, 4. Maternal grandparents are Esther and Herman Toolie of Savoonga. Paternal grandparents are Sheryl and Clyde Rookok of Savoonga.

Engaged

Carl and Clara Langton of Sutherlin, Oregon are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Wendie to Stephen Schaeffer, son of Roswell, Sr. and Millie Schaeffer of Kotzebue. Stephen and Wendie were engaged in November 2008 and plan to marry in July 2009 in Kotzebue.



ENGAGED—Wendie Langton and Stephen Schaeffer.

Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium elects new chairman and president

The Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC) board of directors has selected Andy Teuber of Kodiak as its chairman and president. Teuber is president and chief executive officer (CEO) of the Kodiak Area Native Association (KANA), a post he has held since May 2006.

ANTHC and board member Ray

Alstrom welcomed Teuber as Consortium chairman and president. "With his leadership, and the leadership of all the board members, we will continue to improve patient care services for all our Native people," said Alstrom. "Andy has a difficult task ahead of him during these hard times, but with his strong leadership and fortitude, we shall prevail."

Noting that Teuber has served at the local, regional, and statewide level in tribal, non-profit, and for-profit organizations, board member Bernice Kaigelak said, ".....Andy brings a wealth of knowledge in finance and a fresh look in leadership."

Board member Charles Clement said, "Mr. Teuber's new perspective, energy, and leadership are a welcome addition in addressing the challenges and opportunities facing the Consortium."

Among his priorities, Teuber considers the support he can offer to eradicate child sexual abuse in Alaska to be his most important contribution.

Merger

NWC (U.S.) Holdings Inc., its wholly owned subsidiaries of Alaska Commercial Company, Cost-U-Less, Inc. and Span Alaska Enterprises,

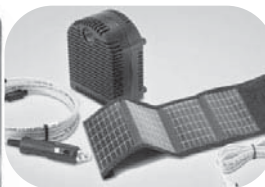
Inc. merged effective December 31, 2008. The merged companies are to operate under the name The North West Company (International) Inc.

NWC (U.S.) Holding Inc. is a subsidiary of the North West Company Fund, which is a leading retailer of food and everyday products and services to rural communities and urban neighbourhoods in Canada, Alaska, the South Pacific and the Caribbean. It's expansion with the December 2007 purchase of Cost-U-Less, Inc. and March 2008 purchase of Span Alaska Enterprises, Inc. results in 222 stores operating under the trading names of Northern, NorthMart, Giant Tiger, AC Value Center and Cost-U-Less and has annualized sales of approximately CDN \$1.3 billion. Further information on the North West Company including audit consolidated financial statements are available on the Company's website at www.northwest.ca or www.sedar.com a site that Canadian securities regulatory authorities require for mandatory filings for publicly traded companies.

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January 15 - 21, 2009

CAPRICORN
Drama, drama, drama. You cannot escape it this week, Capricorn. Cope the best you can and take comfort in an unusual source. Your financial picture begins to shape up.

AQUARIUS
Move over, Aquarius, and let someone else take center stage at a family event. It's their turn to shine. A frank discussion with a friend ends well.

PISCES
Testing, Pisces, testing. A youngster tries your patience repeatedly. Be polite but firm with them. They may be just vying for some attention. The path to a solution at work takes shape.

ARIES
Don't make mountains out of molehills, Aries. Accept a situation for what it is and move on. You've got bigger fish to fry. A neighbor makes a deal with you.

TAURUS
This is not the time for wishful thinking, Taurus. Action is required. If you don't step up to the plate, no one else will. A financial endeavor pans out.

GEMINI
Surely, Gemini, you have more to say than you are letting on. Say your peace and let the healing begin. A romantic gesture ends the week on a high note.

CANCER
Golly, Cancer, you go all out for a family event, and lo and behold, people take notice. The accolades are all yours. A friend is in low spirits and could use a boost.

LEO
This is your lucky week, Leo. You are consistently in the right place at the right time. A real estate venture goes well for an acquaintance. Invite them over for a little celebration.

VIRGO
Don't put off tomorrow what you can do today, Virgo. The resources are at hand. A mystery at work compounds. Be patient. All will be revealed in good time.

LIBRA
Livid, Libra. That's what a young friend is feeling, and it's up to you to find out why and set them straight. Excitement at home hits a fever pitch.

SCORPIO
Come on, Scorpio. You've got what it takes, so go for it. Pursue that project with all of your might and let your talents shine. It could just be the start of a new you.

SAGITTARIUS
Sleep, sleep, sleep. You are sorely lacking in that department, Sagittarius. Stop avoiding the source of the problem. Face it, fix it and sweet dreams will come.

Obituaries



Lyle Okinello

In Loving Memory ~Lyle Edwin Okinello~

Lyle Edwin Okinello was born on November 13, 1968 to Martha Okinello in Nome. Lyle died and went to be with the Lord on January 4, 2009 in Nome.

Lyle attended school in Nome graduating from Nome-Beltz High School with the class of 1987. He was on the junior high basketball team. In his youth, he loved playing softball, Eskimo baseball, dice, and riding snowmachines and motorcycles. He also enjoyed carving ivory.

Lyle worked as a day laborer throughout his life. He worked for Wiley Scott, Reindeer Plant, Glue Pot, Stop Shop & Save, Hanson's Trading Company, and for the Unalakleet Covenant Bible Camp.

In recent years, Lyle often dropped by the Covenant Church Soup Kitchen for a bowl of hot soup, to sing, and to reminisce about the past. The last song he requested was "Amazing Grace."

Lyle was closest with his older brother Kevin. He treasured spending time with his nieces, nephews, and family. His family said: "Lyle was a kind, loving, gentle man. Despite his struggles with health issues and his long struggle with alcohol, he always had an upbeat attitude. Lyle had a wonderful sense of humor. He didn't have a mean bone in his body. We all will miss him."

Lyle is survived by his mother, Martha Richards of Anchorage; brother, Richard Okinello and wife Laura of Nome; brother, Kevin Okinello and wife Leiani of Anchorage; nieces, Dena and Rachel; and

nephew, Christopher. He considered niece and nephews, Ida Brown, Tim Brown, and Kenneth Smith. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Peter and Daisy Okinello; and aunt, Jeannie Hong.

Lyle will be remembered as a kind, heartfelt, gentle and a giving soul. He was quick to lend a helping hand, laugh and always found humor in everything. His constant smile will never be forgotten.

Caroline Saak Tocktoo September 18, 2008 – January 3, 2009

Caroline Saak Tocktoo is survived by her father and mother Edward and Darla, and brothers Arnold, Phillip, and Lance, her grandmother Lenora; grandfather Elmer Jr. and Nana Candy; uncle Elmer III and cousin Jayden; uncle Jeremy; auntie Shauna (Reuben) and cousins Ida and Destiny; and auntie Sara and cousins Scott and Brady; and many great aunts and uncles; grandfather Clarence Tocktoo; uncle Stan (Kara) and cousins Harvey and Grace; auntie Karen (David) and cousins Mickey, Kris, and Sam; uncle Archie (Kathy) and cousins Pamela, Tamara, Nicholas, and Katelynn; uncle Ernie and cousins Mamie, Esau, and Kennedrick; auntie Lisa (Ken) and cousins Gabriel, Sarah, Timary, and Timothy; and "auntie" Teresa Stenek.

She is preceded in death by great grandma Caroline, grandfather Ward, great grandma Molly and great grandpa Elmer Seetot Sr., great grandmother Signa Kokeok, grandma Sarah Tocktoo, and first Karen Kokeok.

Lola NiyiaqsaanNniq Avessuk

Lola NiyiaqsaanNniq Avessuk, 87, went to be with her Lord Jesus on December 10, 2008 at Providence Hospital after a stroke. Gram was born July 5, 1921 to Thomas and Mattie Okpowruk and spent all her life in Shishmaref. Gram had a strong spiritual faith and often recited her favorite Bible verse John 14:6; "I am the way, the truth and the

life, he who abides in me shall never abide in darkness." She was a loving and giving person, providing spiritual help in prayer to whomever in need. She grew up in the true subsistence way of life. She picked whatever grows in season, spending the summer working on ugruk to store away for winter use. She was gifted in skin sewing, especially making parkies, slippers, and mukluks.

She walked long distances with her brother Charley and sister Edith while picking berries and moose hunting. She is on her final journey, the very best walking journey of her entire life to her new home. She said she would someday go to her new housing. We praise and thank the Lord for having her for a long time, which in essence seems to be so short.

She was preceded in death by her parents Thomas and Mattie Okpowruk, her beloved husband Fred Avessuk, brothers Wilson and his wife Reila and Charley, her daughter Nellie Eningowuk, granddaughter Catherine Eningowuk, first grandson Thomas Ahgupuk, great-granddaughter Mercedes Shyanne Elsie Nugalaq Olanna, son-in-laws Henry Ahgupuk and Richard Merrill, niece Faye Lucio.

She is survived by her daughter Georgianna Merrill (companion Fred Goodhope, Jr.) and grandchildren Alfred Charlie, Wilsa, Mattie, Irene, Thomas Ahgupuk, Debra Murphy and son Authur, and David Murphy, great-grandsons Henry, Ned and Alex, great-granddaughter Jezebel "Bella" Olanna, sister Edith Okpowruk, niece Mina (Reuben) Weyiouanna, great nieces and nephews Jason (Annie) and their son Luke; Nathan, Mattie (Norman) and their children Charley Richard, Madison and Roxanne; Ruth Bessie (Jared) and their children Katie and Gavin Jack; nephews and nieces Joshua Okpowruk (Marlene) of Wainwright, Frances (Willie), Wilson Okpowruk Jr., Gideon Okpowruk, Sally Mattie, Eva Hannah, all of Shishmaref; Melissa Lucio, her daughter Deandra and Poncho Lucio of Anchorage, son-in-law Delbert Eningowuk, grandchildren Wayne (Sylvia) Eningowuk of Nome, great-grandson, Dennis; Betty Bullard of Anchorage and her daughters Xyanna and Oberon,

great-grandchildren Damien and Aayzah; Fred (Frieda) Eningowuk and great-grandchildren Andrew Jack, Dolly, Jackie Marie, Darryl, Nellie, Hattie; Katherine Eningowuk (Dan Sanchez) of Soldotna, great-grandchildren Alexandra Taylor of Anchorage, Antonio Sanchez of Soldotna; Joseph (Rita) Eningowuk of Shishmaref and great-grandchildren Thomas, Vanessa, Herbert Barr, Christine Attatatak, and great-granddaughters Alice and

Larissa; Ruby (Bill) Jones of Shishmaref and great-grandchildren Mina Eningowuk, Bill Jones Jr., Henry Jones and great-granddaughter Amy Sherice Eningowuk, and great-granddaughter Kelly Eningowuk (Mike Kompkoff) of Anchorage. She had numerous relatives on Fred Avessuk's side and regarded them as her own immediate family.

Statewide premiere of KUAC documentary:

Mr. Alaska: Bob Bartlett goes to Washington debut coincides with celebration of 50 years as a state

Fairbanks, AK – With his horn-rimmed spectacles and plain speech, Edward Lewis "Bob" Bartlett was Alaska's face in Washington for two decades. His story has largely been forgotten, until now.

A new documentary from KUAC public television in Fairbanks explores the life and times of Bob Bartlett and celebrates his role in the creation of the 49th state. *Mr. Alaska: Bob Bartlett Goes to Washington* premieres on public television stations statewide January 29th.

The documentary continues the narrative begun with KUAC's Emmy-winning production of *The 49th Star*, which chronicles Alaska's groundbreaking constitution and the grassroots efforts that led to Alaska becoming one of the United States of America. The program is funded by a wide range of sponsors, including New York Life, the Fairbanks Memorial Hospital and UA Eight Stars of Gold.

"KUAC is proud to produce this next chapter in the story of statehood and to once again be a part of Alaska history curricula throughout the state," said Claudia Clark, Executive Producer and KUAC Director of Programming and Production.

From his roots as a small-town reporter and gold miner to his position as Alaska's Territorial Delegate, Bob Bartlett left a legacy matched by few; he helped create the very state he served, changing the features of both the American flag and the country. Clark said it's an honor to be trusted with telling Bob Bartlett's story. "We're privileged to offer a chance for viewers to hear directly from many of the people who played key roles in Alaska's successful bid for statehood."

Spanning gold stampedes, the state's territorial days and even two World Wars, Bob Bartlett's story reflects the rapid changes that shaped the 49th state during the previous century. KUAC's documentary *Mr. Alaska: Bob Bartlett Goes to Washington* will air on the state's public television stations on Thursday, January 29, 2009 at 9 p.m. as Alaskans begin the yearlong celebration of the 50th anniversary of

Church Services Directory

Bible Baptist Church Service Schedule, 443-2144
Sunday School 10 a.m./Worship Hour 11 a.m.

Community Baptist Church-SBC
108 West Third, 443-5448

Small Group Bible Study 10 a.m.
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2nd Ave. West, 443-2865

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Wednesday: Youth Group 7 p.m. (call 443-7218 for location)

Friday: Community Soup Kitchen 6 - 7 p.m.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

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Sunday School 10:30 a.m./Morning Worship 11 a.m.

River of Life Assembly of God, 443-5333

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Sunday Evening Worship 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday Night Service 6:30 p.m.

St. Joseph Catholic Church, 443-5527

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Saturday Morning Worship 11 a.m.

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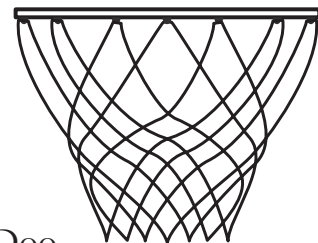
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Division: Administration
Department: Accounting
Job Title: Accountant
Position Status: Regular, full time non-
exempt
Pay Scale: 15-16-17 (\$26.31- \$34.33) DOE 2009
salary schedule
Report to: CFO
Qualification: BA or Accounting or related field,
plus two years supervisory work experience in the
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ment
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REPORTS TO: CPD Program Director
QUALIFICATIONS:
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Trooper Beat

On December 23, 2008 at approximately 9:45
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due motorist with three minor passengers that left
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team was sent out and located the truck and its
four occupants at approximately 11:30 p.m., at 15
mile Kougarok Road. The truck had been stuck in
a snowdrift for approximately six hours and the oc-
cupants did not have any winter gear. No injuries
were reported. Nome AST would like to thank the
Nome Volunteer Fire Department for their quick
response that resulted in locating the juvenile
driver and his youth passengers. AST would re-
mind drivers to be prepared for emergencies dur-
ing the winter months and have winter gear
available in the case of a break down or other
emergency.

On January 3, 2009, at about 3:00 p.m., White
Mountain VPSO Dan Harrelson arrested a 16-
year-old male juvenile on a Nome Court arrest
warrant requested by the Nome Youth Facility.
The juvenile was transported without incident to
Nome where he was detained at the Nome Youth
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On January 3, Alaska Wildlife Troopers issued
a citation to Matthew Slingsby, of Nome, for taking
a cow musk ox with a RX099 Permit, which al-
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Seawall

1/5
Isaac Thompson, DOB: 3/12/88 received a ci-
tation for expired registration.
A Little Diomedea male was transported to the
hospital on a Title 47 Protective Custody Hold.
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hospital on a Title 47 Protective Custody Hold.
A Nome juvenile female was transported to the
hospital on a Title 47 Protective Custody Hold.
1/6 Loretta Good, DOB: 2/6/63 was arrested
and booked into AMCC for Violating Conditions of
Probation.
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Gene Oxereok, DOB: 1/26/52 was arrested
and booked into AMCC for Assault in the 3rd De-
gree.
Justine Ahnangnatoguk, DOB: 5/24/75 was ar-
rested and booked into AMCC Violating Condi-
tions of Probation.
1/8 A Teller female was transported to the hos-
pital on a Title 47 Protective Custody Hold.
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Marsha Lee, DOB: 7/5/72 was arrested and
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Legals

Public Notice
The following described vehicle has been abandoned on my property for in excess of six months: 1981 KENW TR BLU VIN#1XKWD29X6BS189131.
I intend to file a claim of ownership with the Alaska Division of Motor Vehicles within 30 days under the provisions of AS 28.11.025.
Fred H. Moody
P.O. Box 298
Nome, AK 99762
12/18-25-1/8-15

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Land Management**
F-21981, F-22009, F-22890, F-22894, F-22892, F-22874, F-22870, F-22873, F-22865, F-22866, F-22867, F-22877

Alaska Native Claims Selection
ACTION: Notice of decision approving lands for conveyance
SUMMARY: As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that an appealable decision approving lands for conveyance pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act will be issued to Bering Straits Native Corporation for lands located in the vicinity of Council and Elim, Alaska. Notice of the decision was published in the Federal Register on December 23, 2008.
DATES: The time limits for filing an appeal are:
1. Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision shall have until January 22, 2009 to file an appeal.
2. Parties receiving service of the decision by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal.
Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR Part 4, Subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.
ADDRESS: A copy of the decision may be obtained from:
Bureau of Land Management
Alaska State Office
222 West Seventh Avenue, #13
Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7504

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bation.
A Nome female was transported to the hospital on a Title 47 Protective Custody Hold.
Richard Pyles, DOB: 9/16/62 was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault in the 4th Degree Domestic Violence.
A Nome female was transported to the hospital on a Title 47 Protective Custody Hold.
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Alexandria Okpealuk, DOB: 10/20/85 was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation, Providing False Information and Resisting Arrest.
A Nome male was transported to the hospital on a Title 47 Protective Custody Hold.
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A Nome male was transported to the hospital on a Title 47 Protective Custody Hold.



Did you get that million dollar shot?

Sorry, no prizes awarded, but we will publish your name. You will be a published photographer!

Send your photos (in jpeg format) to photos@nomenugget.com or mail to your negs or photo print to **The Nome Nugget Pouch 610 Nome, AK 99762.**

(Please give us a brief description of who, what, when and where your photo was taken.)

If you have questions call **(907) 443-5235.**

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:
The Bureau of Land Management by phone at **907-271-5960**, or by e-mail at ak.blm.conveyance@ak.blm.gov.
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME
In the Matter of the Estate of
DAVID A. BERGSRUD,
Case No. 2NO-08-49 PR
Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, Brenda L. Bergsrud, has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-captioned Estate.
All persons having claims against said Estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred. All claims should be presented to the office of HUGHES PFIFFNER GORSKI SEEDORF & ODSSEN, LLC, 3900 C Street, Suite 1001, Anchorage, Alaska 99503, which place has been selected by the Personal Representative as the place for transaction of business of said Estate, within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice
DATED at Anchorage, Alaska, this 30th day of January, 2009.
HUGHES PFIFFNER GORSKI SEEDORF & ODSSEN, LLC
Attorneys for Brenda Bergsrud
By: /S/ Timothy R. Byrnes
ABA No. 7710103
1/8-15-22

NOTICE OF DEFAULT – SALE OF REAL PROPERTY
A foreclosure sale will be held **February 24, 2009, at 10:00 a.m.** in the main lobby of the Kotzebue Courthouse, 605 3rd Ave., Kotzebue, AK, of the Deed of Trust recorded December 15, 1997, in Book 51, Page 46, Kotzebue Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska, as a lien against real property described as: Lot One (1), Block Two (2), SWAN LAKE SUBDIVISION, U.S. Survey Number 2645, Tract 9, according to the plat filed July 2, 1975 as Plat Number 75-1; Records of the Kotzebue Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska; which has a street address of 633 Wolverine Drive, Kotzebue, AK 99752. Trustructors/Record Owners Edmond W. Geffe and Ethel S. Geffe, husband and wife, have breached the obligation for which the Deed of Trust is security: failure to make payments when due under the Deed of Trust. Present Beneficiary, Alaska Housing Finance Corporation, by Assignment recorded December 15, 1997 in Book 51, Page 54, is owed the principal amount of \$72,129.54 plus interest from April 1, 2008 at the rate of 6.625% per annum, plus costs, fees, and other charges incurred or advanced there- after. The Trustee elects to sell the property and to apply the proceeds against the obligation. Trustee reserves the right to postpone the sale, set a minimum bid, submit an offset bid, and establish other bidding procedures at the sale. Questions should be directed to the Law Offices of GROH EGGERS, LLC, 2600 Cordova Street, Suite 110, Anchorage, AK 99503, phone (907) 562-6474.
Fairbanks Title Agency, Trustee
Dated: 11/3/08
By: Denise Goss – President
1/8-15-22-29

**CITY OF NOME
PUBLIC NOTICE**
O-09-01-01 An Ordinance Amending the City of Nome FY 2009 General Fund Municipal Budget
O-09-01-02 An Ordinance Amending the City of Nome FY 2009 Capital Projects Fund
Budget
O-09-01-03 An Ordinance Amending the City of Nome FY 2009 Special Revenue Fund Budget
O-09-01-04 An Ordinance Amending the City of Nome FY 2009 Port of Nome Fund Budget
O-09-01-05 An Ordinance Amending the City of Nome FY 2009 Construction Capital Projects Fund Budget
These ordinances had first reading at the regular meeting of the Nome City Council on January 12, 2009 at 7:30 PM and were passed to second reading, public hearing and final passage at a regular meeting of the Council scheduled for **January 26th at 7:30 PM** in City Council Chambers of City Hall located at 102 Division Street. Copies of the ordinances are available in the office of the City Clerk.
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The Nome National Forest is calling all Christmas trees to join in and make this year’s forest the best ever!

Call Connie Madden @ 443-2620. Trees may be dropped off at Connie’s house on First Avenue (next door to Outfitter’s). Anyone willing to help please pick-up discarded trees and deliver to Connie’s.

A Nome male was transported to the hospital on a Title 47 Protective Custody Hold.

Notice of Annual Meeting

Mary’s Igloo Native Corporation

Mary’s Igloo Native Corporation (MINC) Annual Meeting will be held on Feb. 07, 2009 in Teller Alaska at the Teller Ctiy Hall at 1 p.m. All Shareholders are urged to attend.

Refreshments and door prizes will be provided during the Election of Directors. If you have any questions or concerns contact the MINC office at **(907)642-2308** or Fax **(907)642-2039** office hours are as follows: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. (noon) and 1 p.m - 5 p.m. Monday - Friday. Please return the Nomination form by Jan. 21, 2009 if interested to run as a Board of Director for MINC.

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Public Information Notice

Senior Citizen/Disabled Veteran Property Tax Exemption application deadline and qualifications:

The applications **MUST** be filed annually with the City Clerk and are due by Feb. 2, 2009. All homeowners 65 and older by 12/31/08 and widows or widowers over 60 of previously qualified applicants are eligible to apply.

The 2009 application forms are available online at **www.nomealaska.org** or by request from the City Clerks office by calling **443-6612**. Applications must be returned by Feb. 2, 2009.

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

NSHC Board of Directors meeting at the Pioneer Hall located at 110 Front Street in Nome, AK

The Norton Sound Health Corporation (NSHC) Board of Directors is scheduled to meet January 19-21, 2009 at the Pioneer Hall located on **110 Front Street in Nome, Alaska** beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Portions of the meeting may be conducted in executive session. The public is invited to attend the meeting. Testimony from the public maybe limited. Members of the public wishing to receive information or a copy of the agenda may contact the Administration Office at **(907) 443-3226** as soon as possible, but no later than 24 hours before the meeting so that arrangements may be made.

If you are a person with a disability who may need a special accommodation in order to participate in the meeting, please contact **(907) 443-3226** as soon as possible, but no later than three days before the meeting to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

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Sitnasuak Native Corporation

Shareholder Notice

36th Annual Shareholders Meeting
Saturday May 9, 2009, • 10:00 a.m.
Mini-Convention Center • Nome, AK

BUSINESS CONDUCTED WILL INCLUDE:

- Election of four (4) Directors for three year term
- Approval of the Independent Auditor
- Other shareholder business

SOLICITATION OF CANDIDATES FOR BOARD POSTIONS

- Written Letter of Candidacy and Nominee Information Questionnaire
- Canidates must be 19 years old or older by filing date.

MUST BE RECEIVED BY **February 8, 2009 by 5:00 p.m.**

SHAREHOLDER PROPOSAL
A proposal form (fee & signature requirements) will be provided, please contact the Sitnasuak Native Corporation Office **907-443-2632** or **877-443-2632 (toll free)**

MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE CORPORATION OFFICE ON OR BEFORE **February 8, 2009 by 5:00 p.m.**

For more information write or call:

Sitnasuak Native Corporation
P.O. Box 905
Nome, Alaska 99762
907-443-2632 or 877-443-2632 (toll free)

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Chairman Dan Harrelson has set the dates for NSED’s 4th Quarter meetings. Please see the schedule below for locations and times.

Meeting	Location	Time
January 26, 2009 Executive Committee	BSNC Board rm.	2:00 p.m.
January 27, 2009 Rules & Bylaws Scholarship Committee Finance Committee	BSNC Board rm. BSNC Board rm. BSNC Board rm.	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m.
January 28, 2009 NSSP Working Group Fisheries Development Committee	BSNC Board rm. BSNC Board rm.	1:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m.
January 29, 2009 Board of Director’s Meeting	BSNC Board rm.	9:00 a.m.
January 30, 2009 Board of Director’s Meeting	BSNC Board rm.	9:00 a.m.

Portions of these meetings may be held in Executive session to conduct confidential business of the organization.

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try to tease them lovingly, that they fight you the way they know how, like saying no. The reason for that is they can see, through their mind's eye, that there is no honest love when you try to tease them lovingly.

All children are innocent. It is us adults who instill this badness in them. So saying this or that child is bad, in essence, is a lie in itself. It is us adults who must put a stop to this badness. It starts within yourself. It is then and only then that you will be able to show this honest love to the

toddlers that are not your own. That is why Jesus said, "The children are suffering. Let them come to me so that I may teach them." He was always teaching about love before the elite, the ones in power, murdered him.

We all, each one of you, have a purpose in life. That purpose is to value creation. There are two pillars or two guiders of life, that stop our minds from becoming this value creator. Those two guiders are religion and big government. For three thousand plus years they have ruled over the people. Religion uses fear to con-

trol your mind. Believe in my god or burn in firey hell for all eternity. Big government uses force to control you. Pay your taxes or go to jail. They do not want you to honestly and purely love yourselves as the toddlers do, because if you did, you would not need a leader. You would be a self leader and they would be out of jobs. The forces of nature are very powerful. They use those forces to control you. Like the pack of wolves that go after the old and sick, because they are the easiest to catch. We tend to do things that are easiest. We have to learn to get out of our

comfort zone in order to break out of their control.

The first step is to relearn to love (y)ourselves. Because honesty requires love, start from there. Stop yourself when you catch yourself starting to lie. The universe is endless, it goes on forever and ever, so there are endless things to invent, to create. Human beings are happiest when creating values. You can start by creating a loving home.

Jesus, Mohammad, Buddha and all the Sons of God were always teaching about love. All they were saying was, if you find this love I

speak of, you will also be able to do the things you see me doing. So I'd like to suggest that we all make a New Year's resolution to seek this childlike love of self and when we find it, like them, we will be able to do great things, like create our own heaven here on earth.

With love and honesty,
Warren S. Rock
Brevig Mission, Alaska 99785

Court

Week ending 1/9
Civil

State of Alaska, Dept of Revenue, CSSD vs. Raymond, Charles D.; Petition for Order re PFD or Native Dividend
State of Alaska, Dept of Revenue, CSSD vs. Sampson, Isaac M.; Petition for Order re PFD or Native Dividend
Alaska Logistics LLC vs. Brock, Steve; Debt - District Court
State of Alaska, Dept of Revenue, CSSD vs. Seppilu, Duane R.; Petition for Order re PFD or Native Dividend

Small Claims

No Small Claims on file

Week ending 1/9

State of Alaska v. Peggy Ann Olanna (6/11/71); Order Suspending Imposition of Sentence and Providing for Probation; Count 1: Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance 4*; Date of offense: 3/10/08; Defendant came before the court 1/6/09, with counsel, Michele Murphy, Public Defender, and the DA present; It appearing to the satisfaction of this court that the ends of justice and the best interest of the public, as well as the defendant, will be served thereby, IT IS ORDERED that the sentencing of the defendant is suspended for a period of two (2) years and the defendant is placed on probation to the DOC under the conditions of probation listed below; Police Training Surcharge: Pay to court within 10 days: \$100 through Nome Trial Courts; Initial Jail Surcharge: Defendant was arrested and taken to a correctional facility and is being sentenced to serve a term of imprisonment; Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that defendant immediately pay a correctional facilities surcharge of \$100 to the Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage; Second Jail Surcharge: IT IS ORDERED that the defendant pay a correctional facilities surcharge of \$100 if defendant's probation is revoked and, in connection with the revocation, defendant is arrested and taken to a correctional facility or jail time is ordered served; AS 12.55.041(c); Special Condition of Probation – Imprisonment: Shall serve the following term of imprisonment: 30 days; Shall remand herself to the Nome Trial Court by 1:30 p.m. on 1/7/09 for transport to AMCC by AST; Pending reporting to serve this term of imprisonment, defendant remains subject to the Conditions of Release entered on 3/10/08; IT IS RECOMMENDED that defendant serve this term of imprisonment at the Seaside Center; General and Other Special Conditions of Probation set, as stated in order; Probation expires 1/6/11; Any appearance or performance bond in this case: is exonerated when defendant reports as ordered to jail to serve the term of imprisonment.

State of Alaska v. Dustin Giffin (11/6/89); 2NO-07-921CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4* on Police Officer; Charge 002: Resisting Arrest; Filed by the DAs Office 1/2/09.

State of Alaska v. Dustin Giffin (11/6/89); 2NO-07-925CR Amended Order Suspending Imposition of Sentence and Providing for Probation; Count II: Burglary 2*; Date of offense: 12/5/07; The following charge was dismissed by the Prosecutor for the SOA: Count I: Burglary 1*; Date of offense: 12/5/07; Defendant came before the court 1/2/09, with counsel, Michele Murphy, Public Defender, and the DA present; It appearing to the satisfaction of this court that the ends of justice and the best interest of the public, as well as the defendant, will be served thereby, IT IS ORDERED that the sentencing of the defendant is suspended for a period of three (3) years and the defendant is placed on probation to the DOC under the conditions of probation listed below; This 3 year Suspended Imposition of Sentence shall begin after release in Case 2NO-08-471CR; IT IS ORDERED that the defendant pay a correctional facilities surcharge of \$100 if defendant's probation is revoked and, in connection with the revocation, defendant is arrested and taken to a correctional facility or jail time is ordered served; AS 12.55.041(c); General and Other Special Conditions of Probation set, as stated in order; Probation expires 1/2/12; Any appearance or performance bond in this case: is exonerated.

State of Alaska v. Dustin Giffin (11/6/89); 2NO-07-925CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Burglary 1*; Filed by the DAs Office 1/2/09.

State of Alaska v. Dustin Giffin (11/6/89); 2NO-08-471CR Judgment and Commitment; Count 001: Burglary 1 - In A Dwelling; Date of offense: 7/6/08; The following charges were dismissed: Count 002: Theft 2-Value \$500-\$24,999; Date of offense: 7/6/08; Count 003: Theft 3 – Value \$50-\$499; Date of offense: 7/6/08; Count 004: Violate Condition of Release For Felony; Date of offense: 7/7/08; Count 005: Controlled Substance 6-Displ/poss any amt VIA; Date of offense: 7/7/08; Defendant came before court on 1/2/09, with counsel, Michele Murphy, Public Defender, and the DA present; 001: 3 years, 0 days suspended; Credited for time already served in this case; Police Training Surcharge: pay to the court within 10 days: \$100 through Nome Trial Courts; Jail Surcharge: pay correctional facilities surcharge of \$100 to the Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage; Restitution: pay restitution as follows: Restitution Recipients: Linda Ellis, Amount: \$2,000; Payments must be made to the Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage; The court will also accept payments; Restitution is due immediately for civil execution purposes, unless the defendant establishes a payment schedule with the Department of Law Collections Unit or, in municipal cases, with the court; If the defendant misses any required payment, the total unpaid amount becomes immediately due and civil execution may begin; Interest will accrue on the principal amount of restitution due at the rate provided in AS 09.30.070(a), currently 3.50% from: the date of this judgment (1/2/09); Defendant is ordered to apply for an Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend every year in which defendant is a resident eligible for a dividend until the restitution is paid in full; IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED that defendant serve this term of incarceration at the Youth Offender Program at Spring Creek Correctional Center; Any appearance or performance bond in this case: is exonerated.

State of Alaska v. Dustin Giffin (11/6/89); 2NO-08-471CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 002: Theft II; Charge 003: Theft III; Charge 004: VOCR; Charge 005: MICS VI; Filed by the DAs Office 1/2/09.

State of Alaska v. Kevin Kava (12/21/65); 2NO-07-298CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110064888; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to: 1/5/10; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 120 days, remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Kevin Kava (12/21/65); 2NO-08-818CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4*; Filed by the DAs Office 1/5/09.

State of Alaska v. Mary L. Iyakitan (4/17/90); 2NO-08-537CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110826099; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation are as follows: Shall not consume inhalants, or possess or consume controlled substances or alcohol beverages; Shall surrender any license/permit, show proof of community work service in case 2NO-08-844CR; Shall submit to warrantless breath test at the request of peace officer and may be arrested without a warrant for probation violation; Shall contact Norton Sound Behavioral Health Service/Village Based Counselor by 1/31/09, and shall be evaluated, pay for, and successfully complete any recommended alcohol education or treatment program(s); Probation extended to 4/17/11.

State of Alaska v. Mary Iyakitan (4/17/90); 2NO-08-844CR Count 1: Ha-

bitual Minor Consuming or in Possession or Control of Alcoholic Beverage; Date of offense: 11/20/08; 90 days, 90 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Fine: \$500 with \$0 suspended; Community Work: Complete 96 hours of community work service and submit proof of completion to the Nome Clerk of Court within 120 days; Driver's License or Permit: Revoked for 6 months, concurrent with any DMV administrative action; Shall immediately surrender license/permit to court; Probation until her 21st birthday; Shall not consume inhalants, or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages; Shall surrender any license/permit, show proof of community work service; Shall submit to warrantless breath test at request of any peace officer and may be arrested without a warrant for probation violation; Shall contact NSBHS/VBC by 1/31/09, and shall be evaluated, pay for, and successfully complete any recommended alcohol education or treatment program(s); Failure to comply with community work, requirements will result in an extra six months revocation of driver's license.

State of Alaska v. Mary Iyakitan (4/17/90); 2NO-08-844CR Count 2: Harassment 1*; Victim: Peace Officer; Date of offense: 11/20/08; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 90 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. George Penatac (2/12/61); 2NO-08-520CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110697732; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 20 days, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-08-841CR; Remanded into custody.

State of Alaska v. George Penatac (2/12/61); 2NO-08-841CR Assault 4*; DV; Date of offense: 11/19/08; Partial Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 75 days, 0 days suspended; Shall be served consecutive to 2NO-08-520CR; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. David A. Nakarak (2/28/56); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109063179; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: Shall perform 20 hours of community work service within 2 months; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Raelene N. Keith (11/5/87); 2NO-06-601CR Dismissal of Petition to Revoke #1 and Supplemental PTR #1; The following charges are hereby dismissed by the prosecuting attorney pursuant to Criminal Rule 43(a): Petition to Revoke #1 and Suppl. PTR #1 filed 10/31/08 and 12/11/08; Filed by the DAs Office 1/6/09.

State of Alaska v. Raelene Keith (11/5/87); 2NO-08-900CR Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 12/11/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 20 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 20 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC by 1/10/09; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Joseph Nupowhotuk (2/8/69); Count 1: Criminal Trespass 2*; Date of offense: 1/1/09; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 2 (002); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated.

State of Alaska v. Elizabeth Mokiyuk (5/18/72); 2NO-08-779CR Assault 4*; DV; Date of offense: 10/30/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 45 days, 45 days suspended consecutive to 2NO-08-911CR; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 1/2/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not contact, directly or indirectly, W.O. without consent; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in her residence, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace office for alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Elizabeth Mokiyuk (5/18/72); 2NO-08-911CR Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 12/14/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 20 days, 20 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 1/2/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not contact, directly or indirectly, W.O. without consent; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in her residence, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace office for alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Justin Noongwook (7/4/89); Minor Consuming Alcoholic Beverage; Date of offense: 12/7/08; Fined \$300 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$200 to Nome Clerk of Court or show proof of completing 66 hours of community work service by 3/1/09; Probation for 1 year; Shall not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages; Shall pay the fine or show proof of community work service, as ordered.

State of Alaska v. Katty Toolie (4/6/89); Minor Consuming or in Possession or Control of Alcoholic Beverage; Date of offense: 12/6/08; Fined \$300 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$200 to Nome Clerk of Court or show proof of completing 66 hours of community work service by 5/1/09; Probation for 1 year; Shall not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages; Shall pay the fine or show proof of community work service, as ordered.

State of Alaska v. Timothy Lockwood (3/21/80); Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 11/2/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC consecutive to other cases; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Delight Aukon (3/22/87); Drunken Person on Licensed Premises; Date of offense: 1/4/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days shall be served with defendant remanded; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsus-

pended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated.

State of Alaska v. Loretta Good (2/6/63); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109525266; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: Added condition of probation: Not to enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Probation extended to 1/6/10; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Amos Thompson (1/4/90); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance; Filed by the DAs Office 1/8/09.
State of Alaska v. Jasmin Akeya (11/18/87); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Disorderly Conduct; Charge 002: Resisting Arrest; Filed by the DAs Office 1/7/09.
State of Alaska v. Timothy Menke (10/28/67); Assault 4*; Date of offense: 10/18/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 180 days, 180 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 1/8/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct; Shall not return to Nome.

State of Alaska v. Timothy Neil Anasogak (4/21/89); Count 1: Attempt (Attempted) Misconduct Involving Controlled Substance 4*; Date of offense: 11/11/08; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 2 (002); Any appearance of performance bond is exonerated; Forfeit marijuana and paraphernalia to State; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 1/8/12; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume marijuana or controlled substance nor be where they are present or being used; Person and baggage are subject to warrantless search at any airport; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Other: Report to AMCC by 3/1/09 to serve 20 days.

State of Alaska v. Vincent Matthias (1/10/87); Count 2: Assault 4*; Assault on Peace Officer; Date of offense: 9/5/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 1 (001); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 60 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC not later than 1/31/09; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Frank Anderson (1/23/59); Driving Under Influence; Date of offense: 10/13/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 120 days, 60 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC by 1/6/09; Fine: \$4,000 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay the unsuspended \$4,000 fine through Nome Trial Courts by 12/1/09; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$75 through this court within 10 days; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Cost of Imprisonment: Shall pay \$2,000 to the SOA at: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Shall be screened for treatment or education by NSBHS, ASAP, or an approved equivalent agency by 4/15/09, complete the recommended program, and show proof of completion to the court; Driver's license, privilege to obtain a license and to operate a motor vehicle are revoked for 3 years concurrent with DMV action; Any license or permit shall be immediately surrendered to the court; Probation until 1/9/10; Comply with all court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for violation of probation; No violations of law, including DUI, refusal to submit to breathalyzer, operating motor vehicle while license is cancelled, suspended or revoked or in violation of limitation; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer for a period of 1 year from the date of this judgment (1/9/09).

State of Alaska v. Harold M. Ahmasuak, III (9/4/54); Driving Under Influence; Date of offense: 10/8/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 60 days, 40 days suspended; Unsuspended 20 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC by 2/2/09; Fine: \$3,000 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay the unsuspended \$3,000 fine through Nome Trial Courts by 12/15/09; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$75 through this court within 10 days; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Cost of Imprisonment: Shall pay \$1,467 to the SOA at: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Shall be screened for treatment or education by NSBHS, ASAP, or an approved equivalent agency by 4/1/09, complete the recommended program, and show proof of completion to the court; Driver's license, privilege to obtain a license and to operate a motor vehicle are revoked for 1 year concurrent with DMV action; Any license or permit shall be immediately surrendered to the court; Probation until 1/8/10; Comply with all court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for violation of probation; No violations of law, including DUI, refusal to submit to breathalyzer, operating motor vehicle while license is cancelled, suspended or revoked or in violation of limitation; Shall not consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer for a period of 1 year from the date of this judgment (1/8/09).

State of Alaska v. Sophie Scott (6/18/56); Driving Under Influence; Date of offense: 11/1/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 27 days suspended; Unsuspended 72 hours shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC by 2/1/09; Fine: \$1,500 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay the unsuspended \$1,500 fine through Nome Trial Courts by 7/1/09; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$75 through this court within 10 days; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Cost of Imprisonment: Shall pay \$330 to the SOA at: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Shall be screened for treatment or education by NSBHS, ASAP, or an approved equivalent agency by 3/1/09, complete the recommended program, and show proof of completion to the court; Driver's license, privilege to obtain a license and to operate a motor vehicle are revoked for 90 days concurrent with DMV action; Any license or permit shall be immediately surrendered to the court; Probation until 7/9/09; Comply with all court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for violation of probation; No violations of law, including DUI, refusal to submit to breathalyzer, operating motor vehicle while license is cancelled, suspended or revoked or in violation of limitation.

State of Alaska v. Anthony E. Lincoln (6/25/77); Order of Dismissal; PTRP on Harassment 2*; Date of offense: 1/16/08; PTRP is dismissed; Dismissal by Prosecuting Attorney for the following reason(s): Rule 11 Agreement; If this case is dismissed, IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the defendant be released from custody, any bond that has not been ordered forfeited be exonerated, and any cash or other security posted as bail be refunded to the depositors.

State of Alaska v. Alvin Aningayou (DOB: incorrect entry); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4* DV; Filed by the DAs Office 1/8/09.

State of Alaska v. Adrian R. Daniels (10/30/83); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110827377; Defendant refuses probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, remanded into custody.

State of Alaska v. Justine Ahnangnatoguk (5/24/75); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109525599; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to 1/8/10; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Courtney Amaktoolik (12/5/90); 2NO-08-895CR Habitual Minor Consuming of in Possession or Control of Alcoholic Beverage; Date of offense: 12/9/08; 60 days, 45 days suspended; Unsuspended 15 days have been served consecutive 2NO-08-937CR; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 due within 10 days; Pay total of \$100 to Nome Clerk of Court by 1/31/09; Community Work: Complete 96 hours of community work service and submit proof of completion to the Nome Clerk of Court within 120 days; Driver's License or Permit: Revoked for 6 months, concurrent with any DMV administrative action; Shall immediately surrender license/permit to court; Probation until her 21st birthday; Shall not consume inhalants, or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages; Shall surrender any license/permit, show proof of community work service; Submit to warrantless breath test at request of any peace officer and may be arrested without a warrant for probation violation; Failure to comply with community work, requirements will result in an extra six months revocation of driver's license.

State of Alaska v. Courtney Amaktoolik (12/5/90); 2NO-08-937CR Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 12/26/08; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 90 days suspended; Probation until age 21 and subject to conditions as set in 2NO-08-895CR.

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NOME GETS A TASTE OF Tae Kwon Do



QUICK KICKS (above)—A member of the Korean tae kwon do demonstration team visiting Nome breaks three boards in a series of three rapid kicks Saturday evening at the Nome Recreation Center.

EAT YOUR HEART OUT, WILLIAM TELL (right)—A Korean team member kicks two apples he had thrown in the air while completing a flip.



Photos by Tyler Rhodes

Nomeites were treated to an amazing display of skill and acrobatics Saturday evening when members of tae kwon do demonstration teams from Anchorage and South Korea paid the Gold Rush City a visit. Part of Nome tae kwon do Master Dan Scholten's Bering Strait Taekwondo Project, the teams split boards, completed soaring kicks and sparred for a jam-packed Nome Recreation Center Saturday evening. The Korean team is on its way to area villages with Scholten where they will help develop tae kwon do programs in the schools.



HIGH KICK (above)—A member of the Korean tae kwon do demonstration team leaps from team members' arms to snap a board high above the ground.

FOOTHOLD (right)—A member of the Anchorage tae kwon do demonstration team yells as he completes a submission hold on a teammate.

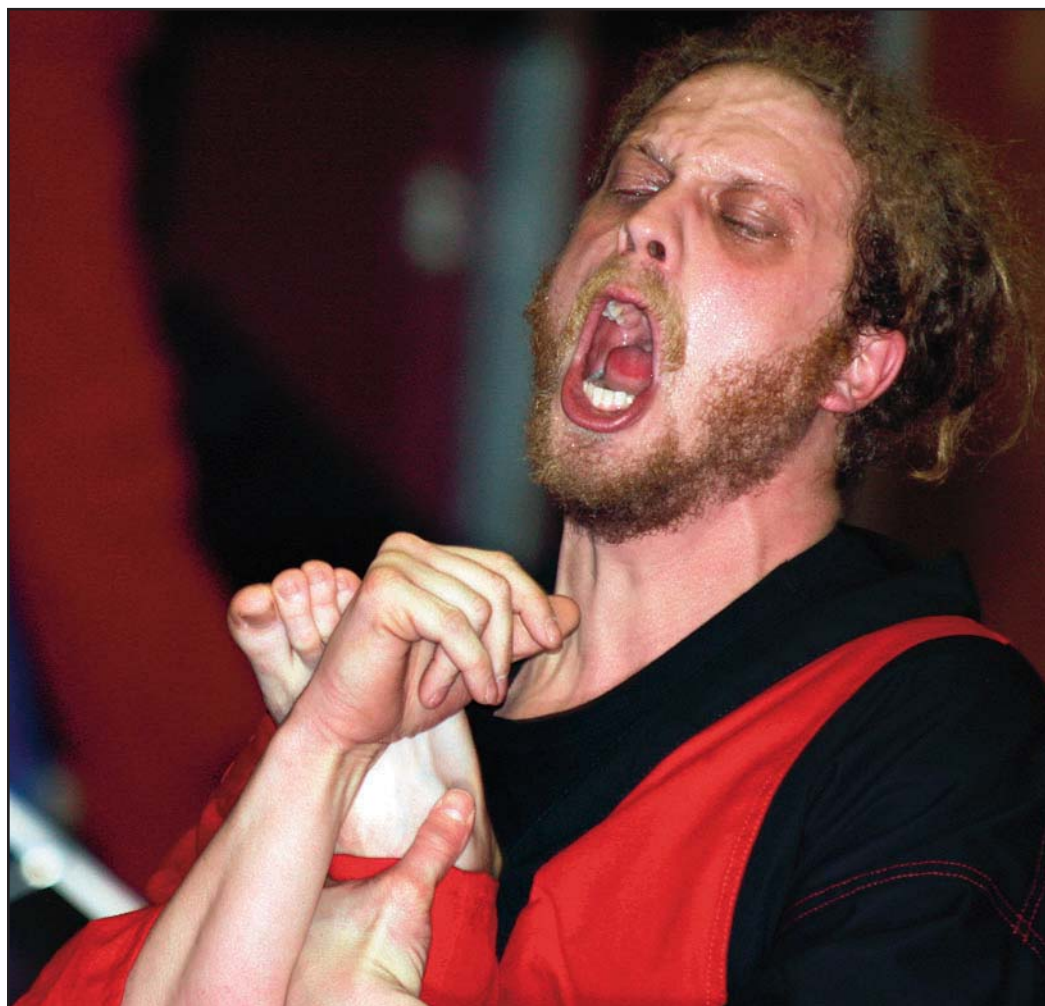




Photo by Nikolai Ivanoff

WHIRLING AWAY—Nome's new wind farm basks in the sun on Banner Peak. Banner Wind will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the farm from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. on Jan. 29 at Old St. Joe's.

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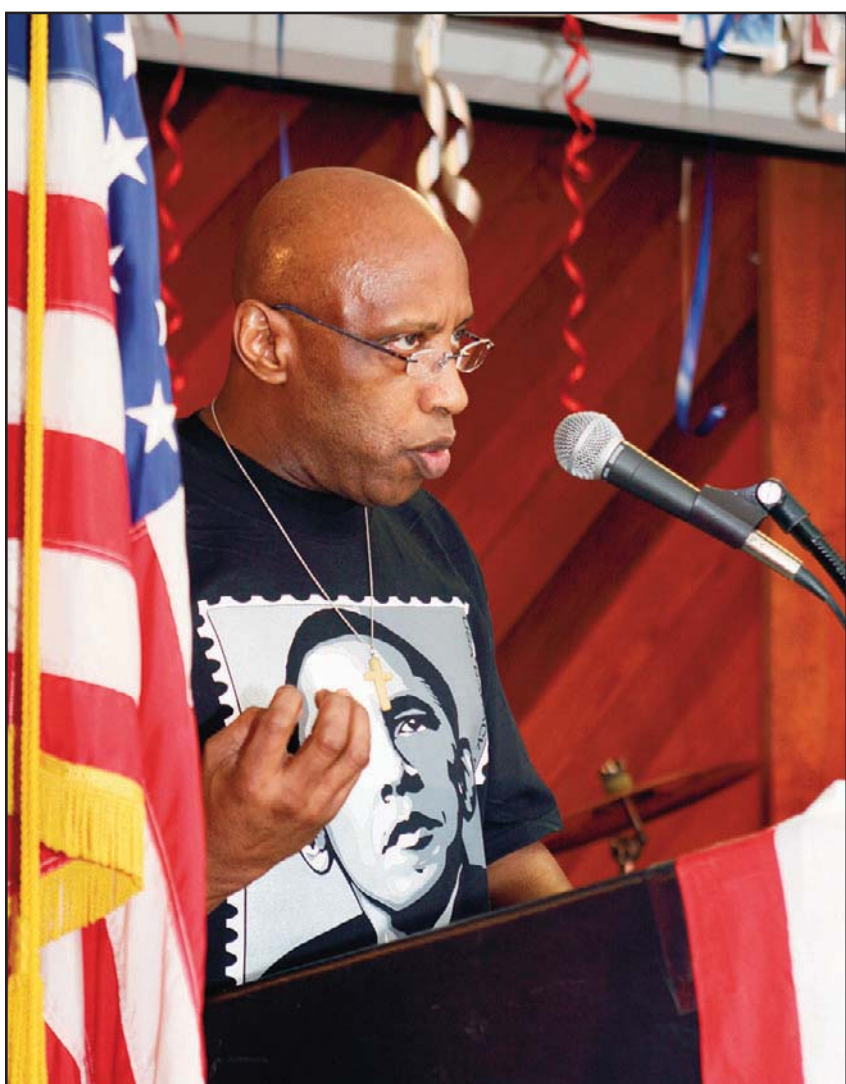


Photo by Tyler Rhodes

CELEBRATION—Reggie Bright delivers the invocation for an Inauguration Day party at Nome's Mini Convention Center last Tuesday.

Nome hails the new chief

Inauguration Day in Nome feted with song, food and speech

By Tyler Rhodes

This was an inauguration celebration where no gowns or tuxedos would be seen, and you certainly did not need a ticket to get in.

The catering was handled by each guest in the form of a potluck. And the orchestra sure looked and sounded like the Louie Green Band.

In short, it was an inaugural celebration

perfectly in tune with Nome.

By last Tuesday evening, Nome's Mini Convention Center was dressed in red, white and blue as flags, bunting and streamers adorned the walls and stage. Several small posters of President Barack Obama were strung along one wall facing a nearly six-foot tall campaign sign

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Utility's pricey fuel sits like a time bomb

Nomeites are soon likely to pay more for electricity

By Tyler Rhodes

Sitting on nearly 1.6 million gallons of what is likely the most expensive fuel it has ever purchased, the Nome Joint Utility System Board of Directors struggled in two different work sessions last week to figure out how best to use that fuel without significantly raising its rates.

That fuel, priced at just more than \$4 per gallon when all the various fees are accounted for, was purchased last year at the apex of an incredible climb in oil prices.

The utility's fuel is used to power Nome's generators that supply power to the city and surrounding area.

At this point, it appears the board members will take a wait-and-see approach for a couple of months before deciding on a course of action.

This year's fuel situation is a bit unordinary for NJUS due to a couple of factors. The utility currently has a total inventory of more than 3.8 million gallons, which is unusually high for this time of year. That excess can be tracked to the suspension of activity at the Rock Creek Mine since late November. The utility purchased extra fuel last year to ensure it would be able to supply electricity to a mine hungry for power as it went into full production.

With the nearly idle mine now, drawing just a slight fraction of what was anticipated—and no expectation of it to be back online before late next summer at the earliest—NJUS currently has enough fuel that it could potentially wait to fill its tanks until the summer of 2010.

"We can pretty much make it to the 2010 shipping season," said NJUS General Manager John Handeland.

Waiting to refill, however, could result in utility customers ultimately paying more for their power.

The problem is the fuel that makes up the

utility's total supply was purchased at different times at different prices. What is currently being charged right now reflects the least expensive fuel NJUS has at its disposal. Utility customers are currently paying an 18 cent surcharge per kilowatt-hour on fuel that is priced at \$2.70 per gallon. NJUS has enough fuel at this price to last until October.

On the other end of the scale, if the price were based solely on the 1.6 million gallons NJUS has stored in tanks owned by fuel-supplier Crowley, the surcharge would jump to more than 25 cents. For this reporter, that 7-cent jump in the surcharge would equate to another \$30 tacked on to his November bill for a small, two-person household.

If the utility board leaves the rates as is, that abrupt cost increase would come in October once the cheaper fuel was exhausted.

Handeland said the utility currently uses an inventory-averaging formula to determine its price per gallon, on which it bases its fuel surcharge. Under that system, the price is determined by considering the quantities of the fuel and their respective costs. The utility's fuel stored in Crowley's tanks is currently not factored into the average.

If the fuel in the Crowley tanks were brought into the mix right now instead of waiting for the cheaper fuel to run out, Handeland said the per gallon price would sit at \$3.68 with a surcharge of 22.64 cents. Looking back at this reporter's bill, it would have cost an extra \$19 in November to keep the lights on.

Bite the bullet now or later?

Handeland told the board that among its options is to raise the surcharge to 22.64 cents right now and start using the more expensive fuel so

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Sale of former reindeer plant buoys city budget by \$1 million

Money matters figure large in Monday's meeting as Common Council deals with budgets and bonds

By Laurie McNicholas

City Manager Josie Bahnke submitted an FY 2009 general fund budget adjustment that increased its revenues by \$1.1 million to the Nome Common Council at a meeting Jan. 26.

Most of the increase comes from the sale of the City's Reindeer Plant

property to Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. for \$1 million.

Ordinances amending the City's FY 2009 general fund municipal budget, capital projects fund budget, special revenue fund budget, Port of Nome fund budget and construction capital projects fund budget were unanimously approved by the Council.

The Council adopted a resolution authorizing the City to issue general obligation school bonds for up to \$644,195 to finance the planning, design and construction of school and related capital improvements in the city. Voters approved issuance of the bonds in a City election Oct. 7, 2008.

The Council approved changes in

a nearly complete agreement between the City of Nome, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Alaska Municipal Bond Bank for issuance and repayment of the City's port revenue refunding bond 2009A for up to \$5 million to refund the City's Port Revenue Bond 1986 Series A. Under the

agreement the City is required to repay the 1986 Series A bonds by making semi-annual payments every six months of principal and accrued interest over 30 years at an annual interest rate of 4.05 percent.

The Council adopted an ordinance

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Letters

Dear Nancy,
Inclusive. Two million people gathered in peace, in unity, in Washington, D.C. for the peaceful transition of power to our new President, Barack Hussein Obama.
As a talented young man still looking to define himself, he chose the challenge of Harvard, not the glamour of Hollywood. As a graduate of Harvard he chose the challenge of Southside Chicago, not the money and prestige of Wall Street.
For the past two years he has cleared gracefully the seemingly insurmountable hurdles encountered along the path to the Presidency. I am confident, however, the Presidency was not his goal, but a necessary benchmark to his true objective,

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Editorial

Blowin' in the Wind

The answer to the rising cost of energy is all around us. Sometimes it smacks us in the face, other times it shoves us between the shoulder blades and seems to do everything but roll up a newspaper and whack us on the side of the head. The folks at Kawerak got it right. The red lights are flashing, the blades are turning and Banner Wind is kicking power back into the Nome Joint Utilities' power grid. The ancient Greek god Aeolus, who had dominion over the wind, must be huffing and puffing around the turbines that have sprouted on Banner Peak. He probably wants to give Sitnasuak and Bering Straits Native Corporations a pat on the back for taking the initiative to harness the wind.
Nome sits with its NJU fuel tanks filled to the brim with what has to be some of the world's most expensive fuel oil. We are studying the timing for purchasing fuel oil when it is least costly. Although we will always have to have some fuel oil on hand, we should be eyeing other locations to plant some more wind turbines. Wind generation is not a new technology; we have had it in our midst for many years. Some of us remember the wind generator at the Northwest Campus back in the 1980s. It was ahead of its time and NJU would not let it feed back into the grid. It was dismantled and is probably languishing in someone's storage shed. We now need to take charge of our energy problem and be innovative. We can do a lot with a bit of creativity and technology.
Let's harness the wind and pick up the pace of Nome's use of technology. We could do a lot to make life better in Nome and the villages of northwest Alaska. We could capture our waste heat. Just imagine a greenhouse that utilizes the waste heat of our power plants, or by solar tubes. Think of trucks powered by fuel cells. What if we tapped into the abundant natural gas that is underfoot close by? The answer to our energy crisis is not only blowing in the wind; it is dancing in our brains and could be enhancing our pocketbooks. —N.L.M.—

(Note: Plan to attend Banner Wind's ribbon cutting ceremony at Old St. Joe's Hall Thursday, Jan. 29 from 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. and sign up for a free snowcat trip to the Banner Peak wind farm Friday, Jan 30.)

to continue his service to this country. A country that is also facing seemingly insurmountable challenges. No one man can face down these challenges, but the unity so brilliantly evident at the Presidential Inauguration and at the multitude of community gatherings across our country can.
I hope and I pray our diverse factions can keep focused on the greater good of the whole, and maintain this spirit of unity that is enriching our country in this time of economic crises.
May God bless Nome, northwest Alaska, and these United States of America, and may we continue to support and derive a new energy from our Commander-in-Chief, Barack Hussein Obama.
Philip Dunne
Nome, AK 99762
Dear Editor,
I would like to extend my thanks to Nancy and her staff for remembering the Nome citizens who are serving in the military. When I heard that *The Nome Nugget* sends their

newspaper to these citizens who are serving in the military, it showed me how much support our town has for these people. They are able to stay in touch with the news of Nome and surrounding area and feel our support, even though they are miles from home.
Thank you for reaching out to our family members who serve.
Sincerely,
Elena Malova
Nome, AK
Dear Editor,
An Alaska Native leader knows the rules and protocols of the people. An example is the whaling captain who knows how to work with his team, how to divide the whale according to what goes to whom. A leader's character is subtle and benevolent, not boastful.
A true Native leader is able to mentor and nurture the potential of each individual in the community. A good leader connects people to each other and the environment, providing hope for things bigger than themselves. We need Native leadership

because we can no longer allow others to speak and do for us.
Various agencies have created and perpetuated a cycle of dependence. For decades agencies have tried and failed to address problems such as suicide, alcohol and drug abuse and domestic violence in Native communities.
President Obama said programs that fail will be identified and monies will be put toward those that are effective and meaningful.
Others, because of having lived in rural communities or holding masters' or doctorate degrees, pretend to know what's best for Alaska Native people. Western style programs and qualifications are inadequate for identifying problems and finding solutions for Alaska Natives. It is time for **true** Alaska Native leaders to emerge! Let's do our own work using our elders' wisdom, traditional knowledge, Native sciences, and Native principles and values.
Augusta Reimer, shareholder of Bering Straits Native Corp. and Sonia Vent, shareholder of Doyon Anchorage, AK

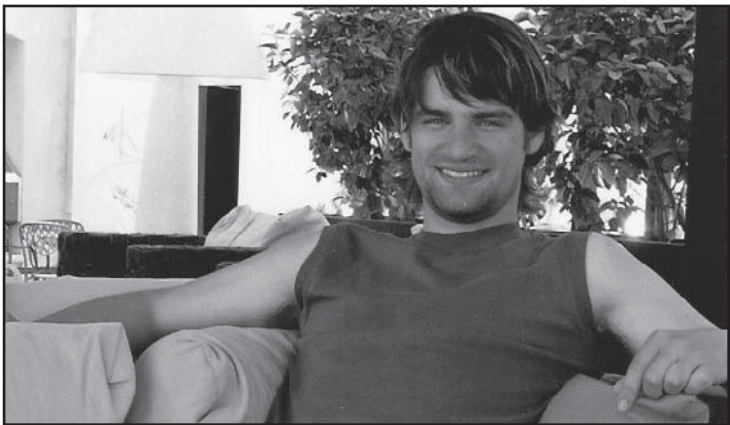
Emergency housing team begins to form in Nome

By Laurie McNicholas
A group of Nome residents who are concerned about the needs of others in the community for emergency shelter has met once a month since October at the Nome Community Center. The meetings are open to the public, and the next one is scheduled Feb. 13 at 10 a.m. at NCC.
Isaac Grody-Patinkin, NCC's family services coordinator, is facilitating an effort to form an emergency housing team—a network of individuals and organizations that can provide housing on a short-term basis for persons who need it.
The meetings began after Grody-Patinkin and Glen Parly, housing director of Nome Eskimo Community compared notes about receiving calls requesting emergency housing and tried to identify resources, for example, to meet the needs of a mother and three children whose house has lost its electricity or a family that is being evicted from housing.
Grody-Patinkin said he expects to coordinate emergency housing requests with available housing sources when an emergency housing network is in place.
He said the group also is looking for long-term solutions to the housing needs of chronically homeless

persons in Nome, but he emphasized that the team is not trying to establish a detoxification center for alcoholics. He hopes the team can arrange with a local organization that owns apartments to reserve one or more apartments for the use of

chronically homeless persons.
In addition to individuals and churches, attendance at the emergency housing team meetings has included representatives of Kawerak, NEC and Norton Sound Health Corp., Grody-Patinkin reports.

Missing



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on the other.

As Nomeites enjoyed the salads, soups and other goodies brought by community members, they were treated to a set of songs by Sarah Hanson and Karen McLane before several speakers took the stage to commemorate the day.

Nome Common Council member Neal Foster served as the master of ceremonies armed with several presidential factoids to relay to the audience. Nome resident Reggie Bright delivered a short speech and an invocation. Mayor Denise Michels also took the stage to mark the day.

Last Tuesday also marked a new start in the state capitol as the Alaska Legislature got underway. Speaking by phone from Juneau, Sen. Donny Olson noted the importance of the occasion. "This truly is an historic day," Olson said.

Olson also spoke to the start of the new Legislature, voicing hope that the rural legislators serving in majority coalitions in both the House and Senate would see that Bush Alaska's concerns be heard in Juneau.

Olson's call had come just as Nome's Richard Beneville was taking the stage to deliver a few words of his own. Always gracious, Beneville ceded the spotlight for the senator's telephonic appearance. Delayed but not sidelined, Beneville returned and started by playing Ray Charles' version of "America the Beautiful."

Beneville spoke of hope and the belief that America's view of race can, and has, changed with the inauguration of its first African-American president. "What we have seen, perhaps we will not see so much again because of what happened several weeks ago," Beneville said. "America and its youth, they don't see color any more."

Taking a cue from the new president's speech earlier in the day which reverberated with a call for civic responsibility, Beneville asked the audience to keep pushing forward to better ourselves. "America has come a long, long way," Beneville said. "I'm asking you as Democrats—forget the Democrats—as Americans, to continue



Photo by Tyler Rhodes

ROCKIN' INAUGURATION—Louie Green Sr. kicks off a tune with his band at a celebration Jan. 20 put on by the Democratic Party in Nome. Nomeites commemorated the inauguration of President Barak Obama with a potluck, music and several speeches at the Mini Convention Center.

with the change."

The audience was also asked to enjoy themselves and Green and his band members provided the soundtrack.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR
January 29 - February 4, 2009

EVENT	PLACE	TIME
Thursday, January 29		
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
NSEDC BOD Meeting	BSNC Board Rm	9 a.m.
Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Preschool Story Hour	Kegoayah Library	10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Kinderswim	Pool	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	noon - 5:30 p.m.
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 8 p.m.
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	noon - 1 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 5:45 p.m.
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*New Baby Care-Your Baby & You video	Prematernal Home	1 p.m.
*14 Steps to Breastfeeding video	Prematernal Home	3:30 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
Banner Wind Ribbon Cutting	Old St. Joe's Hall	6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*City League Basketball	Nome Rec Center	6:15, 7:30 & 8:45 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Thrill Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
*Overeater's Anonymous Meeting	Community Baptist	7 p.m.
IPY Lecture: Author Ernestine Hayes	XYZ Center	7 p.m.
*Swing Dancing	Nome Rec Center	7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
*Narcotics Anonymous	Behavioral Health Bldg.	7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Friday, January 30		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
NSEDC BOD Meeting	BSNC Board Rm	9 a.m.
Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	noon - 5:30 p.m.
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 6 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 4 p.m.
*H2O Aerobics	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50
*Northwest Campus Library	Prematernal Home	1 p.m.
*Tried & True video	Prematernal Home	3 p.m.
*Nutrition class with Pat	Nome Rec Center	4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Kids Soccer K - 3rd grades	Nome Rec Center	4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
*P90x videos	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 6 p.m.
*Kids Soccer 4th - 7th grades	Nome Rec Center	4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
*Cardio Kick Boxing	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Open Gym	Pool	6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Open Swim	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Dan	Nome Rec Center	8 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Adult Drop-in Soccer	Nome Rec Center	8 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	
Saturday, January 31		
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	noon - 5:30 p.m.
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 6 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 8 p.m.
*H2O Aerobics	Pool	1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Little Restraint Goes a Long way vid	Prematernal Home	1 p.m.
*Celebrate Birth video	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*AA Meeting	BHS Bldg. 2nd floor	8 p.m.
Sunday, February 1		
*Pool		Closed
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Celebrate Birth video	Prematernal Home	1 p.m.
*All About Babies part 1 & 2 video	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Beginning Baton with Jay	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*AA: Big Book Study	HR Conf. Room, NSHC	6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Monday, February 2		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 8 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 5:45 p.m.
*Strength Training with Jennie	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*The Joy of Stress video	Prematernal Home	1 p.m.
*After Child Birth-Postpartum video	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Beginning Yoga with Kari	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Cardio Kick Boxing with Jennie	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*H2O Aerobics	Pool	6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*City League Basketball	Nome Rec Center	6:15, 7:30 & 8:45 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Drop-in Volleyball	Nome Rec Center	7:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.
Tuesday, February 3		
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Summer Reading Program	Kegoayah Library	10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 8 p.m.
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	noon - 1 p.m.
*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	noon - 5:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	1 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Social Services class	Prematernal Home	1 p.m.
*Birth Control Myths & Methods video	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*City League Basketball	Nome Rec Center	6:15, 7:30 & 8:45 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Nome Planning Committee reg mtg	Council Chambers	7 p.m.
*AA Teleconference: 1-800-914-3396	(CODE: 3534534#)	7 p.m.
*Thrill Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
Wednesday, February 4		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Dental class	Prematernal Home	11 a.m.
*Rotary Club	Airport Pizza	noon
*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	noon - 5:30 p.m.
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 8 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 10 p.m.
*Strength Training with Jennie	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Pregnancy & Smoking video	Prematernal Home	1 p.m.
*Cardio Kick Boxing with Jennie	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*H2O Aerobics	Pool	6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Hello Central (also on Channel 98)	Nome Visitors Center	7:30 p.m.
*AA Meeting	BHS Bldg. 2nd floor	8 p.m.
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Fuel

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ratepayers won't be broadsided with an even bigger jump just at the start of next winter. Board members said that plan may have merit while the majority of residential power customers are still benefitting from a \$500 energy subsidy provided by Norton Sound Economic Development Corp.

At the same time, board members were reluctant to raise the charge at all. "I don't really like the idea of raising the current price now," said board member Fred Moody. "People can't afford it. That's a lot of money."

Another option would be to hold off on incorporating the expensive fuel into the price structure until NJUS could possibly purchase more, less expensive fuel to help offset the cost of the supplies in the Crowley tanks. Handeland said the utility would likely have the capacity to take another 900,000 gallons of fuel at the beginning of October.

Handeland said the cost of fuel at that time would need to be around \$2 to offset the more expensive fuel on stock and be able to keep the surcharge where it is currently. Handeland said fuel at the time of last week's meeting was in the range of \$1.60 a gallon. There is no way to predict just where fuel prices will be in October.

Board member Jim West, Jr. put yet another option on the table, questioning what effect it would have on the utility if the price were left where it is and NJUS were to eat the cost of using up the more expensive fuel. Handeland replied that such a move would leave the utility on the hook for \$1 million.

"If we take a million-dollar hit, where do we shave?" West asked.

Handeland said there are some positions

within the utility that could be left unfilled, though he did not recommend that option. "That's not a safe way to go, in my opinion," he said. "I don't think we could shave the million, but we can look at what options we may have."

Board member Carl Emmons suggested a possible scenario. "If the city so chose, and they had some money lying around, they could buy down the price of fuel," Emmons said.

"We can always ask them, but I think I know the answer," Handeland said.

"If you don't ask, you don't know," West responded.

Moody held strong against the idea of putting any further rate increase on the backs of NJUS customers. "If we keep raising the utility rate, it's going to get to the point where people in Nome can't afford to pay the bill," he said.

Emmons argued that although unpalatable, the fuel costs must be paid. "We can be nice guys forever until we don't have enough money to be nice guys anymore and have to close the doors," Emmons said. "We can't afford to give away the farm just because we'd like to. We have a responsibility to stay in business."

Since the Jan. 23 meeting was simply a work session, the board did not have the authority at the time to make a decision—nor did it have the will. As the meeting wrapped up, the consensus seemed to center on waiting until April to see if anything more would be known about the future of the Rock Creek Mine or whether any state funds may be available to help with the costs. Yet another work session slated for Jan. 26 was canceled.

However, as time passes and the less-expensive fuel is used up, the cost to factor in the fuel in the Crowley tanks will only climb. Part of the high cost of that fuel is based on its cur-



Archive photo by Nancy McGuire

WARM DAYS, HIGH PRICES—Nome's power plant is seen last summer. During that season, Nome Joint Utility System purchased fuel for its generators as prices peaked. Now that the Rock Creek Mine has been idled, the utility is sitting on more fuel than it needs.

rent location. Without any place to store the fuel otherwise, NJUS had to pay Crowley 36 cents a gallon to keep that fuel in its tanks. Handeland said NJUS will need to transfer that fuel over to its own tanks by June.

Hedging off the table

In the first of the two lunch work sessions last week, Handeland had proposed buying fuel on contract right now to take advantage of a price that is significantly lower than what was paid for what is currently in the tanks. The practice, called hedging, could save NJUS—and, in turn, its customers—a considerable amount of money if prices were to rise as they normally do come delivery time.

Hedging also carries the risk that prices will drop when the time comes for the fuel to be delivered; leaving the utility stuck with the higher price to which it had earlier committed itself.

"There's always the risk that the fuel will be less come June [or] July when we pick it up. But there's always the risk that it will be higher," Handeland said.

The board's time discussing the pros and cons of the practice turned out to be for naught. At the next day's session, Handeland reported to the board that the utility would not have the capacity in its tanks during the coming shipping season to allow it to hedge on fuel now. "We don't have any room to hedge, tank-wise," Handeland said at the Jan. 22 session.

NJUS wasn't the only one to buy more fuel than it needed, expecting the mine to take a bigger bite out of the supply than it has. Handeland said Nome's fuel suppliers also brought in more than needed. "We're all in the same boat right now," Handeland said. "We all brought in extra fuel and have no one to sell it to."

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authorizing a second amendment to the agreement which changes the due date for the first payment from the first day of the month that begins 30 days from the date of execution of the agreement to 30 days from the date of execution of the agreement. "This could impact the date the first payment is due by as much as one month depending on the date all parties sign the agreement," the City's attorney Brooks Chandler wrote in a Jan. 23 memorandum to the Council. "For example, if all parties sign on the 31st of January, the first payment will be due March 2 rather than April 1."

From NOAA's perspective there are three other significant changes in the second amendment, Chandler said. (1) The characterization of the new bonds to be issued is changed from "modified" bonds to "refunding" bonds. (2) The City is required to provide NOAA with an opinion of its bond counsel that the NOAA bonds will have first priority over any other pledge of port revenues in the Port Facility Revenue Fund, and that the revenues to repay the bonds are not subject to any prior lien or pledge of those revenues. (3) A covenant regarding NOAA's general

authority to enter into this agreement is replaced with a covenant that NOAA is entering into the agreement under its repayment assistance authority under federal law.

The Council approved fee waivers of \$400 for use of the Mini Convention Center for the Bering Strait Development Council's tourism stakeholder meeting Jan. 27-28; \$200 for use of the Mini Convention Center by the Nome Iron Dog Halfway Committee Feb. 11; and \$4,250 for use of the Nome Recreation Center for the Kawerak Regional Conference Feb. 23-27.

City Manager's report

Evelyn Russo of Northwind Architects and Bahnke met last week to discuss a proposal for design work and construction administration services for the Nome-Beltz roof replacement project. Bahnke expects to submit a contract for the work to the Council at its meeting Feb. 9. She has submitted the City's application for the Nome-Beltz roof replacement project to the Alaska Municipal Bond Bank, which will meet Feb. 10 to consider applications.

Last year the Department of Homeland Security implemented the Transportation Workers Identifica-

tion Credentials (TWIC) Program for all maritime personnel requiring unescorted access to secure areas within port facilities regulated under the Maritime Transportation Security Administration. Acting Harbormaster Joy Baker and Brett Farrell, assistant director of the Marine Exchange of Alaska, will enroll individuals in the TWIC Program Feb. 26-27 in Nome. It is estimated that 50 Nomeites will need these credentials for the 2009 shipping season.

Nome Volunteer Ambulance runs totaled 762 in 2008. Council member Mary Knodel said she is amazed at the number and she complimented the responders.

Letter draws attention

A letter from Nome Eskimo Community to Laura Samuelson, director of Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum, requesting an inventory of items held by the museum in accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) drew a recommendation from Knodel to send the letter to an attorney.

NEC is a federally recognized tribe, and as a city museum, NAGPRA applies to the museum and its collections, Karlin Itchoak, president

of the NEC Tribal Council, stated in his letter to Samuelson dated Jan. 7. "The Museum is in possession of artifacts from NOM-00146, and we would like a complete list of all objects recovered along with any photographs, notes and reports," Itchoak wrote. "We have reason to believe that NAGPRA applies to at least some, if not all, of the objects removed from this site."

"NAGPRA requires that the completion of inventories and summaries be undertaken with the full consultation of affected tribes," Itchoak continued. "After we receive the list and any supporting information, we may be able to provide descriptions and summaries that will further enrich everyone's knowledge of the items' historical value and cultural importance. It is only with the specialized knowledge of our elders that the Museum will be able to fulfill its duties under the law. Therefore, we request the inventory as soon as possible so that we may begin full consultation. It is critical to note that completion of the inventory will not relieve the Museum of any of its other duties with regard to any recovered items in your possession (including those from sim-

ilar NEC affiliated sites)."

Public Safety Building

During a work session preceding the Council's regular meeting, Randy Romanesko provided a status report on the Public Safety Building construction project. The building will house the City's police department, volunteer ambulance services, an Emergency Operations Center and a training center.

The City has received funding of nearly \$9.5 million for design, property acquisition and construction of the building, which is projected to cost approximately \$9.4 million, Romanesko said. The cost figure does not include furniture, technology or equipment purchases.

Romanesko reports that pilings for the building have been installed, the pad is 90 percent complete, and the design will be finished in late February. An order has been placed for structural steel, steel joists and decking for delivery on the first barge scheduled to arrive in Nome this year. Hiring of local construction workers on the City payroll under force accounting should begin in April, with construction to start in June, Romanesko said. He predicts that construction will be completed in December 2010.



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State releases energy guide in hopes of independence

Nome has the highest energy cost per capita in the Norton Sound region

By Diana Haecker

Leading the Bering Strait and Norton Sound region in energy costs per head, Nomeites spend \$6,610 per year to heat their homes, use electricity and drive their cars, says a state document.

To get a handle on the complexities of energy in Alaska and to begin shaping an energy plan for the state, the Alaska Energy Authority last week released an inch-thick guide to energy in Alaska, called "Alaska Energy – a first step toward energy independence."

The report said Alaskans live in a state abundant in energy resources, "but are hampered by long distances and low usages."

This rings true for Nome and the Norton Sound and Bering Strait region, far off the road system, locked into last summer's record oil prices and in dire need for keeping the lights on, homes warm and affordable gas in the tank.

The guide was commissioned last year when Governor Sarah Palin appointed Steven Haagenson as the statewide energy coordinator and tasked him to identify and prioritize energy projects around the state. Haagenson, the Alaska Energy Authority and the Alaska Center for Energy and Power (ACEP) put the guide together. "This tool will focus each community on their relative options for generating electricity and heat through the use of locally available resources," said Haagenson.

Palin called on Alaskans, the Legislature, local and regional governments, the University of Alaska and the private sector to work together on the ambitious goal "to ensure that by 2025 half of the state's electricity comes from renewable sources."

Nome banks on wind

According to the guide – split in an 888-page long rural community assessment and a 245-page long narrative – the cost per capita for heat, electricity and transportation (gas) in Nome is \$6,610 per year. This translates into an individual consumption of \$2,406 for heat, \$3,551 for electricity and \$651 for transportation.

The guide identifies all of Nome's current electric costs at \$12,409,411, its space heating costs at about \$8,413,846 and estimates that Nomeites use \$2,276,711 in gas for transportation. This brings the total for Nome's energy needs to \$23 million. On the assumption of a price of \$110 per barrel, the energy guide's analysis of Nome's electricity gives a price of \$0.43/kWh for diesel, with alternatives of \$0.46/kWh for a wind and diesel hybrid power generation and a \$0.36/kWh for geothermal power.

The chart for heat generation puts wood as the cheapest heat source followed by diesel, geothermal and wind. Both wind and geothermal are according to the heat chart a too expensive heating option for Nome. Wind would cost \$185.30 per million Btu, geothermal would cost \$82.47 per million Btu, compared to diesel at \$44.65 per million Btu. In comparison, Anchorage natural gas users pay \$9.56 per million Btu delivered.

The formula is based on the estimated heating fuel cost per gallon times 9.05. "This factor comes from taking 1 million BTUs (British Thermal Units, the amount of heat required to raise the temperature of one pound of water 1°F) divided by the lower heating value of a gallon of heating fuel at (130,000 Btu/gallon) times an efficiency of 85 percent for heating oil appliances," explains the guide.

According to the math behind it, for heat, diesel and wood are still the top contenders in affordability.

The guide suggests power plant upgrades to improve the performance to a higher efficiency and diesel engine heat recovery measures. For alternative energy resources, the guide identifies geothermal at Pilgrim Hot Springs, both shallow and deep sources, and a wind and diesel hybrid plant.

"We identified wind as the best source for alternative energy," said

Mayor Denise Michels last Monday. While Pilgrim Hot Springs geothermal potential is often talked about, more data is needed to identify where the heat source of the hot springs is located. The Alaska Village Electric Cooperative requested \$2,349,751 in grant funds from the state for a geothermal resource assessment.

The City of Nome and Nome Joint Utilities, long aware of the wind potential, requested \$801,000 in grants for the \$890,000 transmission line project from the newly built Banner Peak Wind Farm, a joint venture between Sitsnasuk and BSNC. NJUS also put in a request for state funding of a wind farm on Newton Peak for a wind-diesel hybrid project. "The governor recommended our requests to the legislature, and we just have to wait and see what the legislature picks and chooses," said Michels.

A shortcoming of the guide is the generic information presented under the community profiles. A short summary on the economy singles out NovaGold's idle Rock Creek mine as an economic factor, saying "NovaGold Resource's new

mine at Rock Creek, 8 miles north of Nome, should be producing by 2006" and that it would require \$40 million in investment and "is expected to create 100 jobs."

Surprisingly, the region's energy prices split in cost per capita are lower than Nome's cost. Following Nome in energy cost per head is Wales with \$ 5,783 and Little Diomed with \$5,649. An even bigger surprise is that Savoonga has the lowest annual

cost per capita at \$3,321. While one suspects that wind would be the number one feasible alternative for most places in the Bering Strait and Norton Sound area, wind and diesel hybrids are listed as cheaper alternatives to diesel. In Diomed, hydropower as in waves and tidal power generation were listed as alternatives.

"While lower crude oil prices are reducing the costs of energy today, we must remain committed

to achieving energy security for our future economic well-being," Governor Sarah Palin said last week, when presenting the guide. However, lower crude oil prices passed on to customers on the road system, don't do anything for Nome and the surrounding communities locked in the high crude oil prices last summer. After peaking at over \$140 per barrel in July 2008, prices collapsed to under \$50 per barrel by December 2008.

Alternative energy funding requests for Nome

- Banner Wind Construction, Nome submitted by Banner Wind, LLC for a Wind Diesel Hybrid project. The total project budget is \$5,157,000 with \$4,126,000 requested in grant funding and \$1,031,000 as matching funds.

- Geothermal Resource Assessment Seward Peninsula submitted by the Alaska Village Electric

Cooperative for a geothermal project. The total project budget is \$4,600,000 with \$4,301,950 re-

quested in grant funding and \$145,000 as matching funds.

- Nome Banner Peak Wind Farm Transmission Construction submitted by City of Nome,

Nome Joint Utilities System for a transmission project. The total project budget is \$890,000 with \$801,000 requested in grant funding and \$89,000 as matching funds.

- Nome/Newton Peak Wind Farm Construction submitted by City of Nome, NJUS for a Wind Diesel Hy-

brid project. The total project budget is \$15,534,309 with \$13,952,326 requested in grant funding and \$1,582,983 as matching funds.

- Pilgrim Hot Springs Assessment submitted by the University of Alaska Fairbanks, Institute of Northern Engineering, Alaska Center for Energy and Power for a geothermal project. The total project budget is \$2,349,751 with \$2,349,751 requested in grant funding.

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North Pacific Research Board probes deep into the Bering Sea

By Diana Haecker

ANCHORAGE—Dangerous and bountiful, the Bering Sea is home of the most plentiful fisheries in the world, providing half the seafood consumed by Americans. It also is the place where dramatic changes take place as arctic warming trends extend to the footsteps of residents in the Bering Strait and Norton Sound region.

More than 600 marine scientists gathered last week at the Alaska Marine Science Symposium held in Anchorage, presenting their studies over five days in back-to-back, 15-minute presentations covering everything from herring, cod and pollock studies to protein assimilation of the phytoplankton in the Chukchi Sea to the impact of diminishing sea ice on marine mammals.

The overall picture: climate change is real and fuels the need for a slew of studies and research. The North Pacific Research Board and the National Science Foundation poured \$52 million into an ongoing six-year study of the eastern Bering Sea—from north of the Aleutians to St. Lawrence Island. The National Science Foundation is pushing research to understand how the Bering Sea may respond to climate change and the changes in seasonal ice cover.

Nora Deans, outreach director with the NPRB said that 652 scientists registered to be part of the symposium, hailing from Canada, the mainland United States, Russia, Alaska and other circum arctic nations.

The symposium was infused with an upbeat energy after President Barack Obama's inauguration speech thousands of miles away on Tuesday, Jan. 20. Federal scientists were elated to hear him talk about a renewed commitment to science and funding. "It was very encouraging to hear science mentioned as a basis for setting policy," commented Peter Boveng with the national Marine Mammal Laboratory. Dr. Suzann Speckman with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service added that lack of funding was the reason why USFWS has not filed the so-called 90-day finding, or a response to the Center for Biological Diversity's petition to list walrus as an endangered species yet.

The director of the Eskimo Walrus Commission, Nome's Vera Metcalf, said that she soaks up all the scientific information at the meeting and tries to build bridges from the focused scientist to communities with traditional knowledge about the studied species. "I try to

bridge the gap and show how communities can be part of scientific studies," Metcalf said. "We found that scientists are more and more interested in traditional knowledge. Our subsistence hunters know migration routes and can tell from observations the health of a species. I like to see more and more community-based projects and how we can be part of the research and part of the solution."

She said that she teamed up with the North Slope Borough's department of wildlife management, believing that only in cooperation with other entities can progress be made. She said that together with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, the University of Alaska at Fairbanks and the North Slope Borough, the walrus commission is now in the process of studying the health of the species through a blubber sampling program.

Confirming what the International Panel on Climate Change assessed three years ago, James Overland with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration presented a grim picture in terms of sea ice loss. The summer of 2008 was the second summer of extreme minimum arctic sea ice extent, causing Overland to say he did not believe the arctic sea ice would return to its thick multi-year ice state of the 1980s. However, he also noted that it may take several warm years like 2007 to continue the sea ice decline, pushing the expected date for a nearly sea ice free Arctic to 2030.

Nick Bond, research meteorologist with the University of Washington, examined how oceanographic conditions in the fall season pan out in the light of global climate change. His take-home message, "From the present to about 2050, climate change will most likely be dominated by thermodynamics, the temperature of the water and its salinity, rather than dynamic effects, such as wind," Bond said. What that means for fisheries, sea mammals and nutrients in the sea, nobody knows quite yet. But loss of sea ice, later forming seasonal ice and earlier breakup times pose problems for ice-dependent creatures.

Carleton Ray, marine mammal researcher with the University of Virginia, noted that his analysis indicated that diminished sea ice and alterations in position, extent and structure of sea ice seascapes has caused the Bering Sea to become a mixing bowl where ice floes are free-moving within diminishing habitat. "For walruses, dimin-



Photo by Diana Haecker

CONNECTING—Eskimo Walrus Commission director Vera Metcalf, left, meets with research biologist Cheryl Rosa of the North Slope Borough department of wildlife management Jan. 21 during the North Pacific Research Board symposium held in Anchorage.

ished winter-spring ice increases the energetic costs of migration and may affect reproductive behavior. Loss of summer ice threatens female-calf nursing habitat," Ray found. For ribbon seals, he said that diminished sea ice disrupts reproduction and molting, with consequences for pup survival.

Peter Boveng, program leader of the Polar Ecosystem Program with NOAA's National Marine Mammal Laboratory, said that this may be the case, but not to the extent that the ribbon seal's situation warrants an endangered species listing. "While the multi-year ice in the Arctic Ocean is melting, the seasonal ice that ribbon seals need in the spring is still forming in the Bering Sea," he said. "We believe that the seasonal ice is still reliable in the foreseeable future, but we also expect that there will be reduced survival of adults or pups due to early breakup."

"There will be gradual declines in survival over the long term, but it's very uncertain how

long that might be. We also don't know how capable ribbon seals are to adapt by shifting their range north or by finding other ways to adjust to change." While he conceded that a total population number of the species has not been determined, their numbers range in the hundreds of thousands, he said. Part of the difficulty to get reliable data on their numbers is the fact that their habitat extends to the Sea of Okhotsk and his Russian scientific counterparts suffer the same obstacles: the lack of money to pay for expensive helicopter survey flights to count seals.

Boveng said that the recent finding that ribbon seals are not qualifying as an endangered species is not the last word on the issue. "We need to know more about the seals, and it doesn't mean that we turn our back on ribbon seals. They are a species of concern and the agency will continue to increase monitoring, research and more frequent assessments," he said.

Federal managers travel to Nome to hear bycatch concerns

By Laurie McNicholas

Residents of the Bering Strait region discussed proposals for limiting Chinook (king) salmon bycatch in the Bering Sea pollock fishery with representatives of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council and the National Marine Fisheries Service Jan. 22 at Nome Eskimo Community.

In 2007, 122,000 Chinook salmon were caught by commercial fishermen who were fishing for other species—a problem known as "bycatch." Many thousands of those salmon would have probably would have returned to rivers in western Alaska. The high Chinook bycatch numbers spurred the NPFMC to develop proposals to reduce and minimize the pollock fishery's Chinook bycatch.

In Nome, NPFMC Fisheries Analyst Nicole Kimball outlined the responsibilities of the council, its staff and advisory committee. The NPFMC and NMFS together manage fisheries in federal waters from three to 200 miles off Alaska's coast. The NPFMC makes recommendations to the NMFS, and the NMFS approves, implements and enforces them. Kimball said the council had participated in public meetings last fall in Bethel, Dillingham, Kotzebue, McGrath and Nenana. She also said she hopes the full council will meet in Nome in June 2011.

About 40 persons filled a meeting room at NEC, while others in several villages participated via a real-time video teleconference set up with assistance from Heidi Herter, University of Alaska Fairbanks Marine Advisory Program agent in Nome.

During a 40-minute PowerPoint presentation, NPFMC Plan Coordinator Diana Stram summarized issues, findings and proposed management alternatives in the council's draft Environmental Impact Statement on Bering Sea Chinook salmon bycatch management.

The bycatch of Chinook salmon in the Bering Sea pollock fishery

started a sharp upward trend early in this decade and averaged 82,311 fish annually from 2003 through 2007. By law, bycatch is counted but cannot be retained or sold. Some salmon is donated to food banks, but most Chinook salmon taken as bycatch in the pollock fishery are returned dead to the sea. The Chinook bycatch and its discard rate acutely concern subsistence and commercial fishers in Norton Sound and elsewhere in Western Alaska who have faced severely diminished runs of Chinook salmon in their rivers in recent years.

The 2008 Norton Sound Chinook salmon run was the poorest return on record, reported Jim Menard, area management biologist for Norton Sound and Kotzebue for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, in a news release dated Nov. 4, 2008. Last year in the Shaktoolik and Unalakleet subdistricts, no directed commercial Chinook salmon fishery took place, and the subsistence and sport fisheries closed early, he added. Menard said directed commercial Chinook fishery has occurred in only one year since 2001 in the Shaktoolik and Unalakleet subdistricts.

Stram said scientists don't know why the Chinook salmon bycatch dramatically increased from 2003 to 2007, but the reasons may involve changing oceanographic conditions or changing fishing practices.

In 2008 the numbers of Chinook taken as bycatch in the pollock fishery dropped dramatically to 19,477 fish, but the Council continued to fast-track development of a plan to manage Chinook bycatch. Under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA), the council and NMFS must consider all national standards, including:

- Minimize salmon bycatch to the extent possible;
- prevent over fishing while achieving, on a continuing basis, the optimum yield from each fishery (for example, the Bering Sea pollock fishery); and
- provide for the sustained partic-

ipation and of and minimize adverse impacts on fishing communities.

Stram noted that the requirement to consider all of the sometimes conflicting national standards set forth in the MSA tends to lead the council to-

ward a middle ground in its decision making process.

Management alternatives narrowed

The council's draft EIS includes a

preferred preliminary alternative (alternative 4) to reduce and minimize salmon bycatch regardless of annual abundance. Alternative 4 would:

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- set a high bycatch cap of 68,392 Chinook salmon for participants in a pollock industry incentive program to reduce bycatch below cap levels—if the council approves such a program—and set a lower “backstop” cap of 32,482 Chinook salmon for vessels that do not participate in an incentive program; OR

- set a low cap of 47,591 Chinook salmon if the council does not approve an incentive program.

The council plans to review industry incentive proposals at a meeting Feb. 4-10 in Seattle. Alternative 4 involves high- and low-cap management for the A season (winter) and B season (fall) as follows:

- The cap would be divided between A (70 percent) and B (30 percent) seasons;

- 80 percent of remaining A season caps could be rolled over (made available) to the B season in the same calendar year;

- caps would be allocated to the four pollock fishing sectors (Community Development Quota, inshore catcher vessels, mothership sector and offshore catcher processors). (The Community Development Quota is 10 percent of the annual total allowable catch of Bering Sea pollock, which the council allocates to the Western Alaska CDQ Program, comprised of six entities representing a total of 65 villages.)

- Sectors could transfer caps among sectors in a given season.

Transferable sector and cooperative level caps will require 100 percent observer coverage for management.

Chinook salmon genetic data from a 2008 study are aggregated into nine groups for use in impact analysis in the EIS. The Coastal Western Alaska group includes the lower Yukon, Kuskokwim and Bristol Bay. Norton Sound is in the Coastal Western Alaska genetics grouping, but can't be resolved separately. The draft EIS includes estimated impacts on Western Alaska Chinook salmon returns, economic impacts on salmon fishery management and economic impacts on the pollock fishery (primarily in foregone revenue) under alternative levels of bycatch caps.

The original due date of Feb. 3 for public comments on the draft EIS has been extended to Feb. 23. The council is scheduled to take final action on a Bering Sea Chinook salmon bycatch management plan at a meeting in April in Anchorage. The plan is to be implemented in January 2011.

Economic benefits of pollock

Two council members helped facilitate discussion at the Nome meeting—council chairman Eric Olson, who was born and raised in Dillingham, and Bill Tweit of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. The council includes representatives from the states of Alaska, Washington and Oregon. Olson said he has worked for CDQ entities for 13 years, beginning with the Bristol Bay

Economic Development Corp.

Norton Sound Economic Development Corp., which receives 2.2 percent of the Bering Sea pollock total allowable catch, represents 15 Bering Strait villages in the CDQ program. Representing NSEDC at the meeting were five board members, including chairman and president Dan Harrelson, and four staff members. Several representatives of the pollock industry from outside Alaska also attended the meeting, including John Bundy, president of Glacier Fish Co., which harvests more than 6 percent of the Bering Sea pollock catch. GFC has harvested NSEDC's annual CDQ pollock allocation since 1992. NSEDC currently owns 37.5 percent of GFC.

Noting that pollock harvests have contributed to the economy of Norton Sound since 1992, Bundy called for joint efforts by the pollock industry and communities to work toward a creative balance in Chinook bycatch management. The key is to use incentives to drive the bycatch down, he added.

He said he does not want to equate money with cultural values, but wants listeners to know what pollock contributes to the regional economy. Bundy said that in 2007 NSEDC received income of \$18.5 million from harvest royalties and distributions, and in the same year pollock industry employees from the region earned millions of dollars. He said NSEDC spent \$800,000 on salmon enhancement and more than \$4 million to run seafood processing plants in Nome and Unalakleet in 2007, supported cultural activities in the region, gave every rate payer in the region who

“It’s not pollock versus Chinook; we have a common problem and need to work on it.”

– John Bundy, Glacier Fish Co.

asked \$500 for their household electricity bills this winter and distributed a \$100,000 Community Benefit share to each of its member communities. “It’s not pollock versus Chinook; we have a common problem and need to work on it,” Bundy concluded.

Nome resident Tim Smith questioned Bundy’s \$800,000 figure for salmon enhancement, saying that he has asked NSEDC for information on that topic but has received no answer. None of the NSEDC board members or staff present at the meeting contradicted Smith. However, NSEDC’s 2007 Form 990 return to the Internal Revenue Service lists an expenditure of \$889,231 for salmon rehabilitation and enhancement projects under the heading “Statement of Program Service Accomplishments.”

Are bycatch caps effective?

Commenting on estimated salmon bycatch under various alternatives in the EIS, Smith questioned how bycatch of Norton Sound salmon can be managed if Norton Sound salmon stocks are not identified in the by-

catch. He said Chinook and chum salmon stocks in Norton Sound rivers are so low that any high seas interception of Chinook and chum bound for Norton Sound rivers will prevent their recovery. “None of these options will do us any good,” he said. “For the last few years I’ve operated a hatchery, and I think that may help. A bycatch cap won’t help us.”

Tweit said if you put Norton Sound salmon in a box in the ocean and say, “don’t fish here,” it won’t work because fish move. “What can the council do to get each skipper to avoid catching Chinook salmon on the first and last day of the season?” he asked. He said zero is the only right number for salmon bycatch. “Which will work and get fishermen not to relax when salmon numbers are low in the sea?”

At another point in the meeting Tweit said he is concerned that a bycatch cap would be fished up to the cap level every year. “I’ve never heard a skipper say he likes to catch Chinook,” he added. “They are proud of the clean fishery label.” Tweit said that the lower the Chi-

nook cap, the more likely a race for pollock will occur that results in dirty fishing. Noting that he is not speaking for the council, Tweit said he is trying to think through as many layers as he can. “It’s not us/them,” he said. “They want pollock caught in the ocean, Chinook in the river.”

Steve Ivanoff of Unalakleet said he doesn’t like the bycatch cap concept, but favors a trade concept in which any bycatch over a threshold could be taxed, and taxes could be used for several purposes, such as subsidies for food and fuel costs. Olson replied that if the council were to assess fines for bycatch, they would be obligated to put the proceeds in an NMFS fund and could not assign them to a particular area.

Is scientific data lacking?

Robert Keith of Elim, chairman of the Kawerak Inc. board of directors, expressed concern about the lack of scientific information for adequate analysis in the EIS, noting that climate change adds great variability.

Stram said the analysis goes through a rigorous review by the scientific community. She said lots of comments on the EIS question why the most recent genetic studies were chosen for the analysis instead of a different study. Published information from scientific statistical studies in available on the council website, she added.

Keith asked if there is a lack of scientific data, and if we need to get more scientific studies done. Stram said it can be beneficial to focus comments on what is not known. Tweit said the need for baseline genetic studies of

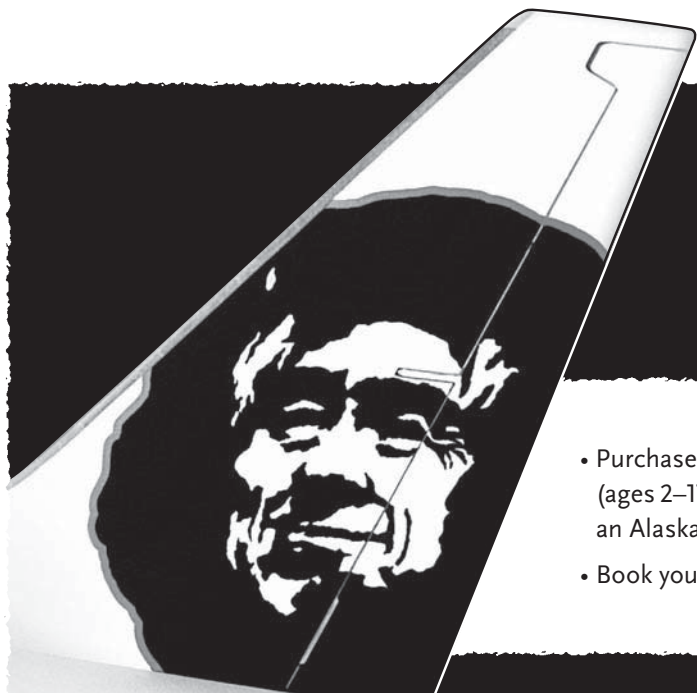
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Korean team takes tae kwon do to the village

By Tyler Rhodes

After watching six talented Korean university students break boards with their fists, execute soaring kicks in perfect synchronization and slice apples with their feet while performing back flips, it's no wonder that the audience members—both young and old—in Nome and area villages want to learn how to do the same.

Dan Scholten is happy to oblige them.

Scholten—or Master Dan, as he is known in these parts—has brought the half dozen Korean tae kwon do experts to the region as part of a program to introduce the martial art to residents of rural Alaska. Several years in the making, the Bering Strait Taekwondo Project is being implemented in conjunction with the Bering Strait School District in St. Michael, Savoonga, Unalakleet, Stebbins, Koyuk and Golovin.

"I felt that teaching tae kwon do in remote isolated communities would have an immense impact, not just on students, but for the community," said Scholten, who has studied tae kwon do for 37 years. "The teaching methods improve academic testing levels, period. Attendance improves in a short period of time, other issues in the community just turn around."

While Scholten has organized the program, the actual teaching work will be handled by the students from Han Zhong University in South Korea. The young teachers, ranging in age from 20 to 24 years old, have so far been received like rock stars in the villages.

Just as when they were in Nome, Scholten has the Korean team give demonstrations for the schools and then for the entire community in each village. After nearly every performance, the team is surrounded by a throng of children who are holding the remnants of the boards that were destroyed by a foot or fist. They all want their board signed.

"I know they're all overwhelmed by small children," Scholten said of the team.

To Scholten's pleasure, many of those autograph-seekers are also signing their own names as they enroll in the program right there on the spot. "We had 120 training at one time in Savoonga," he said. Scholten said a sign-up and preliminary lesson are conducted right as the demonstration ends.

So far the response has been stronger than Scholten anticipated. He initially expected to have 500 students in the region sign up for the program. When Scholten visited the offices of *The Nome*

Nugget last week, he was only half way through his village tour to set up the program. At that time he reported 400 had already enrolled. "It's a higher turnout than I had anticipated," he said. "I'd say we're short 500 uniforms right now."

As of press time, the program had traveled to Savoonga, Unalakleet and St. Michael, with students and adults signing on for the classes in all three. Scholten said interested parties can join the program at any time.

Scholten believes tae kwon do can play a role in improving people's lives. "The tae kwon do martial art, it gives the kid the value system where they have the desire to better themselves," Scholten said. "They're not allowed to train or progress in rank if they're not performing well at home or at school. That's what it is; they like this so much they're willing to do the work."

A leap of faith

While tae kwon do may be new for the six selected villages, moving to the village is akin to arriving on another planet entirely for the instructors. As the team travels from town to town, it leaves behind one member each time. The team will not be reunited until May when they will assemble in Nome with many of their new students for a regional tournament.

"It was hard for us to leave the first one behind. It's like breaking up your family," Scholten said of dropping off Jung Ho Choi in Savoonga. "We didn't have winter clothes yet. He was at the airport wrapped in a blanket, and he wouldn't leave."

The instructors have since received appropriate clothing for the climate.

Outside of the team's leader, Jae Young Park, this is the first trip to the United States for the young instructors who are still working on their English. Park, 24, who spoke for his peers while visiting *The Nugget's* offices said the language barrier does make the team a little nervous. Park also said it has been colder than he expected.

Park said he thought the villages would be small, but found them to actually be larger than he expected. He also said residents of the villages he has so far visited have been very kind and nice.

Other aspects of life in rural Alaska, like flying in bush planes, have also added an element of excitement to the trip—welcomed or not. The instructors have enjoyed seeing wildlife, such as moose and fox, and some have been able to



Photo by Dan Scholten

FIRST LESSON—The gym in St. Michael fills for a tae kwon do lesson from the Korean team.

travel the country a bit by snowmachine.

For all the new experiences the instructors will encounter, there will also inevitably come some pangs of homesickness. Outside the separation from friends and loved ones, perhaps the most telling sign that one is far from home is that of cuisine. Park said the instructors have enjoyed eating pizza and liked the muktuk they were offered. However, much of what they will be served at the schools will be different from what they normally eat. Scholten said the instructors' diet usually packs a little more kick. "Hot spice is really like lifeblood for them— keeps them healthy," he said.

While in the villages, Scholten said the instructors will also help with physical education classes and spend some time as students, themselves. The instructors will be working on their English.

This group of instructors will be paving the way for 11 more who will come in May. Scholten has scheduled a regional tournament, or HanMaDang, at that time at which he expects 300 students from the villages to participate. The tournament will also signal the changing of the guard as this first group of instructors bid Alaska goodbye.

The new instructors will live and work with Scholten during the summer before heading out to the villages, adding five more to the roster. Scholten envisions that after five years, the program will be self-sustaining since each village

should have by that time second- or third-degree black belts who can assume the role of instructor.

Effort spanned years

This is not the first time Scholten had worked to bring tae kwon do to the region's villages. He said he previously worked on several pilot programs, teaching the classes himself. Scholten's last solo effort was in 2004 when he lived in Shishmaref for a period of time to teach.

"It's been a journey in finding out how can we teach in this region," Scholten said.

That journey has taken Scholten around the world. He said he connected with Dr. Seong Hyun Nam, the head master of the Han Zhong University program, after building a relationship with another grand master in Iowa. Grand Master Young Chin Pak connected Scholten with Nam who eventually provided some of his students to help establish the Bering Strait Taekwondo project. "These are his personal students that he has selected on our behalf and will continue to supply as we go on with this program," Scholten said of Nam.

He also said he would like to be able to return the favor to Korea by eventually sending some of our region's cultural ambassadors to Korea. "Our big first goal is bringing some students from the villages and Native dance groups to the World HanMaDang in Korea," he said.

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Nanooks split weekend series with the Whalers

The Nome boys basketball team's winning streak came to an end this weekend in Barrow.

Since only suffering one loss early this season, the Nanooks have appeared unstoppable, often rolling over their opposition. The Whalers proved as big as their name, however, fighting the Nanooks to a 1-point loss on Friday and beating Nome by 5 on Saturday.

Nome's narrow 59-58 victory Jan. 23 was the fruit of a fourth-quarter rally that saw the Nanooks sink five 3-pointers. Helping to eat up that 10-point deficit from the end of the third

quarter, Jesse Blandford put down 12 of his 19 total points in the fourth quarter.

Jeremy Head led Nome overall with 21 for the game. Albert Gerke scored 15 to lead the Whalers.

On Saturday, the Whalers Justin Sanders came alive in the fourth, scoring 16 of his 21 points to lead Barrow to its 52-47 win. Barrow led by 1 at the half and maintained that margin through the end of the third quarter. The Whalers were able to outpace the Nanooks to the finish line to hand Nome its second loss of the season.

Blandford led Nome in scoring

with 24 points. Head followed up with 10. Mikey Wongittilin scored 6 in the first half for Nome and Christian Leckband drained a three-pointer in the first quarter and scored another 2 points in the fourth to finish with 5 for the game.

Nome came home from Barrow with a season record of 11-2.

The Nanooks will host the Dillingham Wolverines this weekend. The junior high boys will take the court at 5:30 p.m. both Friday and Saturday evenings, while the varsity squads will square off at 7 p.m. both nights.

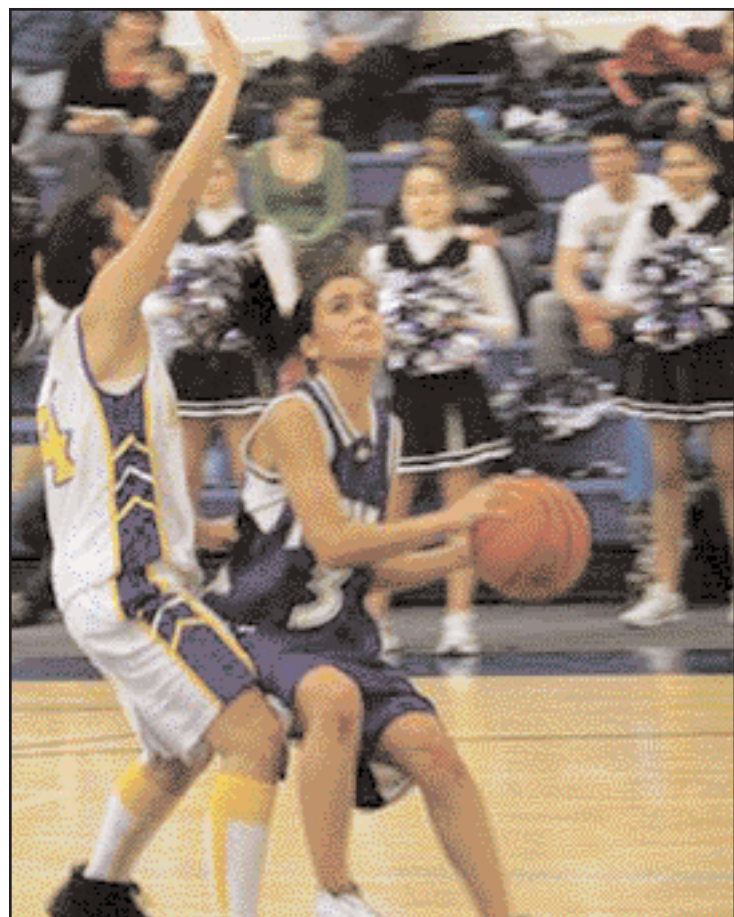


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DRIVING—Junior high player John Smith drives through the hole in a scrimmage Friday night in Nome. Nome boys basketball was represented by younger players at home this weekend as the varsity team played in Barrow.

Barrow gets the better of Nome

Lady Nanooks take their game to Dillingham next weekend



MAKING HER MOVE—Liz Sherman-Luce works for two on Saturday evening against Barrow at home. Sherman-Luce scored 5 points in the game.

The Lady Whalers brought their A-game to Nome last weekend, dispatching the Lady Nanooks two nights in a row.

Barrow controlled the court with a 52-34 win Friday evening, following up with a 64-44 victory.

In Friday's action, Vanessa Tahbone led Nome in the home-court effort with 9 points, 5 of those coming off the free-throw line. In all, the Lady Nanooks scored 13 from the line, a spot where Nome's Richelle Horner stood several times. Horner

added 8 points, six of those from free-throws. Rachael Bauman sunk a 3-pointer for the Lady Nanooks, ending the game with 5.

Jaleen Simmonds led Barrow in the game with hot shooting from outside. Simmonds nailed four 3-pointers for 12 of her 14 total points. Ganiinna Pili and Nicole Smith both added 11 for the Lady Whalers.

The scores were higher, but the margin of loss even greater, Saturday night for Nome. Tahbone again led Nome with 19 total points. She was a

perfect 6-for-6 from the line and scored one 3-pointer. Horner added 9, while Liz Luce and AnnieKate Olson each put up 5.

Barrow's Pili was the high scorer of the game with 22 points. Michelle Simmonds added 10 for the Lady Whalers.

Nome's record dropped to 6-4 with the loss.

The Lady Nanooks will hit the road next weekend, flying to Dillingham for two games.



SENIOR NIGHT—The Lady Nanook senior players take a moment to be honored with their parents before Saturday night's game against Barrow at home. Pictured are (left to right) Brent Bauman and daughter Rachael, Cindy Wieler and daughter Iris, Carlton and Sandy Tahbone with daughter Vanessa, and Bernie and Jim Alvanna-Stimpfle with daughter Maddie.



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READY TO RACE— (Left to right) Walter Bell, Kristian Ahwinona-Smith, Sam Bourdon and Brayden Bahnke, Pinewood Derby competitors from the Tiger and Wolf dens, proudly show off their cars at last week-end's race.

Pinewood Derby

By Julianne Bourdon
Racers got together for the annual Boy Scout Pinewood Derby held at the elementary school Jan. 24. The cars were handcrafted by the boys themselves with dads supervising. Some of the cars that were racing were designed after the Batmobile, a Nintendo Wii controller, the Nanook, General Lee and Hageland. The cars were registered and weighed before the race, with each car needing to weigh at most 5 ounces. Family and friends enjoyed the fun and excitement of each race. Thanks to all who helped, parents, den leaders and the boys for participating.

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LONG TRACK—Scouts watch the finish line of the Pinewood Derby last weekend at Nome Elementary.

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2008-2009 Season Standings ending January 24, 2009					
TEAM STANDINGS					
I-A BOYS	Conference Record Win-Loss	Overall Record Win-Loss	I-A GIRLS	Conference Record Win-Loss	Overall Record Win-Loss
Brevig Mis.	2 - 0	2 - 0	Golovin	2 - 0	2 - 0
Elim	2 - 0	2 - 0	Koyuk	2 - 0	2 - 0
Golovin	2 - 0	2 - 0	Wales	2 - 2	2 - 2
Teller	2 - 0	2 - 0	Gambell		2 - 2
Koyuk	1 - 1	1 - 1	Elim/Shaktoolik	0 - 2	0 - 2
Shaktoolik	1 - 3	1 - 3	Brevig Mission	0 - 4	0 - 4
Gambell		2 - 0			
St. Michael	0 - 2	0 - 3			
White Mtn.	0 - 4	0 - 4			
II-A BOYS	Win-Loss	Win-Loss	II-A GIRLS	Win-Loss	Win-Loss
Savoonga	0 - 2	0 - 4	Savoonga		4 - 0
Shishmaref	4 - 0	4 - 0	Shishmaref	0 - 3	0 - 3
Stebbins	0 - 2	4 - 4	Stebbins		2 - 4
Unalakleet	1 - 1	1 - 5	Unalakleet	1 - 1	1 - 5
SCORES					
BOYS TEAMS			GIRLS TEAMS		
Friday, January 10, 2009					
Nome 79 - Unalakleet 32			Nome 54 - Unalakleet 26		
Stebbins 47 - St. Michael 34					
Saturday, January 11, 2009					
Nome 89 - Unalakleet 45			Nome 42 - Unalakleet 40		
Thursday, January 15, 2009					
			Stebbins 45 - Emmonak 44		Kotlik Tournament
			Alakanuk 69 - Stebbins 51		Kotlik Tournament
			Noorvik 61 - Shishmaref 36		NIT Tournament
Friday, January 16, 2009					
Stebbins 50 - Emmonak 46			Stebbins 61 - St. Mary's 42		Kotlik Tournament
Kotlik 67 - Stebbins 27	Kotlik		Noorvik 70 - Shishmaref 25		Kotlik Tournament
Shishmaref 74 - Savoonga 40			Koyuk 69 - Elim 45		NIT Tournament
Selawik 50 - Unalakleet 46			Unalakleet 45 - Selawik 43		
Koyuk 57 - Shaktoolik 43			Wales 2 - Brevig Mission 0		Forfeit
Teller 2 - White Mountain 0			Savoonga 2 - Wales 0		Forfeit
Elim 2 - St. Michael 0	Forfeit				
Saturday, January 17, 2009					
Stebbins 60 - Alakanuk 53			Emmonak 63 - Stebbins 49		Kotlik Tournament
Stebbins 50 - St. Mary's 46	Kotlik		Alakanuk 60 - Stebbins 51		Kotlik
Kotlik 63 - Stebbins 47 Championship	Kotlik		Noorvik 52 - Shishmaref 21		NIT Tournament
Shishmaref 62 - Savoonga 36			Koyuk 77 - Elim 54		
Unalakleet 57 - Selawik 44			Selawik 39 - Unalakleet 34		
Shaktoolik 63- Koyuk 49			Wales 2 - Brevig Mission 0		Forfeit
Teller 2 - White Mountain 0	Forfeit		Savoonga 2 - Wales 0		Forfeit
Elim 2 - St. Michael 0	Forfeit				
Friday, January 23, 2009					
Brevig Mission 69 - White Mountain 31			Golovin 59 - Brevig Mission 31		
Shishmaref 53 - Stebbins 43			Savoonga 26 - Gambell 25		
Galena 73 - Unalakleet 35			Galena 48 - Unalakleet 46		
Golovin 119 - Shaktoolik 47			Gambell 2 - Stebbins 0		Forfeit
Gambell 78 - Savoonga 55					
Saturday, January 24, 2009					
Brevig Mission 72 - White Mountain 30			Golovin 61 - Brevig Mission 35		
Shishmaref 62 - Stebbins 53			Savoonga 23 - Gambell 22		
Galena 63 - Unalakleet 58			Galena 36 - Unalakleet 34		
Golovin 133 - Shaktoolik 63			Gmbell 2 - Stebbins 0		Forfeit
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110-year-old map one of the region's oldest

By Tyler Rhodes

Laura Samuelson traced the line marking the Snake River on the nearly 110-year-old map, reading the names of the creeks from south to north as her finger swept by them.

As she passed Sunset, Monument and Boulder creeks, she noted that more than a century later the names remain the same on the replica of the map recently acquired by the University of Alaska Fairbanks Rasmuson Library.

Copyrighted on Nov. 18, 1899, the map is likely one of the earliest of the region and was made to draw gold-seekers to the southern half of the Seward Peninsula. Made just before the big rush in Nome, the map shows an overview of the southern peninsula and what it labels as the Cape Nome, Bonanza and Cape York mining districts. "They were promotional maps to get people up here, especially the gold miners," said Samuelson, director of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum in Nome. "People had to be assured that they were coming to a real gold strike."

Samuelson said she first learned of the map's existence from a bookseller in Juneau. The bookseller had been in contact with an antiquities dealer in the Lower 48 who possessed the map. With an asking price of \$8,500, Samuelson passed up the

chance to acquire the map. "I think the price was exorbitant and that the money was better spent elsewhere," she said. "Ninety-eight percent of the stuff we have here is donated. We don't do a lot of purchasing."

Samuelson, however, mentioned the map to Rasmuson archivist Anne Foster later at a historical meeting. With funds from the Rasmuson Foundation, the map, which sold for 50 cents in 1899, was added to the library's collection for nearly \$9,000. "This is supposed to be one of the earliest maps of the region, produced rather rapidly with the idea of attracting people into the area," said Tamara Lincoln, curator of rare maps and books at the University of Alaska Fairbanks Rasmuson Library.

While the original will stay in Fairbanks, a copy is now in Nome at the museum. Samuelson said it will soon be framed and put on display. The map is also available for view on the state's online archives, which can be accessed at vilda.alaska.edu.

Produced by the Nome Map Co., the map was drawn around the time Nome officially accepted its moniker. The town was originally called Anvil City but was required to change its name by the post office in September 1899 to avoid being confused with Anvik on the lower

Yukon. The map notes both names for the town site.

Gustaf Nordblom, the map's creator, is named on the map as a civil engineer. He studied art in Paris and may have operated under two names, according to Lincoln. "He is a typical representative of the people that the Alaska gold fields attracted. He is cited here as a civil engineer, which tells me that throughout his lifetime he reinvented himself several times," Lincoln said.

The map was purchased with its original envelope, which bore advertising from the San Francisco-based J.S. Kimball Co. that boasted ownership of several steamers. The envelope copy attempts to persuade miners and other travelers to venture from San Francisco and Seattle to the gold fields. It offers prospective miners 550 safe deposit boxes in a vault at Nome. The company even offered trips to Siberia.

The maps primarily show the area's rivers and tributaries, areas where gold miners would be drawn to try their luck. "The Bonanza Mining District, which is east of Nome, is by far the largest section of the map," said Terrence Cole, professor of history at UAF. "Historically, of course, that's much less important than the Council area and Nome itself. This is not Nome, but Cape Nome, so it's really before the Nome stampede."

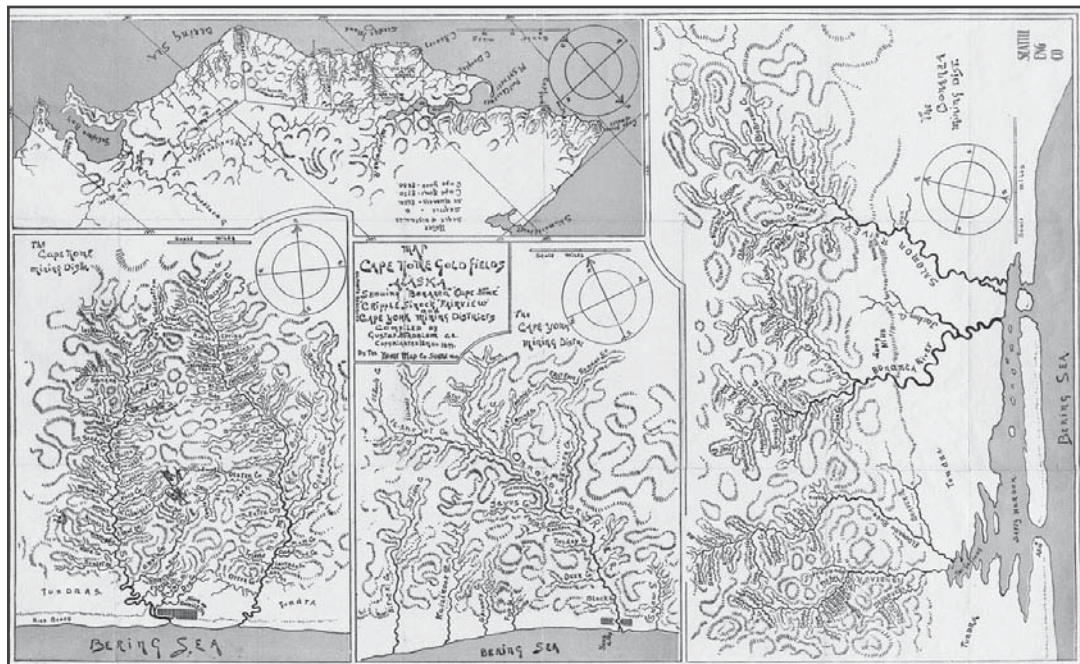


Photo by Tyler Rhodes

THERE'S GOLD IN THOSE RIVERS—Museum director Laura Samuelson looks over a reproduction of a 1899 map of the goldfields of the southern Seward Peninsula. The original map was recently purchased by UAF's Rasmuson Library for \$8,500.

TREASURE MAP (Left)—The 1899 map focused on three areas of the Seward Peninsula in an effort to entice fortune-seekers north.

Image from Alaska State Archives



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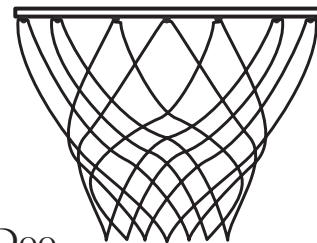
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All Around the Sound



Seth John Paniptchuk

New Arrivals

Silas and Stacey Paniptchuk of Shaktoolik announce the birth of their son, **Seth John Paniptchuk**, born on December 22, 2008 at 8:04 a.m. in Anchorage. He weighed 9 pounds 4 ounces and was 21 inches in length. His maternal grandparents are Richard and Rachel Stasenکو of Shishmaref. His paternal grandparents are William and Ebba Smith of Anchorage and great-papa is Franklin Paniptchuk Sr. of Shaktoolik.

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Oliver Carter Richard

Richard of Wales announce the birth of their son **Oliver Carter Richard**, born January 15 at 12:11 p.m. He weighed 8 pounds, 10 ounces, and was 21" in length. Siblings are Nevaeh Renee Richard, sister and Ethan Sai Joseph George, half brother. Maternal grandparents are Larry George of Akiachak and Jeri Komonaseak of Anchorage. Paternal grandparents are Daniel L. Richard,



Talan Alder Johnson

Sr. and Ellen J. Richard of Wales.

Tyler and Elizabeth Johnson of Nome would like to announce the birth of their son, **Talan Alder Johnson**. Talan was born at ANMC November 9, 2008 weighing 8 lbs, 5 ozs. He joins sisters Lyndsay and Madison, and big brother Alec.

Donna Brown and Jerry Katchatag of Golovin announce the birth of their

daughter **Lily Kay Taylor Katchatag**, born November 4, 2008 at 12:22 p.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. She weighed 6 pounds, 7 ounces, and was 18" in length. Siblings are Autumn Summer Brown, 7 and Nicole Rylee Katchatag, 2. Paternal grandparents are J.T. and Myrtle Sherman of Nome, and Frank and Sonja Katchatag of Unalakleet. Maternal grandparents are Charlie and Bernice Brown of Golovin, and Lily Amuktoolik, namesake and great-grandmother.

Wesley Dylan Kobuk was born on his older sister's birthday November 8, 2008 at 4:50 a.m. at Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. His parents are Aida Ann Cheemuk and Lee Leon Kobuk from St. Michael. His siblings are Delilah Rebecca, 4, and Leandra Amber, 2. His grandparents are Thomas and Elsie Cheemuk and Leonard and Emily Kobuk of St. Michael.

Honors

Amber D. Otton, daughter of Sherry and Darrin Otton of Nome received academic honors at the University of Alaska Anchorage by making the University Dean's List for the Fall semester of 2008. Amber Otton is a freshman at UAA, and is majoring in pre-Medicine; she plans to return to Nome after achieving her goal of become a medical doctor. To make UAA's Dean's List, a student must have at least a 3.5 GPA.

• Bycatch

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Chinook salmon is receiving attention from several organizations.

Cultural concerns aired

Austin Ahmasuk, Nome Eskimo Community's Tribal Resources Specialist, asked what happens with a majority of the Chinook salmon bycatch. Tweit said many salmon taken as bycatch are young feeder fish with little meat and their flesh becomes worthless quickly. In many cases, Chinook salmon that are sorted out from tons of pollock are not fit for human consumption, but some are, and the industry is working on logistics such as transporting them, she added.

"Food bank salmon never comes to our village," said Charles Saccheus, NSEDC board member from Elim. He asked how villagers can become involved in the program. Glenn Reed of Pacific Seafood Processing said he serves on the board of an organization that deals with donated fish and he is willing to work with persons who want to access the program. Ahmasuk said after the meeting Reed told him that only 10 percent of Chinook salmon taken as bycatch is donated in some form.

Jerry Ivanoff of Unalakleet said subsistence fishers in eastern Norton Sound want to be able to teach young people how to do Chinook salmon strips and store them. "Without kings, we can't do that," he noted. "Our culture will die."

Noting that others at the meeting had stressed the importance of subsistence to the culture and economy of communities, Julie Raymond-Yakoubian, social scientist with Kawerak Inc., said the draft EIS has not taken that into consideration adequately. She said the document refers to the rural subsistence economy as an underground economy, which sounds illegal—like a black market.

She said the pollock industry analysis in the EIS shows what the industry would forego under various bycatch cap levels, but does not show the impacts of forgone subsistence fish. "The Environmental Justice portion of the draft EIS does not spend enough time on coastal community impacts; it's unbalanced," she added. "Kawerak wants more attention focused on these matters."

Olson asked Raymond-Yakoubian to help the council find ways to improve the document. She suggested that the Council (1) use tribal liaisons as information pipelines, and (2) add a social scientist to the council staff.

Rose Fosdick, vice president of Kawerak's Natural Resources Division, said Kawerak spends a lot of time working with communities on subsistence issues. "We can't live without subsistence salmon," she said. She said the EIS lacks information about the impacts of Chinook bycatch on subsistence fishers. "How are we going to put our voice in?" she asked.

"You put your voice in the product with your comments here," Olson assured Fosdick.

"If the information in the EIS is inadequate, we want to hear that," said Sally Bibb, CDQ coordinator for NMFS. "We also hear there is a big problem and action is needed right now." She asked whether Kawerak recommends taking more time to include the information they say should be added to the EIS. "We can't act on bycatch and incorporate your comments at the same time," she noted.

Stram said it would be helpful to receive ideas on how better to characterize information.

Fosdick said Kawerak is recording local knowledge and will be ready in a year and a half.

"The comments you made today will be folded into the EIS," Kimball said.

"It seems to be a work in progress," observed Perry Mendenhall of Nome. "For now a lot is unknown." The public meeting began at 9 a.m. and ended shortly after noon.

NMFS, tribal entities consult

At 1 p.m. on Jan. 22 representatives of Kawerak, NEC and Elim and Unalakleet tribal entities met for private consultation with Bibb and Jon Kurland, director of the NMFS Alaska Region Habitat Conservation Division. The division works with stakeholder groups and others to offset adverse effects on Essential Fish Habitat and living marine resources in Alaska.

In an interview with *The Nome Nugget* following the meeting, Raymond-Yakoubian said the tribal groups had given Bibb and Kurland their views and recommendations and hope the effort leads to open lines of communication. She said council represen-

tatives attended the meeting to listen.

In regard to Bibb's question whether Kawerak recommends taking more time to include more information in the EIS, Raymond-Yakoubian said she told NMFS that is a false choice between improving the EIS to reflect good analysis and delaying a final decision by the council in April. A delay in the decision would delay implementation of a management plan in January 2011, she noted.

She said she believes Kawerak prompted the council's decision to meet with residents in six rural areas to discuss Chinook bycatch issues in the Bering Sea pollock fishery. "Kawerak has been sending them letters telling them that people don't know what's going on, and we have to educate them; you should be educating them," she added. "The other thing we are concerned about is they already have preliminary alternatives in place for managing non-Chinook bycatch. We requested tribal consultation on that issue." Nearly all of the non-Chinook salmon bycatch in the pollock fishery is comprised of chum salmon, an important species in the Norton Sound area.

Both Raymond-Yakoubian and Ahmasuk say they are happy that Bibb and Kurland consulted with them. Ahmasuk said NEC requested quite a bit of information as soon as possible. "I have been speaking with Sally [Bibb] ever since September of last year regularly," he added. "The EIS is so complicated; there are hundreds of different alternatives."

Ahmasuk said the council provided an extremely valuable community service for people of the region by holding a public meeting on the draft EIS in Nome.

Saying it Sincerely

By Pastor David Elmore
Community United Methodist Church
for the Nome Ministerial Association

Radical Hospitality. What do you think of when you hear these words? Aren't we, as Christians, supposed to simply believe the right things and we will be saved? That's what many churches teach after all. Martin Luther even identified the role of clergy as being to "preach the word and administer the sacraments." Not much about radical hospitality here.

According to Bishop Robert Schnase, the author of *The Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations*, we shouldn't stop at "friendly" hospitality; we need to exhibit a hospitality which is "extraordinary, exceptional, thorough, and extreme." In other words radical.

As I was surfing the web recently, I came across a letter posted to a popular internet forum for Christians from a young lady who had visited a church. She had been sent home by the pastor for wearing casual attire. This is how she ends the letter:

"Walking out of the church, I felt very, very hurt and angry. So THIS was how Jesus REALLY felt about me! I would never go to church again, I decided.

Although I returned to church about two years later, I still find it nearly impossible to go on a Sunday due to the aforementioned incident."

One sentence stands out: "So THIS was how Jesus REALLY felt about me!" We might be uncomfortable in thinking that we are representatives of Christ. But it is through the church and through individual believers that God touches people's lives.

I believe that is what Paul is talking about in the reading from Romans. If we only invite those who are near to us, who we already know, respect, and love, how are we going to transform the world? If we don't show God's love, God's peace to those who persecute us, to those who are lowly, who is going to show them God's love?

How better to show radical hospitality, than to share God's grace with one who persecutes you. God requires that we show the same level of hospitality to all people, regardless of who they are, even those who persecute us. This is how we participate in God's transformation of the world. I will now share an experience to illustrate this.

I served as a project manager in Iraq from May through November, 2004. Our Iraqi co-workers, or hosts, had not known peace since about 1980 when the Iran-Iraq war began. But yet, their hospitality was incredible. It is a part of their culture that we the Church need to emulate. They wanted to make sure we knew about their country through sharing food with us, taking us to numerous historical and tourist sorts of sites within the Green Zone, and other opportunities. It was humbling that these people, who had nothing, would give everything for us, who were occupiers of their land. This is the sort of radical hospitality that Paul speaks of in his letter to the Romans.

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 CAPRICORN December 22–January 19 Shucks, Capricorn. The answer you've been seeking has been right in front of you all along. No need to get your feathers ruffled. Fix the problem and start on the next one.	 ARIES March 21–April 19 Affairs of the heart wreak havoc at home. Step in and play mediator, Aries, or prepare for the situation to get blown way out of proportion. A transportation matter resolves itself.	 CANCER June 22–July 22 Get real, Cancer. You don't have the resources to take on such a task. Be honest with yourself and let someone else have the glory. A question at home catches you off guard.	 LIBRA September 23–October 22 Believe it or not, but a friend really has changed, Libra. They are on the right path, and this time, they won't stray from it. Cheer them on!
 AQUARIUS January 20–February 18 Party time, Aquarius. A family issue is resolved, and you benefit in multiple ways. A walk down memory lane uncovers a mystery. Get ready to do a little snooping.	 TAURUS April 20–May 20 Keep a close eye on that special someone, Taurus. They are up to something. A home improvement project is calling your name. Time to get out the toolbelt.	 LEO July 23–August 22 Stay on top of things at work, Leo. Your supervisor may be taking stock of you. A momentous occasion calls for a momentous celebration.	 SCORPIO October 23–November 21 Relaxation time, Scorpio. You have given everything you got, and before you can go any further, you need to rejuvenate. Go ahead and take up that friend's travel offer.
 PISCES February 19–March 20 Ready or not, here they come, Pisces. Roll out the red carpet for your guests and treat them like royalty. They will return the favor sooner than you think.	 GEMINI May 21–June 21 Push on, Gemini. The end to a project is closer than you think. A friend comes calling. Be frank with them. Coddling is not what they need right now.	 VIRGO August 23–September 22 Beauty is in the eye of the beholder. Remember that, Virgo, on your next shopping adventure. You may just find a valuable treasure. A slip of the tongue gets you into trouble at work.	 SAGITTARIUS November 22–December 21 Geez, Sagittarius. You really have done enough for a young family member. Step back and give them some space to sort out things on their own.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY



Bering Strait School District 2008 Activity Calendar

January 29 - 31 13th Annual Native Dance Festival Stebbins	January 30-31 Unalakleet Basketball Invitational Unalakleet
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Employment

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NSSP has an opening for an individual to assist with buying, processing and shipping winter crab. Must possess or be able to obtain an Alaska drivers license. Good physical condition and able to lift and carry 50#, versatile and willing to perform a variety of tasks. Previous work experience

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Employment Opportunities
NSEDC is currently recruiting for the following positions:

- Fisheries Biologist
- Accountant
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- CDQ Harvest Manager
- Northern NSSP Operations Manager

Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation (NSEDC) offers a competitive salary and excellent benefits package. Please see our website to view the full job description and to download the application at www.nsedc.com or contact Camille Cruz, HR Director, (800) 650-2248. Qualified individuals should submit their application, resume and cover letter to: **NSEDC, 420 L Street, Suite 310, Anchorage, AK 99501**, Telephone: (907) 274-2248 and Fax: (907) 274-2249.

1/29



Did you get that million dollar shot?
Sorry, no prizes awarded, but we will publish your name. You will be a published photographer! Send your photos (in jpeg format) to photos@nomenugget.com or mail to your negs or photo print to **The Nome Nugget Pouch 610 Nome, AK 99762.** (Please give us a brief description of who, what, when and where your photo was taken.) If you have questions call (907) 443-5235.

Trooper Beat

On January 15, at approximately 5 p.m., Nome AST received a report of a possible assault in the village of St. Michael. AST investigation is ongoing as witnesses are being contacted.

On January 16, at approximately 7:17 p.m., Stebbins VPO Delbert Acoman contacted Nome AST to report two overdue snowmachiners. It was reported that Michael Pete, 19, of Stebbins, and Nathan Pete, 21, of Stebbins, had departed Kotlik at approximately 3:30 p.m., during blizzard conditions to travel to Stebbins. Michael and Nathan were traveling together on a single snowmachine and had appropriate winter gear. A hasty team was sent from Stebbins and the pair were located at approximately 9:30 p.m., in good condition. It was determined that the snowmachine had run out of fuel. Michael and Nathan were provided fuel and escorted to Stebbins without incident. Nome AST thank the Stebbins Search volunteers for a quick response and successful search. Nome AST would like to remind travelers to check the weather and plan each trip to ensure that appropriate gear and adequate fuel are available prior to the start of any trip as well as filing a Trip Plan with family and friends.

On January 18, at approximately 2:30 a.m., Mark Henry, 21, of Gambell, was arrested for probation violation, after investigation revealed that he had consumed alcohol in violation of his probation.

On January 18, at approximately 5:30 a.m., Tanya Apatiki, 34, of Gambell, was arrested for violation of conditions of release, after the investigation revealed that she had consumed alcohol in violation of her release conditions.

On January 18, at 2:00 p.m., Savoonga Village Public Safety Officer John Peratrovich arrested Peter Waghiyi, 45, of Savoonga, with an arrest

warrant for Failure to Appear. Waghiyi's original charge was Importation of Alcohol. Waghiyi was remanded to AMCC with \$500.00 bail.

On January 20, at approximately 12:30 p.m., Nome AST arrested Ross Apangalook, 19, of Nome, on an outstanding Palmer Court bench warrant. Apangalook was transported and remanded at AMCC pending arraignment.

On January 20, at approximately 4:30 p.m., AST contacted Elliot Olanna and Maranda Olanna at a local airline. The investigation revealed that they were transporting improperly marked alcohol to a damp village. A Summons was issued.

On January 20, AST received a report of a criminal trespass incident. Investigation is ongoing.

On January 20, Travis Murphy, of Nome, was convicted in Nome District Court on the charge of failing to submit his musk ox trophy for destruction prior to sending it outside of Game Management Unit 22 in accordance with the conditions of his RX099 Musk Ox Hunt permit. Murphy was sentenced to one year probation, a \$500 fine with \$100 suspended, one year loss of hunting privileges, and forfeiture of the musk ox head to the state.

On January 20, Matthew Slingsby, of Nome, appeared in Nome District Court on a charge of violating the conditions of his RX099 Musk Ox Hunt permit. Slingsby was convicted of taking a cow during a bull only hunt. He was ordered to pay a fine of \$500 with \$200 suspended and serve one year on probation. The musk ox was forfeited to the state.

On January 21, at approximately 12:00 a.m., AST received a report that Fred Goodhope, Jr.

was overdue from a hunting trip and hadn't called in. A hasty team was sent, but was forced to stop at a cabin 40 miles outside Shishmaref due to a ground storm. At approximately 10:30 a.m., Fred Goodhope Jr. called and reported that he was OK and waiting out the weather.

On January 22, at approximately 3:00 a.m., Nome AST was advised of an assault outside the city limits of Nome. AST responded and investigation determined that Helen Homekingkeo, 32, of Nome, had assaulted her boyfriend by hitting him on the jaw. Homekingkeo was arrested and charged with Assault in the fourth degree involving domestic violence and one count of violation of a domestic violence protective order. Homekingkeo was transported and remanded at AMCC without incident.

On January 23, at 12:40 p.m., Nome AST received a report of a disturbance in Gambell. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Alexie Morris Jr., 34 of Gambell, for Probation Violation. Morris was remanded to AMCC.

On January 23, at 3:30 p.m., Nome AST received a report of an intoxicated person in Gambell. Victoria Campbell, 45, of Gambell, was subsequently arrested for Probation Violation. Campbell was remanded to AMCC.

On January 26, Nome AST received a report of a harassment case. It was reported that Rodger Slwooko, 23, of Gambell, was contacted by VPOs for being intoxicated. Slwooko was held in protective custody due to his level of intoxication. While being held Slwooko began causing problems by making loud noises. VPO Apatiki was checking on Slwooko when Slwooko spit in VPO Apatiki's face. Slwooko was arrested and charged with one count of Harassment in the first degree and arraigned telephonically.

Legals

NOTICE OF DEFAULT — SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

A foreclosure sale will be held **February 24, 2009, at 10:00 a.m.** in the main lobby of the Kotzebue Courthouse, 605 3rd Ave., Kotzebue, AK, of the Deed of Trust recorded December 15, 1997, in Book 51, Page 46, Kotzebue Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska, as a lien against real property described as: Lot One (1), Block Two (2), SWAN LAKE SUBDIVISION, U.S. Survey Number 2645, Tract 9, according to the plat filed July 2, 1975 as Plat Number 75-1; Records of the Kotzebue Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska; which has a street address of 633 Wolverine Drive, Kotzebue, AK 99752. Trustees/Record Owners Edmond W. Geffe and Ethel S. Geffe, husband and wife, have breached the obligation for which the Deed of Trust is security: failure to make payments when due under the Deed of Trust. Present Beneficiary, Alaska Housing Finance Corporation, by Assignment recorded December 15, 1997 in Book 51, Page 54, is owed the principal amount of \$72,129.54 plus interest from April 1, 2008 at the rate of 6.625% per annum, plus costs, fees, and other charges incurred or advanced thereafter. The Trustee elects to sell the property and to apply the proceeds against the obligation. Trustee reserves the right to postpone the sale, set a minimum bid, submit an offset bid, and establish other bidding procedures at the sale. Questions should be directed to the Law Offices of GROH EGGERS, LLC, 2600 Cordova Street, Suite 110, Anchorage, AK 99503, phone (907) 562-6474. Fairbanks Title Agency, Trustee Dated: 11/3/08
By: _____
Denise Goss — President
1/8-15-22-29

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION**

Alaska Village Electric Cooperative

Project No. 13298-000
Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions to Intervene, and Competing Applications
(January 8, 2009)
On October 9, 2008, Alaska Village Electric Cooperative filed an application, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act, proposing to study the feasibility of the Port Clarence Hydroki-

netic Project (Port Clarence), located in Port Clarence, within an Unorganized Borough, between the communities of Teller and Brevig Mission, Alaska. The project uses no dam or impoundment.

The proposed Port Clarence project would consist of: (1) 2 proposed submerged Ocean Renewable horizontal axis crossflow turbines, with a total installed capacity of 300 kilowatts, (2) a proposed 6.5-mile-long, 7,200/12,400-kilovolt transmission line, and (3) appurtenant facilities. The project is estimated to have an annual generation of 1.3-gigawatt-hours, which would be sold to a local utility.

Applicant Contact: Mr. Brent Petrie, Alaska Village Electric Cooperative
4831 Eagle Street, Anchorage, AK 99503, phone: **907/565-5358**,
FERC Contact: Patricia W. Gillis (202) 502-8735.

Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, competing applications (without notices of intent), or notices of intent to file competing applications: 60 days from the issuance of this notice. Comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications may be filed electronically via the Internet. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's website under the "e-Filing" link. If unable to be filed electronically, documents may be paper-filed. To paper-file, an original and eight copies should be mailed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20426. For more information on how to submit these types of filings please go to the Commission's website located at <http://www.ferc.gov/filing-comments.asp>. More information about this project can be viewed or printed on the "eLibrary" link of Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number (P-13298) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, call toll-free 1-866-208-3372.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.
1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2/12

NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND SALE
Foreclosure Sale to be held April 03, 2009, at 10:00 A.M. at the Main entrance to the Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street, Nome, AK.

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Real Estate

RENT—2-bed rental in Nome, a real deal for the right mtce person. Need live-in mtce/mgr immediately! First month free in exchange for mtce work, you pay utility deposits. Subsequent rent reduced, you pay all utilities (incl heating oil) with low rent. Only qualified & dependable mtce person inquire. References required. Interested call 360- 891-

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Adopt a pet and get a **FREE** bag of dog/cat food from Doctor Leedy and the *Nome Kennel Club*. Dog food, cat food, cat litter and other donations are always welcome at the Nome Animal Shelter!

Nome Animal Control & Adopt-A-Pet • 443.5212 or 443.5262



Seawall

1/19
Denise Olin, DOB: 7/11/69, was arrested and booked for Violating Conditions of Release.
Denise Curtis, DOB: 6/17/76, received three citations for Attendance Compulsory.
Jennifer Alvanna, DOB: 2/23/68, received three citations for Attendance Compulsory.
Barbara Apok, DOB: 5/29/57, received a citation for Attendance Compulsory.
Denise Olin, DOB: 7/11/69, was served a Twenty Day ExParte' Protective Order.
1/20
Larry Lewis, DOB: 1/11/53, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violating Conditions of Release.
A Savoonga male was transported to the hospital on a Title 47 Protective Custody Hold.
1/21
Andrew Ozenna, DOB: 1/3/86, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Drunk on License Premise.
A Savoonga male was transported to the hospital on a Title 47 Protective Custody Hold.
Loretta Good, DOB: 2/6/63, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.
An Elim female was transported to the hospital on a Title 47 Protective Custody Hold.
1/22
A Nome female was transported to the hospital on a Title 47 Protective Custody Hold.
A Gambell female was transported to the hospital on a Title 47 Protective Custody Hold.
1/23
Joseph Nupowhotuk, DOB: 2/8/69, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Drunk on Licensed Premises.
David Kenney, DOB: 10/16/69, was served a Twenty Day ExParte' Protective Order.
1/24
Cory Wells, DOB: 8/15/79, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault in the Fourth Degree, Domestic Violence and Assault in the Fourth Degree on a Peace Officer.
Brandon Olanna, DOB: 12/5/85, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Criminal Tres-

pass in the First Degree and False Information or Report.
A Nome male was transported to AMCC on a Title 47 Protective Custody Hold.
Randall Huffman, DOB: 12/17/70, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.
Anthony Gandia, DOB: 7/19/76, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault in the Fourth Degree, Domestic Violence.
1/25

A 16-year female was issued a citation for Minor Consuming Alcohol.
Daniel Angusuc, DOB: 4/27/82, was issued a citation for Expired Registration



Arctic ICANS —
A nonprofit cancer survivor support group.

1-800-478-9355

Arctic ICANS next meeting
The Nome Cancer support group will meet at the XYZ Center on
Thursday, Feb. 5 • 7:30 p.m.
Dr. Robert Lawrence
The beneficial properties of vitamin D
For more information call 443-5726.

• More Legals

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RECONTRUST COMPANY, the present Trustee under the Deed of Trust executed by MARGARET ARLENE MOO AND RON MOO, WIFE AND HUSBAND, AKA ARLENE MOO, Trustor(s), to FIRST AMERICAN LENDERS ADVANTAGE – NEC, Trustee, and MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., Beneficiary, recorded September 14, 2007, in Document No. 2007-000440-0 in Book N/A at Page N/A, all in the records of the Kotzebue Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska, encumbering the following real property:

LOT 6, BLOCK B OF KILULLIQ SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT FILED OCTOBER 1, 1992 AS PLAT NUMBER 92-5; RECORDS OF THE KOTZEBUE RECORDING DISTRICT, SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT, STATE OF ALASKA.

and having a corresponding address of #1 SWAMP STREET, NOATAK, AK 99761, gives notice that a breach occurred because Trustor(s) failed to satisfy obligations secured by the Deed of Trust. The amount owing to the Beneficiary as of December 23, 2008, is \$59,353.41, plus future interest, costs, and other charges.

Upon demand of the Beneficiary, Trustee hereby elects to sell the real property for cash to apply against obligations owed to the Beneficiary, together with any additional interest, costs, or expenses. Beneficiary gives notice that it is preserving its rights against other collateral securing the obligations.

Questions regarding the foreclosure should be directed to RECONTRUST COMPANY at (800)-281-8219 and reference T.S. No. 08-0098623.

Dated: 12/23/2008
RECONTRUST COMPANY
By: B.P. Flores, Assistant Secretary
1/29-2/5, 12, 19

Request for Proposals (RFP)

King Island Native Corporation (KINC) is requesting written proposals from qualified licensed and bonded contractors for the following work: Labor

and materials to renovate a single-family residence at 602 E 4th Avenue, Nome, Alaska. KINC will accept written proposals until 5 p.m., local time, on Monday, February 9, 2009.

Proposals should be submitted to:

King Island Native Corporation

Attn: Janet Carlisle

PO Box 992

Nome, AK 99762

Mark the envelope: 602 E 4th Ave Renovation

Questions regarding this RFP may be directed to

Janet Carlisle at KINC at 443-5494. A scope of work listing all required items is available.

KINC reserves the right to reject any and all bids for this project, to waive any informality in the procurement process and to award an agreement, which is in the best interest of KINC.

Proposals will be accepted at the KINC office located at 706 E 4th Avenue until Monday, February 9, 2009.

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PILGRIM HOT SPRINGS PUBLIC MEETING

For comments on future DEVELOPMENT



Catholic Bishop of Northern Alaska
Tom Buzek **907-374-9528**

- Monday, February 2, 2009
- 3 p.m. at Nome City Council Chambers
- 6:30 p.m. at Old St. Joe's Hall
- Saturday, February 7, 2009
- 12 - 3 p.m. at the Teller school
- Potluck starts 12 p.m.



Nome Eskimo Community

FY 2008 Annual Performance Report (APR)

Available for Public Review and Comment.

The FY 2008 APR may be reviewed during business hours at the NEC offices located at **200 W. 5th Avenue** between January 21, 2009 and February 21, 2009.

For comments or questions please call the Housing Office at **443-9102**.

1/29, 2/5, 2/12, 2/19

**Notice of Annual Meeting
Mary's Igloo Native Corporation**

(Notice change in meeting date & Nomination form deadline)

Mary's Igloo Native Corporation (MINC) Annual Meeting will be held on Feb. 28, 2009 in Teller Alaska at the Teller City Hall at 1 p.m. All Shareholders are urged to attend.

Refreshments and door prizes will be provided during the Election of Directors. If you have any questions or concerns contact the MINC office at **(907)642-2308** or Fax **(907)642-2039** office hours are as follows: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. (noon) and 1 p.m - 5 p.m. Monday - Friday. Please return the Nomination form by Jan. 26, 2009 if interested to run as a Board of Director for MINC.

1/15, 1/22, 1/29, 2/5



**Northern Norton
Sound Fish &
Game Advisory
Committee Meeting**

- Time: 10:00am
- Date: Tuesday, February 12, 2009
- Location: Old Kawerak Board Room, Nome, AK

Agenda items include:

- Advisory Committee elections for 6 Nome seats
- Fisheries: Staff reports, BOF Proposal 378, New BOF proposals, NPFMC salmon bycatch
- Wildlife: Management summaries for moose & muskox
- BOG Proposal 227 (no-fee brown bear tags)
- Proposal 231 (antlerless moose seasons)
- 244, to ban full metal jacket bullets.

For more information, contact Susan Bucknell at susan.bucknell@alaska.gov or **907-442-1717** or committee chair Roy Ashenfelter at **907-443-5231**.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
Bering Strait School District
Board of Education Meeting**

The Bering Strait School District Board of Education is scheduled to meet on **Tuesday, February 3, 2009** for the 179th Regular Session. The 179th Regular Session will be held in **Brevig Mission at 2:00 p.m. at the Brevig Mission School Gymnasium and in Teller at 7:00 p.m. at the James C. Isabell School Gymnasium.**

The public is invited to attend. Tentative agenda items include, but are not limited to:

REGULAR BOARD MEETING ACTION ITEMS:

- FY'10 School Calendar
- Personnel
- Legislative Goals and Priorities
- Unalakleet School Renovation Construction Contract

REPORTS ITEMS:

- Construction Update/CIP Grant Application Results
- Second Quarter Financial Report
- Graduate Follow-up Study (Six Month)
- Fall 2008 HSGQE Results
- NACTEC Update
- Strategic Planning/Curriculum Update
- Superintendents Report

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Federal Subsistence Meeting

The public is invited.

February 11 starting at 8:30 a.m.

Aurora Inn Conference Room
Nome, Alaska

The **Seward Peninsula Subsistence Regional Advisory Council** will meet to discuss subsistence wildlife issues and other issues related to subsistence in the Seward Peninsula region. For more information, contact Barbara Armstrong at (907) 786-3885 or (800) 478-1456.

For more information on the Federal Subsistence Management Program visit:
<http://alaska.fws.gov/asm/home.html>

**Sitnasuak Native Corporation
Shareholder Notice**

**36th Annual Shareholders Meeting
Saturday May 9, 2009, • 10:00 a.m.
Mini-Convention Center • Nome, AK**

BUSINESS CONDUCTED WILL INCLUDE:

- Election of four (4) Directors for three year term
- Approval of the Independent Auditor
- Other shareholder business

SOLICITATION OF CANDIDATES FOR BOARD POSITIONS

- Written Letter of Candidacy and Nominee Information Questionnaire
- Candidates must be 19 years old or older by filing date.

MUST BE RECEIVED BY **February 8, 2009 by 5:00 p.m.**

SHAREHOLDER PROPOSAL

A proposal form (fee & signature requirements) will be provided, please contact the Sitnasuak Native Corporation Office **907-443-2632** or **877-443-2632 (toll free)**

MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE CORPORATION OFFICE ON OR BEFORE **February 8, 2009 by 5:00 p.m.**

For more information write or call:

Sitnasuak Native Corporation
P.O. Box 905
Nome, Alaska 99762
907-443-2632 or 877-443-2632 (toll free)

1/8 - 2/5

**The Nome National Forest is
calling all Christmas trees
to join in and make this
year's forest the best ever!**

**Call Connie Madden @ 443-2620. Trees
may be dropped off at Connie's house on
First Avenue (next door to Outfitter's).
Anyone willing to help please pick-up dis-
carded trees and deliver to Connie's.**

Obituaries

Shasta Summer Ivaghhvik Soolook July 10, 2008 - December 24, 2008

Shasta Summer Ivaghhvik Soolook is survived by her mother and father Michele and Dennis, Jr., sisters Destiny Faith Reyna and McKayla Brianna and brother Dallas Jade. Other survivors are her maternal grandmother is Ellen Kulukhon, paternal grandmother is Karen Kazingnuk, grandfather is Dennis Soolook Sr., great-grandmother is Hannah Takak, great-grandmother Alice Soolook. Her



Shasta Summer Ivaghhvik Soolook

great-grandmother and grandfather are Isabell and Peter Ahkvaluk, Shd is survived by her auntie Melissa and cousin Julie, auntie Carolyn and cousin Kaden, auntie JoAnn and cousins Selma, Gladys, James Jr., auntie Jackie, auntie Ayana, auntie Melissa and cousins Loretta and Kobe, auntie Melanie, auntie Betty Ann Koutchak and cousins Tammy, Robert, Allison, Sonja and Amber, uncle Lawrence, uncle Micheal and uncle Taylor and many great aunts and uncles. She is preceded in death by great-grandmother Ivadell Kazingnuk, grandfather Jones Kulukhon and great-grandfather Lynn Takak, Sr.

Delbert Ahnahkoozuk Sahsook Eningowuk

Delbert Ahnahkoozuk Sahsook Eningowuk, known to many as “Ahtata and “Uncle Del,” died on January 21 at home in Shishmaref surrounded by family. Funeral services and burial were held in Shishmaref at the Shishmaref Lutheran Church and Cemetery on January 24. A potluck and celebration of life were held the following day at the

Shishmaref Community Hall.

Delbert was born in Shishmaref to Joseph and Mary Eningowuk on February 13, 1929. He was 79 years old. On July 4, 1953, he married Nellie Okpowruk and had eight children.

He proudly served in the Alaska Territorial Guard and the United States Army and received an honorable discharge.

Delbert's main occupation was subsistence hunting and fishing. At his parents' urging, Delbert quit school to help provide for his family and help his father with his reindeer herd. He completed the sixth grade. Delbert was also a laborer, pipefitter, and roofer. He was well known for his ivory jewelry and leather “amaqing” belts. He previously served on the Shishmaref IRA Council, Shishmaref City Council and the Shishmaref Native Corporation Board.

In 2006, he was honored as Elder of the Year by the Shishmaref Native Corporation. He served on the Shishmaref Lutheran Church Council and Choir and Seward Peninsula Lutheran Church Conference Committee for years. He was also named as an Honorary Co-Chair for the SPLM Endowment Fund Campaign

and proudly supported helping the church.

Ahtata will be greatly missed by many. He was very well known for his friendliness. He had many friends throughout the state, many of them he met at the arts and crafts shows at the WEIO, Fur Rondy, and AFN; and through Lutheran Church gatherings.

He enjoyed doing crossword puzzles, reading Alaskan books, jigsaw puzzles during Christmas week, snowmachining, boating, beachcombing and watching boxing, dog team races and CNN news.

The family requests that donations in Delbert's memory be made to the Seward Peninsula Lutheran Ministry Endowment Fund. Friends who would like to send condolences may mail them to: Eningowuk Family PO Box 72008 Shishmaref, Alaska 99772. Delbert is survived by his children Wayne Eningowuk, Betty Bullard, Fred Eningowuk, Katherine Eningowuk, Joseph Eningowuk, Ruby Jones and Kelly Eningowuk; sisters Katherine Barr, Flora Weyiouanna; 19 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews, nieces and relatives throughout the State. He was preceded in death by his wife: Nellie;

his parents Joseph and Mary; his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Cross; his siblings Reuben, Perry, Phillip and Roger Eningowuk, Sophie Nayokpuk, Eleanor Eutuk, and daughter Catherine.



Delbert Ahnahkoozuk Sahsook Eningowuk

Court

Week ending 1/23 Civil

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Cornerstone Credit Services vs. Eutuk, Gertrude Helle; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Deft. Cert Mail
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Week ending 1/23

State of Alaska v. Andrew Ozenna (1/3/86); Drunken Person on Licensed Premises; Date of offense: 1/21/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 90 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 1/21/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Other: While in Nome and upon any return to Nome, attend at least 3 AA meetings per week.
State of Alaska v. Dawnelle Apangalook (1/11/76); 2NO-08-800CR Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 11/5/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 90 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 1/21/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in his residence, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol; Not be where alcohol is present.
State of Alaska v. Dawnelle Apangalook (1/11/76); 2NO-08-868CR Count 1: Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 11/28/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 2 (002); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 30 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 1/21/11; Same as in 2NO-08-800CR.
State of Alaska v. James Walunga (11/9/79); Corrected Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110827116; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 45 days, remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.
State of Alaska v. McCormick Tungiyen (7/8/88); 2NO-07-175CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110064348; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-08-786CR.
State of Alaska v. McCormick Tungiyen (7/8/88); 2NO-07-975CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110827395; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to 6/1/10; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.
State of Alaska v. McCormick Tungiyen (7/8/88); 2NO-08-786CR Count 2: DUI; Date of offense: 11/1/08; Counts (Charges) Dismissed: 001, 003, 004, 006; 60 days, 50 days suspended; Report on 1/30/09 by 4pm; Pay \$1500 Fine within 6 months of release from incarceration; Police Training Surcharge: \$75 due within 20 days from the date of this judgment (1/13/09); Jail Surcharge: \$150 (if probation), \$100 suspended, \$50 due payable to: Collections Unit, AGs Office, Anchorage; Cost of Imprisonment: \$330 (1st offense), full amount ordered payable to Collections Unit, AGs Office, Anchorage; Complete Substance Abuse Treatment Assessment: other: NSBHS within 30 days; Complete screening, evaluation and recommended program; Defendant responsible for costs; Obey Driver's License Directives: Driver's license revoked for 90 days, concurrent with DMV action; Probation until 6/1/10; Obey all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Commit no violations of law; Do not possess or consume alcohol.
State of Alaska v. McCormick Tungiyen (7/8/88); 2NO-08-786CR Count 5: Assault 4°; Date of offense: 11/1/08; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: 001, 003, 004, 006; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 120 days, 60 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC by 4pm on 1/30/09; Probation until 6/1/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol.
State of Alaska v. Ronald Davis Kirk (4/8/57); Reckless Driving; Date of offense: 10/29/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 30 days suspended; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Driver's License, privilege to obtain a license and to operate a motor vehicle are revoked for

30 days concurrent with DMV action; Any license or permit shall be immediately surrendered to the court; Probation until 1/14/11; Comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for violation of probation; No violation of law, including DUI, refusal to submit to breathalyzer, operating a motor vehicle while license is canceled, suspended or revoked or in violation of limitation, reckless driving; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer for a period of 2 years from the date of this judgment (1/14/09); Other: No alcohol in residence; Redistributed 1/21/09 with correct DOB by S.T.

State of Alaska v. Daniel Johnson (10/7/63); Drunken Person on Licensed Premises; Date of offense: 1/17/09; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 15 days, 15 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 7/18/09; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store prior to 3/1/09; Other: No consumption of alcohol to excess.

State of Alaska v. Connie O'Connor (7/2/82); Violating Protective Order; DV; Date of offense: 12/15/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 60 days, 60 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 1/15/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Not violate DVROs; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer.

State of Alaska v. Pleyuk C. Washington (3/8/79); 2NO-07-932CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110126259; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: **The following conditions are added, if they are not already in effect:** Shall not violate any protective orders; Shall not contact directly or indirectly, and not return to the residence of A.M. except through a third party to arrange child care and visitation; Shall not consume or possess alcohol, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of conditions of probation; Shall not violate any protective orders; Probation extended to: 5/7/10; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Pleyuk Washington (3/8/79); 2NO-08-760CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110126862; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: **The following conditions are added, if they are not already in effect:** Shall not violate any protective orders; Shall not contact directly or indirectly, and not return to the residence of A.M. except through a third party to arrange child care and visitation; Shall not consume or possess alcohol, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of conditions of probation; Shall not violate any protective orders; Probation extended to: 5/7/10; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Pleyuk Washington (3/8/79); 2NO-08-865CR Count 1: Violating Protective Order; Date of offense: 11/20/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 2 (002); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 75 days, 30 days suspended; Unsuspended 45 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 5/7/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Not violate Protective Orders; Shall not contact, directly or indirectly, or return to the residence of A.M. except through 3rd party to arrange child care or visitation; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer for alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Kenneth David Smith (11/22/87); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110825712; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 6 months, remanded into custody.

State of Alaska v. Donald J. Douglas (2/24/78); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110062647; Violated conditions of probation; Defendant refused probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, remanded into custody.

State of Alaska v. Dan W. Koonuk (1/25/56); 2NO-08-379CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109526004; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 60 days, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-08-887CR; Remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Dan Koonuk (1/25/56); 2NO-08-678CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4° DV; Charge 002: Interfering with report of DV; Filed by the DAs Office 1/15/09.

State of Alaska v. Dan W. Koonuk (1/25/56); 2NO-08-887CR Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 12/5/08; Binding Plea Agreement; any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days shall be served consecutive to 2NO-08-379CR; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days. State of Alaska v. William Booth (12/24/92); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Driving w/o Valid Operators License; Charge 002: Speeding/Excess Limit; Filed by the DAs Office 1/20/09.

State of Alaska v. Cory Wells (8/15/79); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4°; Filed by the DAs Office 1/20/09.

State of Alaska v. Brian Thomas (11/20/89); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Minor in Possession Alcohol; Filed by the DAs Office 1/16/09.

State of Alaska v. Nickolas Bloodgood (6/10/63); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4°; Filed by the DAs Office 1/16/09.

State of Alaska v. Loretta Good (2/6/63); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109525266; Defendant refusing probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, remanded into custody.

State of Alaska v. Joseph Osburn (12/18/60); Criminal Trespass 1°; Date of offense: 10/27/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 30 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 1/22/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not return to Nome without written permission of court.

State of Alaska v. Henry Titus (8/24/82); Count 1: Assault 4°; Assault on Peace Officer; Date of offense: 11/16/08; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 2; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated upon reporting to serve as ordered; 180 days, 90 days suspended; Unsuspended 90 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC by 3/1/09—subject to immediate remand for violations; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Restitution: Shall pay restitution \$20.00 to Officer Bonham c/o Nome Police Department and pay directly by 3/1/09; Probation until 1/22/12; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to war-

rantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer for alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Dana Chiskok (10/30/88); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; Criminal Mischief 3°; Date of offense: 4/9/07; After a hearing, the court finds that the defendant violated conditions of probation by PTPR (12/4/08); Conditions of defendant's probation modified as follows: Defendant loses SIS—conviction of record entered; Suspended jail term must now be served: All remaining time imposed—flat time; Rule 39 fees, \$250.00.

State of Alaska v. Dana Henry (12/21/84); 2NO-06-467CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109420326; Violated conditions of probation; No action is taken; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Dana Henry (12/21/84); 2NO-08-318CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110126502; Violated conditions of probation; No action is taken; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Dana Henry (12/21/84); 2NO-08-783CR Judgment and Order of Commitment/Probation; Count 001: Vehicle Theft 1°; Count 002: DUI; Date of offenses: 10/22/08; Charge 001: 22 months, 14 months suspended; Any unsuspended time is to be served consecutive to Count 2 in this case and with defendant being remanded to custody; Credited for time already served in this case; Charge 002: 5 days, 0 days suspended; Any unsuspended time is to be served with defendant being remanded to custody; Credited for time already served in this case; Charge 002: Fined \$1,500 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended fine by the end of his probationary period; Police Training Surcharge: pay to the court within 10 days: \$100; Initial Jail Surcharge: Defendant was arrested and taken to a correctional facility and is being sentenced to serve a term of imprisonment; Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that defendant immediately pay a correctional facilities surcharge of \$100 to the Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage; Second Jail Surcharge: IT IS ORDERED that the defendant pay a correctional facilities surcharge of \$100 if defendant's probation is revoked and, in connection with the revocation, defendant is arrested and taken to a correctional facility or jail time is ordered served; AS 12.55.041(c); IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that in Charge 001: Defendant's driver's License, privilege to obtain a license and to operate a motor vehicle are revoked for 90 days, concurrent with DMV action; Any license or permit shall be immediately surrendered to the court; IT IS ORDERED that, after serving any term of incarceration imposed, the defendant is placed on probation till 6/17/11 under the following conditions: General and Special Conditions of Probation set, as stated in Order; Any appearance or performance bond in this case: is exonerated.

State of Alaska v. Edward Anasogak (11/2/80); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110699802; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 10 days, shall report to AMCC by 1/21/09 by noon; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Mark Z. Henry (12/26/81); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110826009; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: Shall not be where alcohol is present; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 10 days, remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Joseph Nupowhotuk (2/8/69); Drunken Person on Licensed Premises; Date of offense: 1/22/09; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 120 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 120 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC—Seaside CRC recommended; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated.

State of Alaska v. Bernard Paniataaq (9/21/84); 2NO-08-680CR Count 1: DUI; Date of offense: 8/9/08; Partial Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 2 (002); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 180 days, 150 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC consecutive to 2NO-09-23CR; Fine: \$1500 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$1500 fine through Nome Trial Courts by 1/15/10; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$75 through this court within 10 days; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Cost of Imprisonment: Shall pay \$330 to the SOA at: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Treatment: Shall be screened for treatment or education by NSBHS, ASAP, or an approved equivalent within 20 days of release, complete the recommended program, and show proof of completion to the court; Required treatment may include residential treatment up to 180 days; Driver's license, privilege to obtain a license and to operate a motor vehicle are revoked for 90 days concurrent with DMV action; Any license or permit shall be immediately surrendered to the court; Probation until 1/23/11; Comply with all court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; No violations of law, (including DUI, refusal to submit to breathalyzer, operating motor vehicle while license is canceled, suspended or revoked or in violation of limitation, and driving without valid license; Shall not possess or consume alcohol or marijuana, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer for a period of 2 years from the date of this judgment (1/23/09).

State of Alaska v. Bernard Paniataaq (9/21/84); 2NO-09-23CR Count 2: Misconduct Involving Weapons 4°; Date of offense: 1/16/09; Partial Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 1 (001) and 3 (003); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 360 days, 210 days suspended; Unsuspended 150 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC consecutive to 2NO-08-680CR; Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Restitution: Shall pay restitution as stated in the Restitution Judgment and shall apply for an Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend, if eligible, each year until restitution is paid in full; Amount to be determined within 30 days; Probation until 1/23/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; All conditions set in 2NO-08-680CR; Other: Not possess or control firearms.

State of Alaska v. Sylvia Eningowuk (12/15/51); Driving Without Required Motor Vehicle Insurance; Date of offense: 12/3/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; Suspended Imposition of Sentence: Imposition of sentence is suspended and defendant is placed on probation subject to terms, orders and conditions listed below; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 7/23/09; Comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; No violations of law; No 4+ point motor vehicle violations.

State of Alaska v. Leo Ferreira (9/17/44); Count 1: Assault 4°; Assault on Peace Officer; Date of offense: 1/18/09; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 2 (002); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 180 days, 150 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 1/22/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in his residence, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol.

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RENEWABLE CAKE?—Caroline Hymer gets ready to cut a cake specially designed by Leslie Blanning for a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Old St. Joe's Jan. 29 for Banner Wind's new 18-turbine wind farm.

Nome could serve as wind power hub

By Tyler Rhodes

The story of the 18 windmills atop Banner Peak just outside of Nome is one of determination, teamwork, changed plans and thousands of man-hours over the span of a quick seven months.

Even though the turbines are happily turning and pumping power into Nome's electrical grid when the wind cooperates, Brian Jackson and Mike Costanti are far from ready to close the book on the wind farm. In fact, the duo that form Western Community Energy are hoping this tale has just begun.

"What we're celebrating here at this dedication is an incredible beginning," Jackson said at a ribbon-cutting ceremony hosted by wind farm owners Bering Straits and Sitsnuak Native corps. Jan. 29 at Old St. Joe's Hall.

That start, however, does merit some superlatives. The \$5.4 million project—the largest wind farm in the state—went from getting contracts signed May 1 to producing power in December.

Timing was of the essence in

terms of federal tax incentives for the project and the ability to take advantage of a crane already in town last summer for work at the Rock Creek mine. "We knew we were pushing the envelope," Jackson said. "We really hit the ground running in May just as fast as we could run."

Jackson and Western Community Energy would again like to be running with another project in the neighborhood. Banner Wind's project was designed with a hub-and-spoke system in mind, where Nome would serve as the support base for smaller-scale projects in area villages. As of yet, however, they have no takers.

Before wind farms in area villages could be a viable option, it was necessary to build one in Nome first, BSNC vice president Jerald Brown said at last Thursday's reception. Just as for travel and shipping, the idea is to have Nome serve as a hub for technical support and supplies for wind farms in more rural villages.

This idea forms the backbone of Nome's wind farm design. By placing

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Church seeks input before putting Pilgrim Hot Springs on the market

By Tyler Rhodes

Before it starts the process of receiving proposals on developing or selling its Pilgrim Hot Springs property, the Catholic Bishop of Northern Alaska is putting on a listening tour of sorts.

CBNA representatives were in Nome Monday to hold two public

meetings to discuss the future of the 320-acre property 60 miles north of Nome. Tom Buzek, CBNA business administrator, and CBNA director of finance Rev. George Bowder were also here to gather area residents' input on how the property would best be used.

"From our perspective, we want

to see that it's dealt with in a really good manner," Buzek told the group gathered at the afternoon meeting Monday in City Hall.

Buzek plans to conduct the same style of meeting in Teller Saturday. There, a potluck is slated for noon with the meeting to start at 3 p.m. Another meeting is scheduled for

Feb. 17 in Fairbanks, which will be open to the public via a conference call and presentation on the Internet. A time has not yet been set for the Fairbanks meeting.

In the midst of reorganization after filing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection, CBNA's assets are under the microscope. The bank-

ruptcy filing came as the church works to settle hundreds of claims against it for years of sexual abuse by clergy and lay workers.

Freed from a 99-year lease, the church regained control of the property in early December. Under the

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Public distrust registers with NSEDC board

By Laurie McNicholas

Siu Alaska Corp., a new, wholly owned for-profit subsidiary of Norton Sound Economic Development Corp., received more public discussion near the end of an NSEDC board meeting Jan. 29 in Nome than in the entire previous year in which the subsidiary was formed mostly in secrecy.

Board members indicated that (1) they are encountering doubt and suspicion among their constituents, and (2) they have reservations about Siu Alaska Corp. and need to know more about it.

Through consultation with legal counsel in 2007, NSEDC found that some of its investments are not consistent with the company's nonprofit

status, so the board of directors approved creation of an investment subsidiary to handle them. NSEDC then developed Siu Alaska Corp. without public input and without ensuring that all members of the NSEDC board fully understood all aspects of the investment subsidiary.

Currently NSEDC is transferring assets worth tens of millions of dollars to Siu. They include NSEDC's full interests in Glacier Fish Co., valued at more than \$30 million according to a 2008 financial report presented to the NSEDC board last week. Also being transferred are three fishing vessels, the *Aleutian No. 1* and its valuable Individual Fishing Quota for crab, the *Glacier Bay* and the *Pacific Star*. In addition, NSEDC has capital-

ized Siu with \$6 million in cash to provide start-up funds, operating cash and a financing base, states an NSEDC press release issued last month. The purpose of Siu is to earn profits and return dividends to NSEDC for its nonprofit activities. The transfer of assets is a tax strategy, not a divestment of resources, according to the press release.

However, some residents of communities represented by NSEDC in the Western Alaska Community Development Program have grown increasingly uneasy about the transfer of a large percentage of NSEDC's assets to a new investment subsidiary about which they know little.

Some have brought their concerns to individual board members such as Joe Garnie of

Teller. During the full NSEDC board meeting Jan. 29, Garnie said that he asks questions about Siu at board meetings, but it's hard for him to remember and relay the answers to others who ask him questions about the subsidiary. "I get stumped," he said. He suggested that the company prepare printed information about Siu for public distribution.

Transparency needed for Siu

"It's a transparency issue," Garnie noted. "Every aspect of the corporation should be made known to our public. I don't blame people for

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Letters

Dear Editor,

There is no way gold mines that contain mercury in the ore can get the emissions down to the level the EPA requires in coal-fired power plants. Today the control of mercury emissions is all voluntary in the mining industry. This summer the EPA will start the rule-making process that could lead to government controls on air mercury emissions at mines. No mercury was in the ore at Rock Creek, but the proposed Donlin Creek Mine near the Kuskokwim River is loaded with mercury. It contains 60 times the mercury that is in the average coal used in power plants today in the US. It would be a real crime if Barrick Gold and NovaGold would add to the mercury contamination of our fish and game in Alaska.

Derrick Leedy
Nome, AK 99762

Dear Editor,

The Nugget last week contained a story about a meeting I attended on January 22 in Nome about the high rates of salmon bycatch and waste in

the Bering Sea trawl industry.

The salmon bycatch issue is important to Norton Sound residents for three reasons.

First, local people depend on salmon for food and catching and processing salmon are vital components of our cultures and economy.

Second, some people still fish commercially for salmon and use the income derived from salmon fishing to support their families. Although the value of Norton Sound commercial salmon harvests has been drastically reduced in recent years, commercial fishing could again become a significant contributor to our cash economy in the future if our fish stocks were restored. The Rock Creek mine closure should serve as a bleak reminder that we need to diversify our economy.

Finally, as owners of a Seattle based factory trawler company, Glacier Fish Company, we are part of the problem. Our vessels catch, kill and waste salmon along with the rest of them and as business owners, our company has to oppose efforts to reduce bycatch in order to preserve the profitability of our business. I was very disappointed to find that because of this conflict of interest, Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation has no policy on salmon bycatch.

At the meeting, I told the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council and the National Marine Fisheries service that none of the proposed options for reducing salmon bycatch would help us. The most conservative cap on bycatch being discussed is about 30,000 king salmon. A cap on chum salmon bycatch is not even on the table. Our stocks are so weak and the scientific data so inadequate that any cap is too high. Our local stocks cannot recover with the combined high seas interception of the trawlers and False Pass.

Everybody seems to have forgotten about False Pass. We lost that battle like I fear we will lose this one. False Pass fishermen continue to intercept our salmon without limitation.

I believe the only answer, if we want to restore local salmon harvesting opportunities, is enhancement using our hatchery on the Nome River. During the past five years, we have proven that this hatchery can produce salmon returns. It has never operated at full capacity and sits empty now for lack of funding. It appears that we will not be able to operate next summer as well. For reasons they are not willing to share with us, NSEDC is refusing to fund our operations.

Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation spokesperson and Glacier Fish Company president John Bundy told the NPFMC and NMFS that NSEDC spent more than \$800,000 on salmon enhancement projects in 2007. NSEDC reported to the IRS that it spent \$889,231 on salmon rehabilitation and enhancement in 2007 in order to justify its tax exempt status. NSEDC has been reporting similar large expenditures to the IRS for many years.

Salmon rehabilitation and enhancement projects require permits

issued by ADFG. These permits are public records. The only permits ADFG issued in 2007 were for our Nome River hatchery, a small experimental mist incubation project conducted by Charlie Lean and Salmon Lake fertilization. The combined budgets for these projects do not add up to anything close to \$800,000. I have written to NSEDC and asked them at their quarterly board meetings to explain this obvious discrepancy and they refuse.

My point is that if we really had invested such large sums of money in salmon enhancement, we would be seeing much larger numbers of fish in our rivers than we are seeing, and everyone would have full fish racks and freezers. Why is that not happening if NSEDC is telling the truth?

I have asked NSEDC president Dan Harrelson and our local board member Don Stiles to come clean on what NSEDC has been doing with our CDQ program money and what they intend to do about salmon enhancement. So far I have gotten nothing but a stonewall.

At their quarterly board meeting here in Nome last week, NSEDC told us about a column they were going to write in this paper. I suggest the topic of their first article should be their plans for Norton Sound salmon enhancement.

Tim Smith, president
Nome Fishermen's Association,
Nome, AK

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Editorial

We Can't Afford Ignorance

Americans are faced with figuring a way out of the massive economic failure we are in. Our financial system is broken and we have not turned the corner to recovery. We can't even see the corner. We probably have not yet seen the worst of the situation, but we need to take quick and decisive action to stave off economic disaster. We are in uncharted waters and the ship of state needs to steer away from the rocks. We need guidance and a smart plan in the works.

We can't afford to waste time on partisan bickering and refining the pros and cons of tax cuts while our businesses and industries bleed to death. Our banking system needs a massive transfusion of money and the business of making loans can restore of fiscal circulation. Workers in the automobile industry, steel manufacturing, communications, sales, construction, mining, finance and transportation industries are without a job. Although Nome has seen fewer setbacks than the rest of the nation, and our needs may not be as dramatic, they are just as real. An economic stimulus package will get folks back on the job. The wheels of industry need to turn, but we are going to have to reinvent our industries. With these new industries comes the need for education. While we are trying to jump-start the economy we must not let the fire go out in our schools, colleges and universities. We need to keep our skilled labor force trained in the technology of the present and the future.

We need to understand that knowledge is power and is the way out of our economic crisis. We need to fund education as a top priority. We need smart, knowledgeable plumbers, electricians, mechanics, maintenance workers, carpenters, fishermen, salesmen, communicators, heating and refrigeration specialists, wind and energy specialists, scientists, engineers, farmers, teachers, physicians, nurses, medical technicians, accountants and transportation specialists. An educated, well-informed work force will enable us to be world leaders and address any challenge we must face. We can't afford to be ignorant.

— N.L.M.—

Foster's Report

By Rep. Richard Foster

I am starting my 21st year in the House of Representatives and my 17th year on the House Finance Committee. This year there are four rural Democrats who have joined the Republican House Majority. The three new Democrats are Representative Joule who represents the Kotzebue and Barrow areas, Representative Edgmon who represents the Dillingham area and the Aleutian Islands, and Representative Herrin who represents the Bethel Region. The new Speaker of the House is Mike

Chenault from Nikiski. I have worked closely with Representative Chenault in his former position as co-chair of House Finance. I have found him to be fair, intelligent and reasonable. There are two new co-chairs of Finance; Representatives Mike Hawker (HD32) and Bill Stoltze (HD16). Both men have ample experience on the Finance committee and have proven themselves to be diligent, dedicated members with an exceptional breadth and

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Ulu News

By Senator Donald Olson

The first session of the 26th Alaska State Legislature convened on January 20, and I want to start by thanking you for your support and the honor of representing our district once again, especially during the excitement of our State's 50 year celebration.

I would also like to extend congratulations to our new President, Barack Obama, who brings much hope and has already energized our country. He is faced with some of the most serious economic problems any of us will see in our lifetime, and the country is relying on his wisdom to guide us through these tough times.

Congratulations also to the Suurimmaanitchuat Dancers from Barrow for performing in the inaugural parade! It was quite an honor to be selected, and we are proud of them!

As we begin this session, we are facing many issues of great import to our state and region as well. Since I as well as Representative Foster and Representative Joule are all in the majority and on Finance this session, that bodes well for our district. I hope to make a difference for you and your families. My other committee assign-

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			Peak Wind	21 mph, WNW, 1/30/09	
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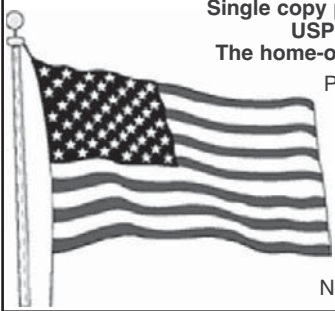
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NPS teachers seek to replace chalkboards with technology

Board members delve into parent/community survey uses

By Laurie McNicholas

A group of teachers at Nome Public Schools (NPS) and NPS Technology Director Robin Johnson would like to assign classroom chalkboards to a museum and replace them with Promethean boards, which they believe are far more effective and efficient teaching tools for today’s visual, interactive learners—and a ton of fun to use.

Wikipedia says a Promethean board is a large interactive white-board display that connects to a computer and a projector. The projector projects the computer’s desktop onto the board’s surface, where users control the computer using a pen, finger or other device. The board usually is mounted on a wall or a floor stand.

During discussion with Nome Board of Education members at a work session Jan. 27, Johnson said she had observed a third grade teacher move coins around on a Promethean board and then ask students to vote (using a device called an “egg”—something like a computer mouse) on the amount of money displayed on the board. The teacher immediately identified two students who did not get the right answer, and reviewed the lesson with them to help them solve the problem. The students enjoyed taking the test because they thought they were playing an interactive game, she added. She said the technology reduces the time spent grading tests and disciplining students.

Several NPS teachers who recently observed the use of Promethean boards in classrooms at Colony High School in the Mat-Su Valley told the board they found that the technology engages students in learning and improves attendance. Nancy Bahnke, who teaches science to Nome-Beltz senior high school students, said she watched a chemistry teacher working with equations on a Promethean board. “You can click and go back and forth, like using arrow buttons on a computer,” she

said. “Kids like it so much more than writing on a chalkboard.” She said she could record lessons on the device for use by a substitute teacher.

Johnson said each Promethean board costs about \$5,000 and includes a projector, a stylus and programming. She suggested that a team of teachers be trained to use the technology for 16 hours on a weekend, and if they are still on board when they finish the training, consider ordering Promethean boards for their classrooms. In turn they would teach other faculty to use the technology, she added.

NPS Superintendent Rick Luthi told the board that the school district has technology grant funds with which to purchase some Promethean boards. Board member Barb Nickels asked about the availability of repair service for the devices. Luthi said he wants a staff person to learn how to repair them, and he would find out what repair needs to anticipate.

Parent and community survey

An NPS survey form that seeks opinions from parents of students and the community about the performance of elementary and/or high school teachers and school administrators drew criticism from the board because it states, “Forms must be signed to be considered in the evaluation.” The forms were circulated in the community with an initial due date of Jan. 31.

Albert McComas said there is no need for a person who fills out the survey form to identify oneself. “If I criticize my kid’s teacher, will the teacher retaliate against my kid?” he asked. “It can get really ugly.... For two years the school board has said, ‘Don’t put on a signature requirement,’ and it’s there.”

Luthi apologized for distributing the survey form and said he didn’t know the board had decided not to have it signed. However, he said it is right for a teacher to see everything written on a form about him or

her, and he emphasized that he would add only signed comments to a teacher’s evaluation. He provided board members with an excerpt from a Department of Education and Early Development regulation on the evaluation of professional employees of school districts that includes this requirement: “The evaluation must clearly indicate that this kind of information has been used and clearly identify the source of the information” (4 AAC 19.030). Alaska Statute 14.07.020 is cited as the authority for the regulation.

Brennan suggested that NPS announce a time extension for the return of survey forms and include the information that they need not be signed. Board President Gloria Karmun suggested posting the announcement on the NPS website. Luthi concurred and said those who fill out the survey forms need to know any comments they make about a teacher will be seen by the teacher, and if the form is signed it may be considered for use in a teacher’s evaluation.

Brennan said NPS has used the survey for years in accordance with performance standards of the Alaska State Board of Education, but she questioned what, if anything, the survey results are used for. Nome-Beltz High School Principal Janeen Sullivan said the surveys are sent to the District Office.

Karmun asked Sullivan and Nome Elementary School Principal Carl White if they had ever used survey responses in the evaluations of a teacher. “No,” they both replied.

“Do you think the survey is useful?” she asked.

“For the last four years teachers have asked for information from the survey and never got it,” White said. “Are we looking at (1) general input, or (2) use in evaluations?”

“It’s a report card to the board, not for use in evaluations,” Karmun replied. Luthi distributed to board members two draft survey forms he has prepared—one for the

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

February 5 - February 11, 2009

EVENT	PLACE	TIME
Thursday, February 5		
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Preschool Story Hour	Kegoayah Library	10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Kinderswim	Pool	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	noon - 5:30 p.m.
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 8 p.m.
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	noon - 1 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 5:45 p.m.
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*EED Child Nutrition & Learning video	Prematernal Home	1 p.m.
*Smoke Free class	Prematernal Home	3:30 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
Open Climb for Youth (supervised)	Nome Rec Center	4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	Canceled
*City League Basketball	Nome Rec Center	6:15, 7:30 & 8:45 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Thrill Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
*Swing Dancing	Nome Rec Center	7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
*Narcotics Anonymous	BHS Bldg. 2nd floor	7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Friday, February 6		
~~~ Valentine Greeting deadline @ noon The Nome Nugget email: ads@nomenugget.com ~~~		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	noon - 5:30 p.m.
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 6 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 4 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50
*Childbirth video	Prematernal Home	1 p.m.
*The Stages of Labor video	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Kids Soccer K - 3rd grades	Nome Rec Center	4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Workout video Jennie's choice	Nome Rec Center	4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
*Kids Soccer 4th - 7th grades	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 6 p.m.
*Cardio Kick Boxing	Nome Rec Center	4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Adult Drop-in Soccer	Nome Rec Center	8 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.

Saturday, February 7		
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
UNW Thrift Shop (Trial Basis)	Methodist Church	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	noon - 5:30 p.m.
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 6 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 8 p.m.
*H2O Aerobics	Pool	1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Circumcision video	Prematernal Home	1 p.m.
*The 5 Essentials of Successful Parenting video	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*AA Meeting	BHS Bldg. 2nd floor	8 p.m.

Sunday, February 8		
*Pool		Closed
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*SIDS Awareness Project video	Prematernal Home	1 p.m.
Special Commission on Engery	Old St Joe's Hall	1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
College Goal Sunday "FAFSA"	Northwest Campus	2 p.m.
*Knowing the Unborn video	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Plates with Kelly S.	Nome Rec Center	2:30 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Beginning Baton with Jay	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*AA: Big Book Study	HR Conf. Room, NSHC	6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Monday, February 9		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 8 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 5:45 p.m.
*Strength Training with Jennie	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*The Baby System-Baby & You video	Prematernal Home	1 p.m.
*Pregnancy 9 Special Months video	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Beginning Yoga with Kari	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Cardio Kick Boxing with Kelly S.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*H2O Aerobics	Pool	6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*City League Basketball	Nome Rec Center	6:15, 7:30 & 8:45 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Drop-in Volleyball	Nome Rec Center	7:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.

Tuesday, February 10		
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Summer Reading Program	Kegoayah Library	10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 8 p.m.
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	noon - 1 p.m.
*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	noon - 5:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	1 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Injury Prevention class	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Eating for Two video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	Canceled
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*City League Basketball	Nome Rec Center	6:15, 7:30 & 8:45 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*AA Teleconference: 1-800-914-3396 (CODE: 6534534#)	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
*Thrill Shop		

Wednesday, February 11		
**** LOIBC Team Entry Deadline for info email loibc@nome.net or call 907-443-2867 ****		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
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# Battle of Books: Kindergartners lead the charge



Photo by Joy Hewitt

**KINDERBATTLERS**—Meghan Ten Eyck's kindergartners battle in the "Battle of the Books" on Jan. 28. From left to right are kindergartners Ethan Mostoller, Meagan Johnson and Kylee Deering.

By Joy Hewitt

For as long as these children have been alive, our country has been at war. So when the call for battle sounded, these kindergarten students stepped up their efforts to proudly serve their classes. It was the Battle of Books, and the competition was fierce in the Nome Elementary School Library last week.

On January 28 the kindergarten through second grade went head to head, with over 100 students on 24 teams. The second graders even had cheerleaders! Students used the football huddle to discuss the books with their teammates and often arrived at the correct title and author. "In which book are there otters and porcupines?" asked the librarian. "KUMAK'S HOUSE BY MICHAEL BANIA" yelled 18 smart children from Mrs. Keller's class. And they were right! Mrs. Rand's sixth grade class performed the duties of scribes, timers and scorekeepers. The Battle of Books is truly a team effort, with several children working together to score points.

Over 70 students participated in

Battle of Books on January 14. The 3rd/4th Grade Battle raged into a four-way tie, with Ms. Bourdon's team pulling ahead in the end. Only 16 points separated the top eight teams. Students read from a list of 14 books and had to answer several questions from the books on the list. Students worked on teams of four to eight in an effort to identify the correct author and title for each question. Anvil City Science Academy won the 5th/6th Grade battle after an intense tiebreaker round.

Representing Nome Public Schools in the statewide battles will be Cjache Kang, Katie Kelso, Hannah Alowa, Joshua Bourdon, Tate Coler, Caitlyn Sherman-Luce, Katy Tomter and Ian Booth. From Nome-Beltz, students in the state competition include: Dawn Wehde, Cecilia Wehde, Bruce Landry, Andrea Irrigoo, Victor Spivey, Anvil Boeckmann, Brandon Wehde, Beth Herzner, Vanessa Tahbone, Mark Steiger, Jeffrey Rose, and Joel Jorgensen. These battles will take place late in February via teleconference.

## •NPS teachers

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NPS staff to fill out and one for the community that seeks input on the performance of NPS and recommendations for improvements.

### FY10 budget and calendar

Luthi said the projected student enrollment of 659 students for FY

2010 would require a budget reduction of \$450,000. He plans to present a draft budget to the board March 10 for discussion at their meeting March 24.

Luthi reviewed the newly developed NPS calendar for the 2009-2010 school year with the board. Three in-service days and two work days are scheduled prior to the first

day of school on Aug. 25, and school will end before Memorial Day in 2010. Highlights include the addition of a work day on Jan. 18, Martin Luther King Day, and an unpaid vacation day Feb. 15 to provide for a three-day weekend in association with Presidents' Day.

### Joint board meeting

Luthi presented board members with a list of topics for discussion at their joint evening meeting with the Bering Strait School District board Feb. 3 in Teller. The list includes joint purchases such as paper, fuel and building materials; joint legislative and regional pri-

orities; the Northwest Alaska Career and Technical Education Center; sharing services related to special education and technology and sharing staff; the use of warehouse space and the joint use of office and educational space; cooperative educational offerings; applications for grants; and joint in-service sessions.

# Modern-day robbers turn to text messaging

## Recent 'smishing' scam targets Credit Union 1 account holders

By Tyler Rhodes

No longer content to target victims by phone, e-mail or fax, scammers have now taken aim at the unsuspecting through text messages on cellular phones.

Dubbed "smishing," the text message scam attempts to get Credit Union 1 customers in Nome and throughout Alaska to reveal their account information. According to the Alaska State Troopers, the message falsely informs the recipient that their account has been suspended. The mobile phone owner is then directed to call a 1-870 phone number or go online to 8705874360@cu1.org so the problem can be resolved. Troopers and bank officials stress that people should not respond to the messages.

The term "smishing" is derived from a combination of "phishing" and "SMS," which is short for "short message service."

John Baker, manager of Nome's

Credit Union 1 branch, knows of at least one customer who was baited by the scam. "We had one member who came in yesterday," Baker said

ing to the person."

Baker said that while the text messages are arriving on Nome area phones, the scammers do not know

"They did the smart thing and came directly to us to say 'What is this?' instead of directly responding to the person."

— John Baker, Credit Union 1

Jan. 29. "They did the smart thing and came directly to us to say 'What is this?' instead of directly respond-

for sure if those receiving the message are, in fact, Credit Union 1 customers. "They're just taking a chance that you

have an account with us when they send out the text," Baker said. "It's just like tossing a dart at a dart board."

The bottom line is any unsolicited attempt to get personal information—whether it be by text message, e-mail, phone call or fax—should be considered fraudulent, Troopers said. They advise people to contact their bank directly if they receive a suspicious communication. Troopers say to never call the number provided in the suspect message or click on Internet hyperlinks.

Baker said the text message scam is the third attempt to pry personal information out of Credit Union 1 customers since the start of January. The other two waves of fraud attacks were sent by e-mail, Baker said.

In the wake of the scams, Credit Union 1 recommends customers do the following:

- Familiarize themselves with Credit Union 1 communications.

- Know the bank will never solicit personal/private information via e-mail or text message.

- Be aware that communication regarding accounts is sent via U.S. Mail in an official Credit Union 1 envelope.

- If an unknown employee calls, customers have the right to hangup. Call Credit Union 1 at 1-800-478-2222 and ask to be transferred to that employee.

- If customers are ever unsure of the validity of a Credit Union 1 communication, the credit union asks them to trust their gut and contact the Credit Union immediately.

The above recommendations can serve as guidelines to follow for any communication purporting to be from a bank or financial institution.

For more information on Credit Union 1, its website is [www.cu1.org](http://www.cu1.org). More information on on-line scams can be found at [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov).



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# Airport Pizza may be delivered to living rooms nationwide

*Production company checks out Nome establishment for realty TV series*

By Tyler Rhodes

People in Nome already know that watching each other can be one of the more interesting forms of local entertainment.

If one Hollywood production company has its way, the rest of the nation may get the chance to join in on the fun.

Maryn Peters of Authentic Entertainment was in Nome for several days last week gathering footage that could be shopped out to television networks for a potential reality show. The proposed show would be based around Nome restaurant and hang-out, Airport Pizza. "The show would be based on the restaurant and hopefully get into other stories through the restaurant," she said.

Peters said one of the members of the development team at the production company had heard about the restaurant through a news story. Airport Pizza has received a fair amount of ink and news coverage for delivering pizzas through local air carriers to area villages.

Authentic initially contacted Matt Tomter at Airport Pizza to gauge his interest. When he said yes, the company sent a camera to the restaurant, asking them to film the staff working in the restaurant. Peters received the footage and assembled it to present to her bosses. They liked what they saw, and before long Peters found herself on the way to Nome with a camera. "I wanted to go to Alaska," she said as she took a break from filming Friday evening. "I didn't want to go when it was 10 below, but I wanted to go."

Peters got more than she bargained for; it was 31 below on her final day in town.

Tomter pulled out all the stops to bring patrons to the restaurant to provide for footage. Airport Pizza was the scene of a beer tasting Friday night, showcasing the flavors on tap from Kasiks Brewing. On Saturday, the restaurant played host to a benefit concert for the Nome Food Bank. Several of Nome's musicians took

the stage for a packed house. To provide even more color for the camera, Tomter had Nome's world-famous "Santa" Paul Kudla—in full Kris Kringle garb—push a shopping cart full of frozen turkeys through the crowded dining room. The turkeys were later put up for bid for the honor of naming them as they went to the food bank.

Whether or not Peters or others from Authentic Entertainment will be back to film for an actual TV show remains to be seen. Upon returning to Los Angeles, Peters will condense and edit the footage she captured here to present to her bosses. If they like what they see, they could then shop the potential show to a network. "It's a crap shoot," Peters said. "It comes down to if a network is looking for something like this."

The production company has succeeded with other shows, such as "Ace of Cakes," which is based on an eccentric cake designer and airs on the Food Network. Whether "As Airport Pizza Turns" would follow, well, Nomeites will just have to stay tuned.



Photo by Tyler Rhodes

**LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION**—Maryn Peters shares a laugh with Airport Pizza bartender Oscar Contreras while taking a break from filming at the restaurant Friday night.

## Energy plan to get hearing in Nome

*House members will host meetings in Nome, Kotzebue*

The state House Special Committee on Energy will be taking its show on the road this weekend.

In an effort to hear what area residents have to say about a state energy plan, the committee will host meetings in Nome and Kotzebue this weekend.

The committee will be in Nome on Sunday, Feb. 8, at Old St. Joe's Hall from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., and in Kotzebue on Saturday, Feb. 7, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly Chambers.

"Alaskans in rural areas view energy differently than Alaskans in urban areas," said Energy Committee Co-chair Bryce Edgmon, D-Dillingham, in a press release. "If the committee is going to help build the framework for a statewide energy plan, we need to talk to people who struggle to keep the lights and heat on at home."

Edgmon, Co-chair Rep. Charisse Millett, R-Anchorage, and Rep. Reggie Joule, D-Kotzebue, will all attend the hearings.

"Our job will be to be listen and learn," Millett said in a press release. "We will bring back to Juneau what we hear and see on this trip, and use it to formulate a more viable plan for renewable energy in rural Alaska."

The committee plans to travel to Dillingham and Bethel later this month.

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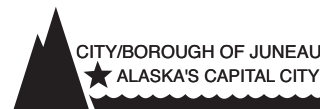
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# Clergy sex abuse victims file motion to sue Vatican

By Diana Haecker

Last week, 285 Alaskan sex abuse claimants filed a motion in the Anchorage bankruptcy court to take their claims to the top and sue the Vatican.

Los Angeles lawyer James Stang, attorney for the creditors' committee, told *The Nome Nugget*, "We filed a motion asking the court to force the Fairbanks Diocese to sue the Vatican, and if they didn't, that we would sue."

The Catholic Bishop of Northern Alaska declared bankruptcy in February 2008 as a slew of sexual abuse claims were filed against clergy and lay workers employed by the Fairbanks Diocese in a time span between the 1960s and 1980s. The Dec. 2, 2008 deadline on claims produced a total of 285 claimants, who say they were abused as children at the hands of Catholic clergy.

Stang said that the Vatican had the duty to protect the Diocese from sexual abuse claims and didn't as an internal Church trial manual called *Crimen Sollicitationis* (Latin, crime of soliciting) mandated to keep sexual abuse a secret.

While the document outlines procedures of sexual abuse trials within the Church hierarchy, it also imposed absolute secrecy on the conduct of the trial. An oath of secrecy was to be taken not only by the members of the tribunal but also by the person or persons denouncing the priest, by the witnesses and by the accused priest himself.

During statute of limitation hearings in the cases of Jane Doe 2 and Jane Doe 3 against former Nome priest James Poole, the judge heard testimony to the same effect that an internal Church manual existed to keep sexual abuse claims involving clergy secret from anybody

outside the church hierarchy, including law enforcement officers. The mandate threatened that anybody breaking the secrecy would be punished by excommunication.

Stang said this created an environment to increase instances of sexual abuse instead of averting them.

Holding the very top of the Catholic Roman Church hierarchy responsible for cover-ups of the alleged sexual abuse is a new development, which started with a court ruling in November 2008. According to the *Catholic News*, a U.S. federal appeals court ruled a sex abuse case brought by three Kentucky men could proceed because exceptions in the law allow the Vatican to be held liable for the actions of church employees acting within the scope of their employment in the United States. "When we saw the Kentucky ruling, our feeling was that we should give it

a try," Stang said.

While Stang says it's probably unreasonable to think that Rome will open the pocketbook and start writing checks, "it puts pressure on Rome to address what's going on in Dioceses in the United States and in Fairbanks, in particular," Stang said.

Ronnie Rosenberg with CBNA said that the Fairbanks Diocese has never seen the *Crimen Sollicitationis*. "We don't find it in our archives," Rosenberg said. She added that suing the Vatican in a U.S. civil action holds special drawbacks as it is a sovereign city-state and protected by diplomatic immunity. "Our lawyers are reviewing the motion right now and then determine on the course of action," Rosenberg said. "In theory, if it goes forward, we don't hold much hope for the claimants to see a resolution soon as things get so much more complicated."

## • Pilgrim

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bankruptcy proceedings, CBNA now needs to find a way to maximize the cash benefit of the property. The devil is in the details, however, in just how that will be accomplished.

Indeed, Buzek and Bowder said, with so many creditors—and, thus, lawyers—involved in the process, ironing out a plan that will appease the majority involved in the process could take some time. "We don't want to kid people into thinking we could sit people down at the table and be marching down the road in a couple of weeks," Bowder said.

Ultimately the bankruptcy court judge will have to approve the plan of how Pilgrim and the church's other assets are handled. "Our hands are tied in ways," Buzek said.

Bowder outlined a rough timeline in which CBNA would make a motion in court at the end of the month asking that it be allowed to field proposals regarding the property. Those proposals could involve a sale or lease of all or part of the 320 acres, among other options.

The proposals—all sealed—would be held by a third party until the end of April. Bowder said they would then be evaluated by a team of professionals to see what would best meet the needs of the reorganization and the church. "We have to realize the best value of the property but still keep the church viable to continue the mission," Bowder said. "It's a balancing act."

Saying that the proposals may have to be creative to achieve that balance, Bowder and Buzek hit on several potential uses for the property, such as agriculture, tourism, geothermal development, the use of its trees for biomass energy, the resurrection of historical buildings and even aquaculture.

Bowder said a plan of action will need to come together by the end of the summer and then be implemented by the end of the year. "By the end of this year we're going to be living a plan instead of still trying to write one," Bowder said. "We'll be living a plan guided by God's hand."

While the Pilgrim property is the elephant in the room, other church property and assets will be included in the plan, including Nome radio station KNOM. "Pilgrim is just one of the parcels that the court is eyeing," Bowder said.

It is the Pilgrim property, however, that will likely draw the most reaction from area residents, as evidenced by comments offered at the

Monday afternoon meeting.

Though privately owned by the church, area residents have freely used the area for decades.

Nome Mayor Denise Michels voiced concerns over continued access to the property for recreation and subsistence purposes. "We hope that whatever happens has minimal impact because it is something we all treasure," Michels said. "We will be keeping track of this."

Nome resident John Handeland also spoke on Nome's relationship with the hot springs. "Anything that does go on up there, there's a whole bunch of folks who maybe don't have a legal right, but certainly have a tie to the property," Handeland told Buzek and Bowder. "Not a lot of people are fully familiar with the cemetery out there in the woods. There are friends and family that are interred out there—some since the mission days."

Handeland offered the suggestion of utilizing the area as a spiritual healing site—an apparent reference to the abuse suffered by the claimants at the hands of clergy. "Money can't solve all evils and right all wrongs," he said.

Buzek and Bowder emphasized that comments and suggestions from the public in the area could have weight with the bankruptcy judge. "The more input we can get from the local community about where their heart strings are with the property [the better]," Buzek said. "In my heart I feel the local input will at least be heard. If the local opinion is not out there, it's perceived that they just don't care."

The gentlemen suggested that residents wishing to comment write to the bishop (see contact information at the bottom of this page).

During Monday's meeting, Nome resident Carl Emmons asked if the property will simply be sold to the highest bidder. The two representatives from CBNA were unable to provide an exact answer to his question, saying several options are possible.

It is currently unknown if the source of the hot springs is located on the 320 acres. That knowledge is an important piece of the puzzle for a prospective buyer, especially if plans for geothermal energy development are included.

Buzek said CBNA and the University of Alaska Fairbanks are seeking a state grant to conduct research on the site to determine the location of the source. Even if the grants are approved and the work is

conducted, Bowder said the research would not likely be completed until the fall, several months after the proposals for the property have been received.

The discussion of the hot springs' source perked the attention of Matt Ganley of Bering Straits Native Corp.'s Land and Resource division. Ganley, participating by conference call, said Bering Straits would be interested in any research work since the regional Native corporation owns much of the subsurface rights in the acreage surrounding the property. Mary's Igloo Native Corp. also has land abutting the property where it controls subsurface development rights.

The source could very well be on either Native corporation's property. "Bering Straits Native Corp. and Mary's Igloo would like to be in the loop," Ganley said.

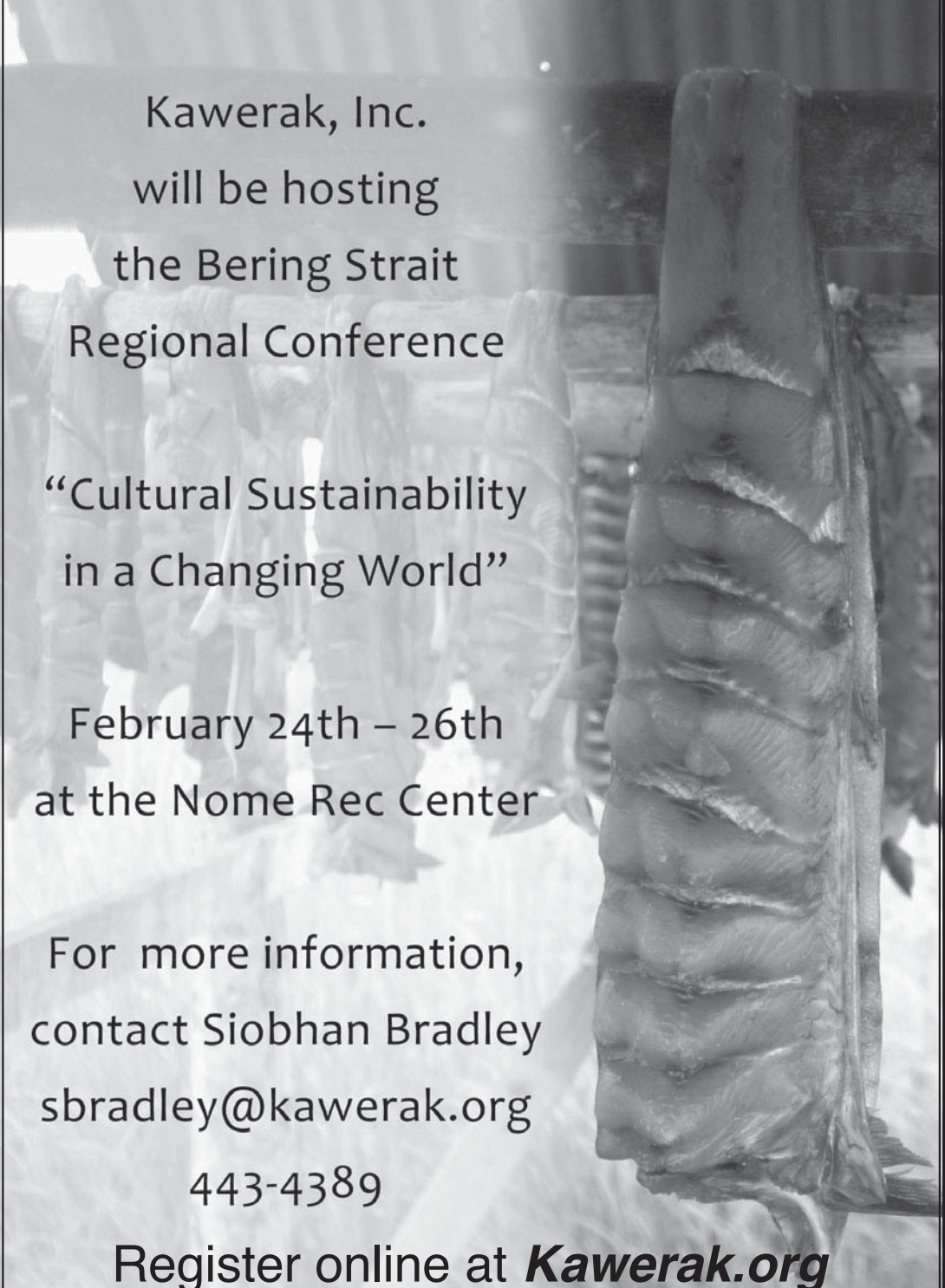
Buzek responded that the UAF researchers would like to look at a broader area than just the Pilgrim

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— John Handeland

property, and thought contact had been made between the university and adjoining landowners. Ganley

said agreements would have to be worked on soon to allow researchers to work on Native corporation lands.



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Diocese of Fairbanks  
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# • NSEDC

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pinning me on the spot. Every aspect should be publicized in written form.”

Dan Harrelson of White Mountain, NSEDC’s board chairman and president, told Garnie his points are valid and important. “We have taken some steps,” Harrelson said. “We recently sent out to the communities a lot of answers to the questions you are answering.” He added that the information should have been sent out six months ago. (The only written information about Siu that the City of Nome has received and publicly distributed is the same information *The Nome Nugget* received in a January press release from NSEDC, and it is summarized in the third paragraph of this article.)

Harrelson said it will be important to include information about Siu in NSEDC’s outreach program for member communities to begin this month and extend to April.

“Fine and dandy,” replied Garnie. “But we need to put it out in writing.... We are not a private corporation; it belongs to everybody [in the Bering Strait region.]”

Don Stiles, Nome’s representative on the NSEDC board, asked the company’s CEO Janis Ivanoff if she plans to prepare a pamphlet about Siu. Stiles was elected board chair and president of Siu Alaska Corp. at the subsidiary’s first board meeting last October. (The first Siu board meeting was held in Anchorage, it was not advertised, and apparently it was not a public meeting.)

Ivanoff said a front page story about Siu appears in an NSEDC newsletter that is en route to post office boxes in the region. She added that a question-and-answer pamphlet about Siu will be prepared and distributed by mail. Harrelson, who also serves on the Siu board, indicated he is encountering public mistrust. He said some people tell him they’ve heard he got a check for \$1 million from Siu. He acknowledged that NSEDC needs to do a better job of disseminating information about Siu.

It’s questionable whether NSEDC’s belated public information efforts will dissipate public mistrust of the Siu Alaska Corp. Outside the meeting, a group of NSEDC’s constituents noted that Siu is now a done deal and they were excluded from its formative process. They asked why they should entrust a big chunk of their company’s assets to an investment corporation that was put together in secret by a few people, noting that the assets took 16 years to build up.

## Does the NSEDC board understand Siu?

NSEDC board member Elvina Naranjo of Koyuk asked for a show of hands among other board members who do not understand a certain aspect of Siu Alaska Corp. Part of her question was inaudible to the *Nugget*’s reporter. No board member raised a hand. However, Mary Menadelook of Little Diomedé said she does not understand, and Garnie said his understanding is cloudy. Harrelson then directed staff to work with these two board members.

“We know the intent of the program, but we have reservations about it, and we need to know more,” declared Dean Peterson, who represents Golovin on the NSEDC board.

During a subsequent public comments session, Nome resident Tim Smith said it is interesting that no board member raised a hand in response to Naranjo’s question. He asked the board for a show of hands in response to the following questions.

“How many board members have read the Siu Corp. Articles of Incorporation?” About three quarters of board members raised their hands.

“How many board members have read the Siu bylaws?” Fewer hands were raised than in response to the first question.

“How many board members have read any other corporate documents for Siu Corp.?” No hands went up.

“How many board members know the value of assets transferred to Siu Corp.?” Only Harrelson raised his hand.

The NSEDC board bracketed its Jan. 29 meeting agenda with public comment sessions near the beginning and end of the meeting, doubling the opportunity for public input compared to previous meetings.

## Who’s on the Siu board?

Three NSEDC-affiliated individuals (Stiles, Harrelson and Harvey Sookiayak of Shaktoolik) serve on the Siu Alaska Corp. board with four members from outside the corporation (John Baker, Ike Towarak, Neal Foster and John Eckels). No profiles of any Siu board members have been made public to indicate what skills, applicable background and experience they may bring to decision-making for the multi-million dollar investment subsidiary.

NSEDC did not advertise for non-affiliated Siu board members. In response to prodding questions from Smith, Harrelson said NSEDC board members came up with names of prospective Siu directors and invited them to submit letters of interest.

NSEDC staff reportedly polled board members individually by phone last spring to elect the three NSEDC-affiliated directors of Siu. It is not known why the election wasn’t conducted during a regular board meeting. Initially Ivanoff was elected to the Siu board, but she withdrew at an NSEDC board meeting held last July in Nome, and Sookiayak was elected to replace her.

At the July board meeting, the initial terms of service of NSEDC-affiliated members of the Siu board were announced. The initial terms of service are staggered in three classes of board seats—Class A (three years), B (two years) and C (one year). It was revealed that Stiles holds a three-year seat on the Siu board. NSEDC board member Wilfred Katchek of Stebbins asked why Stiles holds a three-year seat on the Siu board. He received no answer.

During the July meeting Ivanoff gave board members a confidential written progress report on formation of Siu that included proposed bylaws for the subsidiary. The NSEDC board approved Siu’s bylaws as presented at the July meeting. The bylaws were not made public until last month.

Following is a noteworthy provision in the Siu bylaws: “Once elected to the Corporation’s board, an NSEDC director may complete his or her term as a director of the Corporation notwithstanding any failure to be re-elected as a NSEDC board member during their term on this Corporation’s Board of Directors” (Article IV, Section 2). Stiles’ NSEDC board seat is up for election in October 2009, but if he chooses not to run for re-election or if he runs and is defeated, under Siu bylaws he may continue to serve out his three-year term on the Siu board. The NSEDC board seats held by Harrelson and Sookiayak are not up for election until October 2010, and by that time their terms as Siu board members will have expired.

Rumors abound that Siu board members receive salaries, and that Stiles as Siu president may have received a higher salary than other Siu board members, but no such information has been made public. At last week’s NSEDC board meeting Stiles announced that Eckles is Siu’s interim CEO. Initially NSEDC recruited in-house for the position and selected Simon Kinneen to fill it, but he declined the offer. Kinneen is a biologist who has served for a year as NSEDC’s CDQ harvest manager. Previously he directed the company’s Fisheries Research and Development Program. At last week’s meeting, Harrelson said he did not want NSEDC to lose Kinneen to Siu, so in consultation with Ivanoff, Kinneen has been promoted to chief operating officer of the parent corporation.

## Why the stock shares for Siu?

NSEDC may wish to explain the purpose and use of Siu’s 100,000 shares of voting stock in a question-and-answer pamphlet about Siu. Siu is wholly owned—100 percent—by NSEDC. Article IV of Siu Alaska’s articles of incorporation states, “The corporation shall have a single class of stock consisting of 100,000 shares of common voting stock having no par value per share.”

Article III, Section 1 of Siu’s bylaws states, “The annual meeting of the shareholder shall be held on the first Friday of November, each and every year, beginning in 2009, for the purpose of electing directors and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting.” In response to a question from the *Nugget*

last August, Bob Walsh, who was then NSEDC’s CEO, said NSEDC will be the shareholder of Siu Alaska Corp.

## Siu splits ship’s ownership

During last week’s NSEDC board meeting, Stiles announced plans for Siu to reduce its ownership interest in the *F/V Aleutian No. 1* from 100 percent to 50 percent by selling 25 percent interest to the vessel’s captains, Rick Alvarez and Rip Carlton, and donating 12.5 percent interest in the ship to the Bering Sea Women’s Group in Nome. Stiles said the Norton Sound Health Corp. CAMP program had declined Siu’s offer to donate 12.5 percent ownership of the vessel to the entity, so the Siu board will decide how to divest the corporation of that 12.5 percent of its ownership in the vessel. The ship primarily harvests brown (golden) crab in Aleutian Islands waters.

Dick Tremaine, NSEDC’s assets manager, said Siu’s divestiture of 50 percent ownership in the Aleutian No. 1 will protect NSEDC’s tax-exempt status as a nonprofit corporation. Donating up to 25 percent ownership of the vessel to other nonprofit entities may result in a tax deduction for the corporation, he added. In its pamphlet about Siu, NSEDC may wish to include a detailed explanation of the complex issues involved in Siu’s decision to divest itself of 50 percent of its ownership interest in the vessel.

## Education Foundation

Concern about development of the new NSEDC Education Foundation also surfaced among board members at last week’s meeting. The NSEDC board authorized formation of the foundation at a special meeting Aug. 29, 2008 in Anchorage. Walsh had promised to inform the *Nugget* of any significant action taken at that meeting, but he did not do so.

During a quarterly meeting last November in Nome, the board adopted a resolution for NSEDC to contribute \$15 million, including some or all of the NSEDC funds held in a Key Bank account for education purposes, to the foundation after the IRS recognizes the foundation’s tax-exempt status. The action also contributed \$250,000 in NSEDC funds to the foundation to hold an organizational meeting, hire an executive director and submit Form 1023 to the IRS to obtain recognition of tax-exempt status. The foundation’s draft articles of incorporation and bylaws also were approved.

The resolution included appointment of the following individuals to the foundation’s initial board of directors to serve staggered terms. NSEDC board members Victor Joe of St. Michael and Wilfred Katchek of Stebbins each will serve three-year terms; Laura Degnan Lawrence of Nome and Eric Morris of White Mountain each will serve two-

year terms; and Janice Dickens of Unalakleet, one year.

NSEDC did not advertise to recruit candidates for non-NSEDC-affiliated seats on the foundation board. Instead, NSEDC invited select individuals to submit letters of interest in serving on the foundation board. No information about the non-NSEDC-affiliated board members other than their names has been disseminated to the public.

Eric Morris is the father of Katie Peterson, NSEDC’s community development coordinator in White Mountain. Peterson is listed as contact person for information about the foundation in a memorandum from Harrelson to all NSEDC municipalities, tribes and Native corporations dated Dec. 13, 2008.

The foundation directors held their first organizational meeting with NSEDC staff and the corporation’s attorney Margaret Russell in late afternoon Jan. 28 at the Bering Straits Native Corp. boardroom. The meeting was not advertised, but Garnie and Smith each heard that it was scheduled and attended it. The foundation’s directors reportedly elected Victor Joe as board chairman and Wilfred Katchek as vice chairman.

## Meeting disorganized

The following day during a full board meeting, Garnie described the foundation’s organizational meeting as ill-prepared, disorganized and unstructured. He suggested freezing operation of the foundation to forestall its further actions.

Janis Ivanoff told Garnie he is right, and she apologized to him as a staff member. “We should have reviewed issues with the board once more,” she said. However, she questioned whether development of the foundation should be halted. She said the intent is solid, and it’s great to provide for the education of your children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. “An organizational meeting is for the purpose of getting organized,” she added.

“The problem is not with the board members,” stated Harrelson. He explained that Russell had done initial work on the foundation, but someone else in her firm had filled in for her during her absence. “The problems were found by the board themselves,” he added.

Russell said originally directors were to serve two-years terms, but that was changed and her associate forgot to make the change while revising the foundation’s bylaws. In regard to management, she said the foundation’s board has a different view of compensation for the president. Usually the presidency of a nonprofit entity is a volunteer position, but the foundation’s board is not comfortable with that, so their concern will be taken back to the board for consideration, she said. The directors want a second organizational meeting, and this is a

good process toward receiving non-profit status from the IRS, she added.

Stiles said the intent of the foundation is to protect the education fund from liability, from future board action and from being leveraged. He said he wants scholarships to be available in perpetuity. However, he did not explain how the foundation would ensure such safeguards.

Noting that Jerry Ivanoff has run NSEDC’s Education, Employment and Training (EET) program for 16 years, Garnie said he has been listening to his advice and fears. “I feel we did not fully consider [the foundation],” he stated. “I want to see if it is really necessary and how much it will cost. I’d like to see Jerry in charge of this. I trust his advice. He’s done a good job over the years. I’d like his advice on the progress of it.”

Jerry Ivanoff said he wants to be sure the EET post office box address in Unalakleet is maintained because he is processing 115 applications and making awards. Adequate lead time is needed for any address change, he noted, and the foundation will take a while to put in place.

Katie Peterson said NSEDC’s \$15 million contribution to the foundation will not be transferred for some time, noting that the foundation must first hire a CEO and receive tax-exempt status from the IRS. “I agree it’s an alarmingly rocky process,” she added. “The bylaws need to come back to the NSEDC board before we can move forward with the foundation.”

## Whose baby is it?

Efforts to develop an education foundation were launched Nov. 1, 2007 when the NSEDC board approved a motion to create a \$10.6 million foundation for scholarships and vocational training by donating all moneys in the corporation’s endowment fund to the foundation. Paul Johnson of Unalakleet made the motion and Stiles seconded it.

Johnson said he made the motion because he was leaving the board and wanted to preserve NSEDC’s education fund. Stiles said the corporation should continue to contribute funds to the foundation until its coffers hold \$15 million.

Eugene Asicksik, who was then NSEDC’s CEO, reminded the board that the corporation’s original Community Development Plan had established an education endowment and contributed NSEDC funds to it until the endowment fund reached \$5 million. Profits from endowment fund investments had been reinvested in the endowment fund, and the corporation had not contributed to the fund for the past five years, he added. In other words, NSEDC’s EET program had been operating for the preceding five years—distributing scholarships and providing vocational training—with proceeds from the existing education endowment fund.



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# Nome to soon hear the howl of the Iron Dogs

By Tyler Rhodes

A month before racers of the four-legged variety march down Front Street in the Iditarod, a horde of two-stroke iron dogs will come roaring into Nome.

Nearly 100 riders will be racing toward Nome come Feb. 8 as the 2009 Tesoro Iron Dog snow-machine race takes off. Since 1984, Nome has heard the roar of the machines coming through town, serving initially as the finish line and now the half-way mark for the pro class racers. The recreational trail class still finishes in Nome.

The nearly 2,000-mile race starts in Big Lake and heads north through the Alaska Range and into the Interior. Racers take a left at Ruby and race west for the Seward Peninsula. The race takes a brief break in Nome before making a U-turn to retrace its route to Ruby, where it will continue east to the finish line in Fairbanks.

The race route is about as wild and woolly as they come, covering mountainous terrain, frozen tundra, and river and sea ice. Racers face the potential of extreme cold, white-out conditions, and too little or too much snow. And all of this is offered up in one of the more remote reaches of a state known for its rugged terrain.

Racers this year are expected to arrive in Nome Feb. 10 with the annual Nome Halfway Banquet slated for 7 p.m. at the Mini Convention Center Feb. 11.

For three racers, the Nome halfway point will be a short-lived homecoming. Veteran racer Jim "Tre" West III and rookies Mike Morgan and Cliff Johnson have all entered the pro class for this year's race. All are racing with partners who live outside of Nome. West is teamed with Peter Reigh Sr., a rookie racer from Palmer. Morgan is racing with Tyler Huntington of Galena, a veteran racer. Johnson is riding with Micah Huss of Anchorage, who, like Johnson, will be racing his first Iron Dog.

Morgan's debut in the race comes in the same year that his late grandfather, Barrow Morgan,



Archive photo by Diana Haecker

**RETURN OF THE DOGS**—Palmer's Tyler Aklestad and Wasilla's Tyson Johnson were the first to Nome in last year's Iron Dog. The pro class racers are expected in Nome Feb. 10.

was inducted into the Iron Dog Hall of Fame Jan. 31. The elder Morgan started the snowmachine shop, Morgan's Sales and Service, in Nome.

This year's race could have a few more eyes on it than normal thanks to one racer. Alaska's "First Dude" Todd Palin is back at it again, looking for a fifth win. Welcomed or not, Palin was caught in the spotlight of the national

media as his wife—and Alaska's governor—Sarah Palin ran in a high-pressure race, herself. Gov. Palin's unsuccessful bid for vice president led to media interest in Todd and his activities. The result for the Iron Dog has been coverage in the *Wall Street Journal*, the *New York Times*, *Sports Illustrated* and mentions in several other national and international media outlets.

"Everything's been a little more exciting after the Palins were recognized nationwide," said Josie Stiles, a Nome resident who is on the Iron Dog's board of directors. "It gives us a little more media coverage."

Stiles relayed reports of improving course conditions after a thaw in mid-January. "From what I understand is that it's better now," she said.

Finishers in this year's pro-class race will cross the line in Fairbanks, as in years past. Different this year, however, will be just where in the Golden Heart City that line is located. Stiles said the finish will be moved to downtown Fairbanks from Pikes Landing, where it was previously staged. Stiles said the finishers banquet will also be moved from that locale to the Carlson Center.

Stiles said the departure from Pike's Landing comes as the race grows. "Hopefully that will draw more to the finish," she said of the move to downtown. Stiles also said there wasn't enough room at Pike's for the finishers banquet.

Nomeites will be able to attend a banquet here in town on Feb. 11. Attendees are asked to bring a side dish, but otherwise there is no entry cost for the event. The banquet celebrates the finish for the trail class racers and gives locals the chance to meet all the racers. Among this year's trail class racers are a couple from Iceland and a team of women from Alaska. Stiles said it is not the first time to have a female team in the race, but it has been a few years.

As in past years, the City of Nome is supplying space in its garage for the snowmachine impound.

Stiles said the event is a boon for Nome, both in breaking up the doldrums of winter and in terms of economics. "It gives Nome a good shot in the arm, as far as the economy," Stiles said. "It brings in people."

The pro class is scheduled to blast off the line in Big Lake Feb. 8. The trail class, which travels just to Nome, hits the trail two days earlier.

For more information, log on [www.irondog.org](http://www.irondog.org).

## Boys blank Dillingham at home

The Nome boys basketball team showed no sign of slowing its winning ways last weekend as it easily dispatched Dillingham in games Friday and Saturday night at home.

Blitzed by a barrage of 11 three-pointers, strong defense, a deep bench and even an alley-oop slam dunk, the Wolverines fell 87-44 against the seemingly unstoppable Nanooks Friday night. Jesse Blandford finished his work early, scoring his 26 points in the game during the first half. Jeremy Head added 18.

The Nanook machine kept rolling Saturday night as Nome put up 93 points on the board to the Wolverines' 46. Blandford knocked down 28 while Head added 20. Charles Smeaton led Dillingham with 24.

The Nome boys varsity team will next head to Valdez for its tournament Feb. 12. The Nanooks face Class 4A Palmer in the first round.

In junior varsity action, Nome battled Golovin at home. Nathan Blandford led Nome in a losing effort Friday night with 19 points. The Lynx won the game 92-65, led by the hot hands of Frank Amaktoolik and Travis Fagerstrom, who combined for 55 points.

The scoreboard didn't change much on Saturday as Golovin again dispatched the JV Nanooks 95-62. Nathan Blandford again led Nome with 16, while Jeremiah Johnson added 11. Darrell Takak, Amaktoolik and Fagerstrom each scored at least 20 points to lead Golovin in the win.

The closest games of the weekend

in Nome came as Nome's and Dillingham's junior high boys battled on the court. Dillingham held the upper hand both nights, winning 32-29 on Friday and 46-36 on Saturday. Dominique Hall led Nome on Friday with 26. John Smith scored 14, followed by Tyler Eide with 8 to lead Nome on Saturday.

More basketball action is on tap this weekend in Nome as the 2009 Norton Sound Shootout comes to town. Nome's JV boys will again face Golovin and also play Brevig Mission and Shishmaref.

**ON THE MOVE**—Nathan Blandford drives into the paint for Nome Friday night.



Photo by Tyler Rhodes

## 4th quarter magic for Lady Nanooks

The Lady Nanooks basketball team jumped back to winning ways last weekend with a pair of fourth-quarter comebacks on the road in Dillingham.

Led by Rachael Bauman, who poured in 11 of her 16 points in the final quarter, Nome pulled out a 38-33 win against the Lady Wolverines Friday night. Vanessa Tahbone added 10 in the effort. The Lady Nanooks were able to keep Dillingham to just three points in the fourth.

Nome came alive again late in the game on Saturday, blanking the Lady Wolverines in the fourth. The 12-0 run by the Lady Nanooks in the final period of the game put them over the top by a final score of 33-29. Tahbone scored 10 of her game-high 24 points in the fourth.

The two wins bolster Nome's season record to 8-4.

The varsity team will travel to Barrow this weekend to play in the Whaler Invite. Other teams competing include Kenai, Barrow and Point Hope.

Nome's younger girls also showed their prowess on the court, besting Dillingham two nights in a row.

Nome's junior high girls team toppled Dillingham Middle School 42-27 Friday night. Sisters Devynn and Dylan Johnson combined for 30 points for the evening, with Devynn knocking down 20 to Dylan's 10. Every girl on the team put points on the board in the game.

With an extra quarter to play on Saturday night, Nome lit up the scoreboard. To give the girls extra playing time, five quarters were played in Saturday's match-up. Nome won the game 51-18. Devynn Johnson scored 23, while sister Dylan

scored 17. Taylor Pomeranz added 6.

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several smaller turbines in Nome rather than a few big ones, the Banner Wind project has the same equipment that would be used in a smaller setting. While it takes 18 of the Entegritty turbines to provide up to 25 percent of Nome's power at optimal winds, four to six turbines of this size will be sufficient for many area villages. "A lot of thought was put in as to what size of windmill we would put up on the hill," Brown said.

By having Nome put the turbines to the test first, technical expertise and spare parts will be available in the region, rather than having to be brought in from the Lower 48. "The idea is to make Nome a hub for windmill technology," Brown said.

Jackson and Costanti note that having the villages develop their own wind farms will also support Nome. "The whole hub-and-spoke system doesn't work without spokes," Jackson said.

More turbines in the region can support one or more local full-time workers to perform maintenance and repair work. Nome's wind farm in isolation really should only require a part-time worker, they said. "The local piece is so important," Costanti said. "We could bring someone from out of the region [for maintenance or repair], but we don't want to."

While no firm plans have been laid out yet, BSNC President and CEO Tim Towarak said the regional Native corporation would like to see wind projects installed in area villages. Towarak said any new effort would likely not be started until next year. "We want to make sure the bugs are worked out here [in Nome]," he said last Thursday.

Towarak said BSNC would approach villages in the region to gauge interest and ability to install a project. He said the 50-50 partnership between BSNC and Sitnasuak would serve as a model for any new projects. "So far we like what we've seen," Towarak said. "We think it will work out in the villages. We think it will be a benefit to the communities."

### Project was not a breeze

While it sprang up quickly, building the



Photo by Tyler Rhodes

**TOUR BUS—Bering Strait Native Corp.'s snowcat ferried interested parties to the Banner Peak wind farm Jan. 30 for a site tour. While a lack of wind kept the blades from turning, it did make a more comfortable inspection of the project.**

wind farm was not without its challenges. One major hurdle came when the farm had to be reconfigured from its initial design location in the Snake River valley to its home on Banner Ridge. The move meant building three miles of road, running a long utility line to connect to the existing power grid and a complex layout for the 18 turbines, themselves.

"The terrain up there is more complex than any other site we've worked on," Jackson said. Costanti and Jackson said they had to redesign the layout of the turbines several times to achieve optimal performance. Factors such as the shape of the ridge, the depth of bedrock and the effect of the turbines upon each other resulted in the final spacing of the windmills being much more spread out than what is found at a standard wind farm, Jackson said.

By moving the project from the valley to the ridge, Jackson and Costanti estimate a gain of 30 percent more production from the increased wind.

In addition to the move, the complexities of

the logistics of ordering and shipping all the necessary materials to Nome with little to no lead time upped the ante all the more. The team had to be a bit creative in getting all the goods to Nome, at one point convincing Homer and Chugach electric companies to sell them transformers in order to get the equipment barged to Nome before the end of the shipping season.

"We had a running clock all the time," BSNC's Towarak said.

### Reducing diesel

When running at optimum speeds, the Banner Wind's farm should produce 1.17 megawatts of electricity, about a quarter of Nome's power need. It is projected that the project could reduce Nome's consumption of diesel fuel for its generators by 200,000 gallons a year.

By being able to provide about 25 percent of Nome's power, the Banner Wind project is dubbed "low-penetration." Jackson and Costanti said such low-penetration projects—

those that provide up to 30 percent of the local demand—can be integrated into local utility systems without extensive alterations.

Even a low-penetration farm can bring down the cost of power and reduce the amount of fossil fuel burned. "It's not that we're a bunch of greenies," BSNC's Brown said. "The board [of directors] wanted to see and make a difference in the lives of Bering Straits shareholders."

This style of wind farm needs to be looked at as supplemental to the current diesel-generated power. Without a way to store the power from the turbines, a community could not rely upon wind alone for reliable and consistent electricity. The turbines are designed to be most efficient in winds of approximately 30 mph. At least 9 mph of wind is needed for the turbines to produce power. The turbines will automatically put on the brakes in wind speeds of 56 mph or greater.

### Economics

Initially BSNC pursued funding the wind farm with a federal grant through the U.S. Department of Agriculture. When word on the grant application was delayed over and over again, BSNC and Sitnasuak were pushed into a corner where they had to decide to move ahead on the project with their own funds or suspend it for a year.

Ultimately deciding to go forward, the two corporations raised funds through bank financing and private equity.

Banner Wind will see revenue from the project through the sale of electricity to Nome Joint Utility System, the sale of carbon credits and tax benefits. Jackson said the tax benefits for a project can be worth 30 percent to 40 percent of the capital costs for a project.

Jackson acknowledges a focus on getting grant funding for building such projects, and says he can't argue against the cost benefit of completing a wind farm with free money. But he also stresses that with the tax incentives, wind projects can also stand on their own economics while producing energy at a cheaper cost than diesel.

"It's all about replacing the diesel fuel," Costanti said.

## Chamber of Commerce tracks region's renewable energy projects

By Laurie McNicholas

Mitch Erickson, executive director of the Nome Chamber of Commerce, praised the Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. board Jan. 29 at their meeting in Nome for the company's plans to install vertical axis wind turbines at two test sites in the region.

Erickson also invited the NSEDC board and staff to attend Banner Wind's ribbon-cutting ceremony for the 18 new turbines on Banner Peak that evening at Old St. Joe's.

He noted that Katie Peterson, NSEDC community development coordinator who helped refine ideas for the company's renewable energy project, had attended an energy summit sponsored by the chamber and Kawerak Inc. in April 2006.

Following last week's NSEDC meeting, Erickson told *The Nome Nugget* the summit had brought together state, federal, University of Alaska and private renewable energy specialists with organizations and individuals from the region to discuss ways to develop and finance alternatives to diesel fuel for both electrical generation and heating homes and businesses.

"We soon realized any reduction in electrical generation costs would require a long lead time and a big price tag," Erickson recalled. "However, we found we could have an effect by focusing on heating our homes and businesses. In the process we realized the following:

- There was a lack of expertise in the state.
- Oil will always be the primary source of heat; renewable energy will be secondary.
- Homes and businesses need to be energy efficient before installing renewable energy systems in them.
- Tax incentives are not a big part of an individual's decision-making process, but they are for businesses.
- Nome has more solar insolation (radiation) than Tucson, Ariz., from March through July."

Summit participants keep in touch with Erickson by e-mail as they develop projects. By testing available technologies, he hopes they will find a cost-effective application that can be duplicated throughout the region. The following is his update on ongoing renewable energy projects.

### Renewable energy projects

Bering Straits Native Corp. has in-

stalled a 17 kW array of PV solar panels on the Bering Straits (Old Federal) Building in Nome to cut its electric energy costs. Due to the high costs of purchasing, shipping and installing the panels, tax credits are necessary to make the project feasible. The solar panels are working well, according to a company spokesman.

In a joint venture, BSNC and Sitnasuak Native Corp. installed 18 Entegritty EW 15 wind turbines last summer on corporate land at Banner Peak. The turbines are rated at 50 kW with the ability to produce 1 megawatt of wind energy and are connected to the Nome power grid.

NSEDC has funded an innovative project to install two vertical axis wind turbines for thermal heating at two test sites—one in Nome and the other at

Unalakleet. Each turbine is rated at 10 kW. The vertical turbines do not need a large tower like the horizontal axis turbines. If proven effective, they can be attached to each household in the region. The goal of this project is to see if wind energy is a cost-effective way to provide thermal heat.

Gary Hart of Nome has installed a Southwest Windpower "Whisper 200" horizontal wind turbine to provide thermal heating for his home. He also has installed a "Heliodyne" flat panel solar hot water system for space heating on the south side of the home. He has a fuel oil boiler and hot water baseboard heating system. This is the first wind and solar combination project for thermal heating in the region.

Dave McDowell of Nome is installing an Apricus solar thermal sys-

tem using 60 evacuated tube solar collectors. His home has a fuel oil boiler and hot water radiant floor system. Solar collectors are connected to provide both domestic hot water and space heating. The system is located on the east and south sides of his home.

Shaktoolik Native Corp. has installed two Southwest Windpower "Skystream 3.7" horizontal axis wind turbines to provide electricity for the store and corporate office in Shaktoolik. The turbines are rated at 1.9 kW continuous and 2.6 kW peak. The tower heights are 40 feet and 80 feet. Excess energy is "net metered" back to the grid.

Jim Adams of Nome has installed a Southwest Windpower "Skystream 3.7" to provide electricity for his home. Excess energy will flow back into the grid.

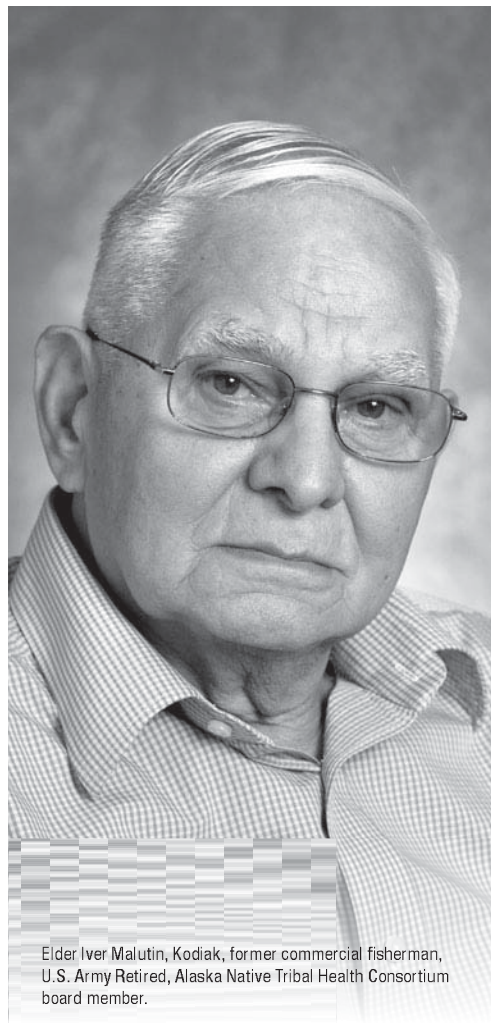
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stalled a 1.7kW array of "PV" solar panels to generate electricity.

Erickson is installing evacuated tube solar hot water panels for heating his home. Two 30-tube units will be located on the east side of his house.

Last month the Chamber of Commerce sponsored a community seminar on solar thermal heating and conducted a free workshop to certify installers of the Apricus brand solar panels. Twenty-five individuals attended the training session. The chamber's goal is to see a number of these units installed by mid-February.

All of the above projects have been funded by private enterprise. Several additional projects are on the drawing board, including a mix of evacuated tube and flat panel solar panels and a vertical turbine for electrical generation.



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## Palin appoints Olson to Alaska Health Care Commission

Governor Sarah Palin last week announced her appointments to the Alaska Health Care Commission, appointing State Senator Donnie Olson of Golovin to the 10-member commission. The commission is charged with making recommendations for a statewide plan to address the quality, accessibility and availability of health care for all Alaskans. The commissioners are tasked to develop

and recommend by January 15, 2010 a health care policy. That policy should include personal responsibility, cost-cutting, safe water and sewer systems, a sustainable health care workforce, increasing insurance coverage, and universal health care access.

Senator Olson has represented Northwest Alaska in the Alaska State Senate since 2000. He is a physi-

cian, commercial pilot and reindeer herder. Olson earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry from the University of Minnesota, a medical degree from Oral Roberts University School of Medicine, and a law degree from the University of Colorado School of Law. He chairs the Community and Regional Affairs Committee, and sits on the Senate Finance Committee. Olson was nominated by Senate President Gary Stevens to fill a non-voting seat representing the Senate on the commission.

Other commission members are Larry Stinson M.D., of Palmer; C. Keith Campbell of Seward; Jeffrey W. Davis of Anchorage; Jay Butler M.D., of Anchorage; Valerie Davidson of Anchorage; Wayne Stevens of Juneau; Ryan Smith of Soldotna; Linda Hall of Anchorage and State Representative Wes Keller.

## All Around the Sound

### New Arrivals

Hannah J. Kuzuguk and Jerry Dean Giffin of Elim announce the birth of their son **James Dean Giffin**, born January 13 at 11:20 p.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center in

Anchorage. He weighed 8 pounds, 13 ounces, and was 19" in length. His sisters are Rena, Twyla, Renee', Shirley Giffin, and half sister Rochelle.



**WEDDING BELLS**—Andrew Suligak Kakoona and Charlene Yvonne Heavener proudly announce their marriage, which took place at Nome Lutheran Church Jan. 23. Special thanks to the following: Margie Heavener, Francis and Mary Kakoona, Jane Kakoona, Marissa Oxereok, James Kakoona, Herman Seetook, Crystal Bruns, Nora Jane Brock, Pastor Gilbert Oxereok, Raymond Seetook and family and friends. From Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Kakoona and Gary A. E Kakoona and Carter D. A. Heavener.

## Saying it Sincerely

By Pastor Julie Yoder Elmore  
Community United Methodist Church  
for the Nome Ministerial Association

**Passionate Worship** — According to the Merriam-Webster Dictionary Online, one of the definitions of passionate is "capable of, affected by, or expressing intense feeling." Worship, according to United Methodist Bishop Robert Schnase, "describes those times we gather deliberately seeking to encounter God in Christ. We cultivate our relationship with God and with one another as people of God." Doing daily devotions is a private time with God, while worship is meant to be done in community. Worship is about praising God through music, through prayer, through being together as people of God. Passionate Worship is about giving our all in worship — singing out; lifting up loved ones in prayer; sharing what is on our hearts for the glory of God.

In Isaiah 6:1-8, Isaiah recounts a personal encounter with God while in the temple. His experience was transforming. While there, he saw the presence of God — there on a throne and the hem of God's robe filling the whole temple. God was present to him in a big way. Here Isaiah felt that he was a man with unclean lips living amongst others with unclean lips and did not feel worthy to be in that place seeing and experiencing God. Upon hearing Isaiah express this, one of the seraphs who were attending to God came down and touched a live coal to Isaiah's lips, purifying Isaiah's lips and purifying Isaiah of his sins. He was made clean — he was transformed and brought to wholeness. Through this transformation — this encounter with God — Isaiah was able to accept God's call for him to be a prophet in his time.

When we come to worship on any given Saturday or Sunday, do we expect to be changed by the experience — to encounter God? In worship do we sing out in praise to God? Do we "make a joyful noise to the Lord," as Psalm 100 encourages us to? The idea is to create an atmosphere of praise to God where all can praise God, even the one accompanying the singing and those leading worship. When we give our all, God is faithful and the Holy Spirit will indeed work within our hearts to transform us. Would not all of us like to leave worship with our hearts on-fire, filled, and ready to go out into our mission field and invite people to be part of this awesome experience? If you are not currently part of a worshipping community, I encourage you to find a church home where you can encounter God and expect to be transformed.

The Miller & Piscoya family say "QUYANNA" to all people who sent cards & flowers, called from near & far, stopped by our houses to visit & those that brought all that delicious food. We appreciate your love & support during this difficult time.

We also acknowledge & thank Dr. Head & Dr. Liu at NSHC for working so hard to keep Kenny alive, & thanks also to all the nurses that responded, as well as the lab staff, the x-ray staff, pharmacy staff & the respiratory staff. Thanks to Julie Renwick who was there for us & did an excellent job in assisting the family with all the details. You all did a great job & the family could tell you all worked hard for Kenny. Our family truly appreciates the care shown by all the NSHC staff with the loss of our brother.

We want to thank the EMS staff for responding so quickly to bring Kenny to the hospital. You did a great job! We also want to thank Leon Boardway & Raymond Merrill for helping Kenny until the EMS crew arrived.

We thank & y Miller Jr. for digging the grave, TUMET CONSTRUCTION for the use of the equipment to dig the grave, Richard & Harvey Miller for making the cross & outer box, the ladies who made the flowers, Eileen Norbert for doing an excellent job to coordinate the potluck dinner & especially to all the people that cooked for the potluck, Kirk Reynolds for his excellent skills in playing the piano at the service & most of all, thanks to the Our Saviors Lutheran Church staff who allowed us to have the opportunity to say our last good bye's to Kenny. All the pallbearers did a great job with the casket before, during & after the service. Thanks to you all. Thanks Kimberly Gooden for doing an excellent job putting the program together.

# HOROSCOPES

February 5 - 11, 2009

 <b>CAPRICORN</b> December 22–January 19 Change of plans, Capricorn. A new destination is calling. Don't question; just pack your bags and go. You will return refreshed and ready to conquer the world.	 <b>ARIES</b> March 21–April 19 Put an end to the crazy days forever, Aries. Clean up your house, get rid of the clutter and organize all of those nooks and crannies. You'll be surprised at how efficient you become.	 <b>CANCER</b> June 22–July 22 Give of yourself, Cancer. An organization is in dire need. Confidentiality is breached at work. Steer clear of the matter. An innocent question could get you sucked in.	 <b>LIBRA</b> September 23–October 22 Wish you could do more, Libra? Say no more. The resources will soon be at hand. Romance moves front and center at home, and a special gift arrives in your mailbox.
 <b>AQUARIUS</b> January 20–February 18 Feeling a little touchy, Aquarius? Don't worry. The funk will pass when a blast from the past rolls into town. A heated exchange at work is no reason to panic.	 <b>TAURUS</b> April 20–May 20 Cutting corners will get you nowhere, Taurus. Resist the urge and pay attention to the details. A tiff in the romance department calls for a creative solution.	 <b>LEO</b> July 23–August 22 Being polite is all well and good, Leo. Sometimes, however, you have to take a stand and protect yourself and your family, even if you come across as rude.	 <b>SCORPIO</b> October 23–November 21 Feeling out of sorts, Scorpio? Relax. Life is about to turn around, and all wrinkles will soon be ironed out. An issue at work is finally explored.
 <b>PISCES</b> February 19–March 20 Ready for a windfall, Pisces? One is on the way. Put it where it will truly make a difference. A meeting with an old friend reminds you of what's really important.	 <b>GEMINI</b> May 21–June 21 Take steps to protect your assets, Gemini. A crisis is lurking. Travel plans get made in a hurry, and you're whisked away on a romantic adventure. Enjoy!	 <b>VIRGO</b> August 23–September 22 Brace yourself, Virgo. A storm is brewing at home. Prepare to take cover and vow not to get involved. Your family members must work out this one on their own.	 <b>SAGITTARIUS</b> November 22–December 21 Fit to be tied, Sagittarius? A family decree makes your blood boil. Calm down. No one likes being told what to do, but this new rule really is in your best interest.

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# Obituaries

## Alice Virginia (Aamaq) Anagick

Alice Virginia (Aamaq) Anagick was born on March 5, 1945 at Egavik to Joseph and Anna (Savetilik) Etageak. She died January 21, 2009 at the Norton Sound Regional Hospital. She was 63 years of age.



Alice Virginia (Aamaq) Anagick

Alice graduated from Mt. Edgecumbe High School on May 14, 1965 and went on to take college courses. Although her dream was to obtain a college degree, she was inspired by education and encouraged her children to further theirs.

Aamaq and "Gimbo" were married on April 10, 1971 behind their cabin, across from Silvertip on the Unalakleet River. They lovingly raised their children Langford Adams Jr., McGann Anagick and LaVerne Anagick. Their grandchildren are Lanford Adams III, Chasity Adams and Gabriel Anagick.

'Amm', as known by her grandchildren, loved to bake bread, gather food and greens, cook, and go for truck rides. Above all, her heart belonged to her grandchildren who she helped raise.

Alice cherished the subsistence way of life and instilled that lifestyle in her children and grandchildren. She especially enjoyed camping at the fall fish camp at Whalebacks on Labor Day weekend. Alice often took pleasure in volunteering her time to help others receive Public Assistance. She worked many years

with BIA (1970-1979), BSSD, and the Unalakleet Native Corporation.

Alice is survived by her husband Gimbo, children Langford, McGann, LaVerne; grandchildren Kimberly, Langford III, Chasity, Brandon, Gabriel and Ada; mother Anna Etageak; sisters Threasa Nanouk and Betsy Pleasant; brothers Lawrence and Richard; nieces and nephews (19), and many friends and family.

She was preceded in death by her father Joseph Etageak; sisters Ida Grace and Ada Grace; brother Donald; maternal grandparents; Grace and Savetilik; paternal grandparents Ida and Etageak.

Prior to her passing, Alice gave herself to the Lord.

Her friendly greeting's smile will be missed by all. Peace to her memory.

## Kenny Miller

Kenny was born at camp at Nook (his official birth place shows Nome) on September 3, 1953 to Andrew Sr. and Hannah Miller. Kenny died January 23 in Nome.

Kenny graduated from Nome High School with the class of 1972. In March 1974 he went to Berkeley, CA to attend the Berkeley Welding Training and received a welding certificate. From September 1982 to February 1983, Kenny attended the Alaska Vocational Skill Center in Seward and received a certificate in Building Maintenance.

Kenny first started working in the butcher shop, cutting meat at Stop Shop and Save from 1979-1982, attended Voc Center for training and returned to work periodically for Chuck Fagerstrom on various projects over approximately the next 25 years. Both Chuck and Kenny taught each other how to tackle big projects as they worked to complete them; for example, bringing the huge Solomon building into town to Osborne, building the shop, repairing heavy equipment, and the last big job was assisting Chuck to build his home. He also worked for a summer as a marine deck hand for a local tug company. His last place of employment was working for the Bering Straits Development Company as a laborer at the Rock Creek mine from May to September 2007 and again

from April to November 2008.

Kenny loved the subsistence way of life. He loved to eat Eskimo food with family and friends. He was an expert berry picker. He took pride in how clean his berries were and he knew where the best spots were. (Sometimes he wouldn't share that information). He really enjoyed fishing, especially when the family went seining up the river. After each fishing trip, he took pride in making sure that the fish dried perfectly every time, by cutting and hanging them exactly right. He spent hours in wet weather tending to the fish to make sure the rain didn't ruin them. He learned to cut fish expertly (he had a great teacher, his mom) and for those who weren't as expert as he was, he let them know. He made himself available to help anyone with fishing. He enjoyed duck hunting and moose hunting, but fishing was his favorite.

As a good carpenter, he was also creative and the family saw the results of his creativity with his wood-carvings and crafts. Because of his carpentry skills, he volunteered his time to help his sister and brothers build and/or repair their summer camps and homes as well as taking care of his mom's house.

Because of his medical limitations during his youth, he was a spectator, not a participant in sports; however, he thoroughly enjoyed watching City League and Iditarod basketball games every year. He loved challenging his mom (and anyone else who visited) with Chinese checkers, Scrabble and Snertz. Because he was an avid reader, he had a jumpstart with Scrabble when playing with mom. His passion for reading was learning about history, especially German war history. He spent hours at the Kegoayah Kozga Library reading and checking out his favorite books. He read a book a day, no matter how many pages it had. When asked what he wanted for Christmas or birthdays, his response was always, "a subscription to Newsweek." And if that magazine was late, we all knew it. He devoured that magazine from cover to cover and kept up with the world weekly and then informed the rest of the family.

Kenny was a kind hearted and

humble person. During the last couple of years of his mother's life, he gave 100 percent of his time to care for her. The rest of the family could not give that much, but Kenny did. He took her fishing, berry picking and to camp on weekends and as her health worsened, he would just take her for rides as she loved being outdoors and loved her subsistence lifestyle too. After she passed away he had a difficult time adjusting to life without her.

Kenny was a proud member of Bering Straits Native Corporation, Sitsasuak Native Corporation and Nome Eskimo Community and attended every meeting possible.

Kenny is survived by his sisters, Carol and husband Roy Piscoya; Barbara (Tiny) Miller of Kenai; brothers, Andrew Jr. and wife Mary Miller; Richard and wife Angela Miller; Harvey and wife Nina; Alexine (Snowball) Miller and Marlin Miller of Kotzebue. His parents Andrew Sr. and Hannah Miller, brothers Eddie, Frankie and James, and sisters Sharon Miller and Gladys Miller Crow preceded him in death. Kenny did not have children of his own, but loved all his many nieces and nephews and worked hard to teach them about the importance of subsistence and our culture and traditions. He encouraged them to continue with the weekly Eskimo dinners to keep family in contact with each other.

Cherish memories of him and remember him as a good, kind person, with a good sense of humor and helpful to all.

## Arlene Lorraine Soxie

Arlene Lorraine Soxie (Atqaq), 61, died January 26 at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage.

A Unalakleet resident and a tribal member of the Native Village of Unalakleet, Arlene showed her Inupiaq love of family by helping to care for her mother Ellen who was moved to the Providence Extended Care center, where she died in December 2008.

Arlene loved the country, always ready to go ice fishing for trout (Arctic char) on the Unalakleet River and for salmon in the summer, where she and her family stopped for a bonfire dinner of fresh trout, or silvers (coho). She liked to berry-pick. She crocheted and knitted many handicrafts. She taught her grandchildren how to pray before meals and to say their evening prayers.

Arlene was preceded in death by her father, Jacob, her sisters Harriet and Jobina, her mother Ellen, brother Clifford, and an infant son, Harvey. She is survived by her companion Wilfred Eakon, sisters and their spouses Ruth and Alfred "Bill" Ivanoff, Vivian and Bob Foote, Mabel and Al Oyoumick, and Edna and Monroe Eakon. Arlene dearly loved her children Harriet, Harold and Wassillie, and her grandchildren Edward, Ariel, Nadia Eakon, Tre', Nadia, Sean and Shaylene. She will be missed by her numerous nephews and nieces and her friends.

A funeral service took place at the Unalakleet Covenant Church January 30, with burial at the Unalakleet Cemetery.

## We Thank You

On behalf of both of our families, we thank: the Wales Health Aides

(Jackie Crisci, Florence Okpealuk, CTC Maryann Olanna), the Pastor from Wales, Anna Oxereok, Bering Air for the medevac, City of Gambell for travel funds For My Mother Ellen And Sisters, Father Sean of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Nome, Loretta Bullard, Florence Habros and family, my sister Carolyn Kulukhon, the people of Little Diomedea, all who called and prayed for us. Sorry if we missed anyone. Thank you for all of your help during the loss of our baby Shasta. Michele R. Kulukhon And Dennis Soolook Jr.

## Church Services Directory

**Bible Baptist Church Service Schedule, 443-2144**  
Sunday School 10 a.m./Worship Hour 11 a.m.

**Community Baptist Church-SBC**  
108 West Third, 443-5448

**Small Group Bible Study** 10 a.m.  
**Sunday Morning Worship** 11 a.m.  
Pastor Bruce Landry

**Community United Methodist**  
2nd Ave. West, 443-2865

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**Nome Covenant Church**

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**Sunday School** 9:45 a.m./**Sunday Worship** 11 a.m.

**Wednesday:** Fellowship Meal 5:30 p.m./Ladies' Bible Study, Mens' Fraternity & Children's Choir 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday:** Youth Group 7 p.m. (call 443-7218 for location)

**Friday:** Community Soup Kitchen 6 - 7 p.m.

**Our Savior's Lutheran Church**

5th & Bering, 443-5295

**Sunday School** 10:30 a.m./Morning Worship 11 a.m.

**River of Life Assembly of God, 443-5333**

**Sunday Worship Service** 10:30 a.m.

**Sunday Evening Worship** 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday Night Service** 6:30 p.m.

**St. Joseph Catholic Church, 443-5527**

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**Mass Schedule: Saturday** 5:30 p.m./**Sunday** 10:30 a.m.

**Seventh-Day Adventist (Icy View), 443-5137**

**Saturday Sabbath School** 10 a.m.

**Saturday Morning Worship** 11 a.m.

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**Nome Church of Nazarene**

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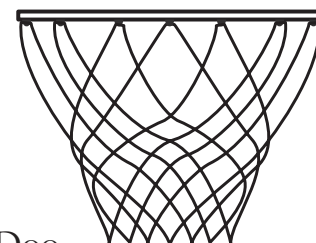
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A Nome female was transported to AMCC on a Title 47 Protective Custody Hold.  
Geoffrey Milligrock, DOB: 4/29/84, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Concealment of Merchandise.  
Nora Katchatag, DOB: 12/7/61, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault in the 4th Degree, Domestic Violence.  
1/27  
Don McClain, DOB: 7/1/49, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Driving While Intoxicated and Driving While License Suspended.  
Justin Heinrich, DOB: 8/11/76, was served and Order to Show Cause for Failure to Appear.  
Warren Trigg, DOB: 5/7/70, was served an Order to Show Cause for Failure to Appear.  
Ramon Gandia, DOB: 12/30/45, was served an Order to Show Cause for Failure to Appear.  
1/28  
An Elim male was transported to AMCC on a Title 47 Protective Custody Hold.  
Michelle Ahnangnatoguk, DOB: 7/28/84, was served a Summons to Appear.

Terry Komonaseak, DOB: 1/17/63, received a Domestic Violence Ex Parte Protective Order.  
Elijah Ferguson, DOB: 6/6/85, was served an Order to Show Cause for Failure to Appear.  
Kathleen Paniataaq, DOB: 4/15/86, was served an Order to Show Cause for Failure to Appear.  
Andrew Weyiouanna, DOB: 3/16/83, was served an Order to Show Cause for Failure to Appear.  
1/29  
Kandie Ilmar, DOB: 3/4/80, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.  
Letia Martin, DOB: 3/8/84, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Disorderly Conduct.  
1/30  
Marie Redington, DOB: 3/28/72, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault in the 4th Degree, Domestic Violence.  
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1/31  
A 17-year old male was issued a citation for Minor Consuming Alcohol.  
Richard Weinstein, DOB: 12/23/45, received a citation for Failure to Stop at a Stop Sign.  
Michelle Ahnangnatoguk, DOB: 7/28/84, was

arrested and booked into AMCC for Violating Conditions of Release.  
2/1  
A Nome male was transported to the hospital on a Title -47, Protective Custody Hold.  
Rhonda Komok, DOB: 12/22/66, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.  
Harry Goldsberry, DOB: 1/18/79, was arrested and booked into AMCC on an Arrest Warrant for Violation of a Protective Order and Assault in the Fourth Degree.  
A Nome female was transported to the hospital on a Title -47, Protective Custody Hold.  
2/2  
Timothy Kost, DOB: 11/6/75, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Driving on a Suspended License and Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol.  
Michael Walker, DOB: 5/26/83, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Harassment and Criminal Mischief in the 5th Degree.

## Trooper Beat

On December 10, at 12:00 p.m., the AST received a report of vandalism at the Gambell School. Investigation continues.

On January 21, at approximately 1:00 p.m., the AST received a report of an assault. Investigation showed that a student of Andrew A. Anthony School in St. Michael had assaulted a teacher. While being escorted from the building the student also damaged property and spit on several faculty members. Charges are being referred to Juvenile Intake.

On January 24, at 11:00 p.m., Savoonga Village Public Safety Officer John Peratrovich received a report of a disturbance at a Savoonga residence. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Harold Kiyuklook, 32, of Savoonga, for Probation Violation. Kiyuklook was remanded to AMCC.

On January 25, at approximately 10:55 a.m., the AST received a report of Criminal Mischief. A rock was thrown through the window of a private residence in the village of St. Michael. The investigation is ongoing.

On January 26, at approximately 9:00 a.m., the AST received a report of an assault. Investigation showed that a student of Andrew A. Anthony school in St. Michael had assaulted a teacher. While in contact with school faculty the student also spit on a faculty member. Charges are being referred to Juvenile Intake.

On January 27, at 1:58 a.m., the AST received a report of a domestic disturbance at a Shishmaref residence. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Gideon Okpowruk, 23, of Shishmaref, for Assault 4. Okpowruk was remanded to the AMCC.

On January 27, at 10:45 a.m., the AST received a report of three overdue hunters from the village of Stebbins. The hunters are Bruce Pete, 32, Francis Pete Jr., 24, and Sydney Pete, 14, all from Stebbins. They left on January 26, and were expected back later the same day. A Search party has been deployed from the village of Stebbins. Searchers were able to locate all three individuals shortly after search efforts were initiated. The hunters were all in good condition and did not require any medical care. The snowmachines they were riding experienced mechanical problems along the trail. The AST thanks the Stebbins Search and Rescue group for their quick and effective response in locating the hunters.

On January 27, at 3:07 p.m., the AST received a report of an assault in the village of Shaktoolik.

Investigation revealed that Thomas Sampson, 58, of Shaktoolik had assaulted a family member. Thomas was arrested and transported to Unalakleet for arraignments on the charge of assault IV.

On January 29, at 4:30 p.m., the AST investigated a report of Sexual Abuse of a Minor. Details are being withheld pending further investigation.

## Legals

### UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

**Alaska Village Electric Cooperative  
Project No. 13298-000**  
**Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions to Intervene, and Competing Applications**  
(January 8, 2009)

On October 9, 2008, Alaska Village Electric Cooperative filed an application, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act, proposing to study the feasibility of the Port Clarence Hydrokinetic Project (Port Clarence), located in Port Clarence, within an Unorganized Borough, between the communities of Teller and Brevig Mission, Alaska. The project uses no dam or impoundment.

The proposed Port Clarence project would consist of: (1) 2 proposed submerged Ocean Renewable horizontal axis crossflow turbines, with a total installed capacity of 300 kilowatts, (2) a proposed 6.5-mile-long, 7,200/12,400-kilovolt transmission line, and (3) appurtenant facilities. The project is estimated to have an annual generation of 1.3-gigawatt-hours, which would be sold to a local utility.

Applicant Contact: Mr. Brent Petrie, Alaska Village Electric Cooperative  
4831 Eagle Street, Anchorage, AK 99503, phone: **907/565-5358**.  
FERC Contact: Patricia W. Gillis (202) 502-8735.

Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, competing applications (without notices of

intent), or notices of intent to file competing applications: 60 days from the issuance of this notice. Comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications may be filed electronically via the Internet. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's website under the "e-Filing" link. If unable to be filed electronically, documents may be paper-filed. To paper-file, an original and eight copies should be mailed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20426. For more information on how to submit these types of filings please go to the Commission's website located at <http://www.ferc.gov/filing-comments.asp>. More information about this project can be viewed or printed on the "eLibrary" link of Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number (P-13298) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, call toll-free 1-866-208-3372.

Kimberly D. Bose,  
Secretary.  
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**NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND SALE**  
**Foreclosure Sale to be held April 03, 2009, at 10:00 A.M. at the Main entrance to the Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street, Nome, AK.** RECONTRUST COMPANY, the present Trustee under the Deed of Trust executed by MARGARET ARLENE MOO and RON MOO, WIFE AND HUSBAND, AKA ARLENE MOO, Trustor(s), to FIRST AMERICAN LENDERS ADVANTAGE – NEC, Trustee, and MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC

REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., Beneficiary, recorded September 14, 2007, in Document No. 2007-000440-0 in Book N/A at Page N/A, all in the records of the Kotzebue Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska, encumbering the following real property:

LOT 6, BLOCK B OF KILLILLOU SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT FILED OCTOBER 1, 1992 AS PLAT NUMBER 92-5; RECORDS OF THE KOTZEBUE RECORDING DISTRICT, SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT, STATE OF ALASKA.  
and having a corresponding address of #1 SWAMP STREET, NOATAK, AK 99761, gives notice that a breach occurred because Trustor(s) failed to satisfy obligations secured by the Deed of Trust. The amount owing to the Beneficiary as of December 23, 2008, is \$59,353.41, plus future interest, costs, and other charges. Upon demand of the Beneficiary, Trustee hereby elects to sell the real property for cash to apply against obligations owed to the Beneficiary, together with any additional interest, costs, or expenses. Beneficiary gives notice that it is preserving its rights against other collateral securing the obligations. Questions regarding the foreclosure should be directed to RECONTRUST COMPANY at (800)-281-8219 and reference T.S. No. 08-0098623. Dated: 12/23/2008  
RECONTRUST COMPANY  
By: B.P. Flores, Assistant Secretary  
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**Arctic ICANS —  
A nonprofit cancer  
survivor support group.**

**1-800-478-9355**

**Arctic ICANS next meeting**  
The Nome Cancer support group will meet at the XYZ center on  
**Thursday, Feb. 5 • 7:30 p.m.**  
*Dr. Robert Lawrence*  
*The beneficial properties of vitamin D*  
For more information call 443-5726.



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depth of knowledge and understanding of the State's finances. I look forward to working with all the new members of the House of Representatives and its leadership.

With lower oil prices we are faced with significant budgeting challenges. At this time it appears that the Operating Budget will have to depend on funds being drawn from the State's various savings accounts. The primary account is the Constitutional Budget Reserve into which \$5 billion was deposited last year. The Capital Budget will undoubtedly be tied into the Federal Economic Stimulus package.

One immediate need is to develop a Federal Economic Stimulus Plan for Alaska. The Governor, Senate and House of Representatives need to agree upon a plan of distribution that provides both immediate and lasting benefit for all Alaskans regardless of where they live. It is an opportunity to provide Alaskans with jobs and to build needed lasting infrastructure. The House leadership has met recently with the Governor on this issue.

Another major issue is energy. The Governor unveiled her long term goal to have 50 percent of Alaska powered with renewable energy by the year 2020. In response to this need, the House has created a Special Committee on Energy; co-chaired by Rep. Edgmon, (D) from Dillingham and Rep. Millett (R) from the Mat-Su area. This committee will be meeting in Nome on February 8, 2009 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Old St.

Joseph Hall to take testimony on the Governor's plan. They are also interested in hearing concerns and ideas from the general public as a part of their Nome visit.

Economic assistance is recognized as a priority by the Bush Caucus and the House Majority. Rural communities did not benefit from the decline in oil prices since bulk fuel purchases had to be made prior to the price drop in order to assure delivery during the summer. A second problem was created when the barge lines were unable to make scheduled fall barge deliveries. This has necessitated flying in fuel which drives the prices even higher. Electricity costs are caught in the same trap since their fuel had to be ordered during the period when prices were at their highest. I am not sure what a package might look like since it is so early in the new legislature.

Work by the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs to recognize Alaska Territorial Guard members for their service continues. The Federal Government had planned to cut pension payments for ATG member. The Army has found a short term solution and will continue payments for another two months while Congress, led by the State's Delegation, is working a long term solution to get funding restored.

I am chairing the House Finance Subcommittees for the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs and the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities. I have either been a member of these committees or chaired them since entering the Legislature.

At the present time there isn't any legislation which appears

likely to pass, that I would identify as "unfriendly," but that can change as new bills are introduced and existing bill are amended; so this is something for which we must always watch. My main focus for the session will be on budget issues. As usual my concern with the Operating Budget is to assure that residents of our District do not lose essential services through budget cuts. On the Capital Budget side I will continue to push for improved health services, educational funding, airports improvements, new housing, ongoing sewer and water projects and individual community projects that provide local employment and needed infrastructure.

On a personal level, my health is continuing to improve. I can feel my strength increase each day. I can walk unassisted in the office or at home, but use a walker in the halls and on the street to increase stability. A fall during Christmas that put me back in the wheelchair for two weeks taught me to be cautious. But I'm back on my feet and hopefully, the stars are finally coming into alignment and I will be able to have a transplant sometime during the spring or early summer. I thank you all so much for the support you've given me during my tenure as your Representative and especially through these recent trying times. I look forward to seeing you all during the session and back home after adjournment.

If you have questions, concerns or suggestions, please contact my Juneau Office 1-800-478-3789 (phone); 1-907-465-3242 (fax); or send me an email.

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ments and a few things on my agenda at this time are:

In addition to the Finance committee, I am chair of the Community and Regional Affairs Committee, and I have seats on the Education committee, the Education District Cost Factors Commission, the Legislative

Council, Regulation Review Committee, and the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee. I have also been appointed to the Governor's Health Care Commission. With the diversity of these committee seats, I will be busy and will have a voice in many issues important to the district.

I have been working with Rep. Foster and Sen. Hoffman and the

Governor's staff to bring some kind of relief to the residents of Emmonak. Since their plight has risen to national attention in recent weeks, that has brought a deep interest from all over the country for helping. The Governor announced this week that she will not declare a disaster. Now that we are back in session, other options are on the table; and so the Sen-

ate Finance Committee may introduce legislation to try to help all Alaskans struggling to pay their fuel bills.

I know that it is not just Emmonak that is struggling due to the high cost of energy. Energy issues continue to be of grave concern to myself and other Legislators and will certainly be at the forefront this session. However, the current price of oil will make it difficult to garner the support for creating or expanding programs, even for energy relief. In fact, it will be difficult to build even a maintenance budget, and it is highly unlikely that we will have the level of

spending in the capital budget that we have enjoyed the last few years, either. The effects of lower oil prices will undoubtedly have an effect on the final budget that will eventually be passed; though we are very fortunate to have saved the funds we did in prior years when oil money was plentiful. We will need them.

**For those of you who can attend, the House Energy Committee will be in Nome and Kotzebue to present their Statewide Energy Report and take public testimony.** The information on these meetings is: Sat-

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### Request for Proposals (RFP)

King Island Native Corporation (KINC) is requesting written proposals from qualified licensed and bonded contractors for the following work: Labor and materials to renovate a single-family residence at 602 E 4th Avenue, Nome, Alaska. KINC will accept written proposals until 5 p.m., local time, on Monday, February 9, 2009.

Proposals should be submitted to:  
King Island Native Corporation  
Attn: Janet Carlisle  
PO Box 992  
Nome, AK 99762

Mark the envelope: 602 E 4th Ave Renovations  
Questions regarding this RFP may be directed to Janet Carlisle at KINC at 443-5494. A scope of work listing all required items is available. KINC reserves the right to reject any and all bids for this project, to waive any informality in the procurement process and to award an agreement, which is in the best interest of KINC. Proposals will be accepted at the KINC office located at 706 E 4th Avenue until Monday, February 9, 2009.  
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### NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE REGULATIONS OF THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) proposes to adopt regulation changes in Title 5 of the Alaska Administrative Code, dealing with waters important for the spawning, rearing, or migration of anadromous fish, including the following:  
5 AAC 95.011 is proposed to be changed as follows:

The *Atlas to the Catalog of Waters Important for the Spawning, Rearing, or Migration of Anadromous Fishes and Catalog of Waters Important for the Spawning, Rearing, or Migration of Anadromous Fishes* (Atlas and Catalog), which are adopted by reference in 5 AAC 95.011, will be revised and updated.

Alaska Statute 16.05.871 requires, among other actions, that the Commissioner of the ADF&G "specify" the rivers, lakes and streams or portions of them that are important for the spawning, rearing or migration of anadromous fish. The Commissioner must review plans and specifications of any proposed work or use occurring within a specified anadromous river, lake, or stream. If the Commissioner determines that the plans and specifications provide for the proper protection of fish and game the project will be approved and a Fish Habitat Permit will be issued by the ADF&G, Division of Habitat. The Catalog and Atlas identify and list these anadromous waters and are used by the Commissioner to determine whether such a permit is required for any particular project.

Several revisions are proposed to be made to the Atlas and Catalog. The list of rivers, lakes, and streams will be updated, including additions, deletions, and changes to the legal descriptions of many of these waters. Minor revisions will be made to the introduction of the Catalog and Atlas, including updates to ADF&G regional contact information. Species-specific information will be used in place of undifferentiated species information wherever possible. Data in the Catalog and Atlas will be converted from North American Datum (NAD) 1927 to NAD 1983. The Atlas will be updated to reflect this conversion, resulting in higher quality full color maps. Additionally, the Atlas and Catalog will be updated to reflect regulation changes resulting from Executive Order 114 which transferred functions related to protection of fish habitat in rivers, lakes, and streams from the Department of Natural Resources to the Department of Fish and Game.

You may comment on the proposed regulation changes, including the potential costs to private persons of complying with the proposed

changes, by submitting written comments to Kimberly Klein, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, 333 Raspberry Rd. Suite 2068, Anchorage, Alaska 99518 or by e-mail to kim.klein@alaska.gov. The comments must be received no later than March 13, 2009.

The proposed changes for all six regions of Alaska (Southeastern, Southcentral, Southwestern, Western, Arctic, and Interior) are available for inspection and copying at the ADF&G offices in Anchorage at 333 Raspberry Rd., in Fairbanks at 1800 College Rd., and in Douglas at 802 3rd St.; the Alaska Resources Library in Anchorage; and the State Library in Juneau. The ADF&G offices in Craig, Palmer, Petersburg, Bethel, Cordova, Delta Junction, Dillingham, Dutch Harbor, Glennallen, Haines, Homer, Ketchikan, King Salmon, Kodiak, Sand Point, Nome, Sitka, Soldotna, Tok, Wrangell, and Yakutat have copies of the proposed changes for their local region. If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this process, please contact Kimberly Klein at 267-2812 no later than February 23, 2009 to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided. Electronic equivalents of the review documents and the atlas maps are also available through the ADF&G website at

<http://www.habitat.adfg.alaska.gov/awc/awc.php>.

After the public comment period has ended, the ADF&G will either adopt these or other provisions dealing with the same subject, without further notice, or decide to take no action on them. The language of the final regulations may vary from that of the proposed regulations. YOU SHOULD COMMENT DURING THE TIME ALLOWED IF YOUR INTERESTS COULD BE AFFECTED.

**Statutory Authority:** AS 16.05.020 and 16.05.871

**Statutes Being Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific:** AS 16.05.871

**Fiscal Information:** The proposed regulation changes are not expected to require an increased appropriation.

Date: __February 6, 2009

Denby Lloyd  
Commissioner  
Alaska Department of Fish and Game

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### Nome Eskimo Community FY 2008 Annual Performance Report (APR)

Available for Public Review and Comment.

The FY 2008 APR may be reviewed during business hours at the NEC offices located at **200 W. 5th Avenue** between January 21, 2009 and February 21, 2009.

For comments or questions please call the Housing Office at **443-9102**.

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### Northern Norton Sound Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting

- **Time: 10:00am**
- **Date: Tuesday, February 12, 2009**
- **Location: Old Kawerak Board Room, Nome, AK**

#### Agenda items include:

- Advisory Committee elections for 6 Nome seats
- Fisheries: Staff reports, BOF Proposal 378, New BOF proposals, NPFMC salmon bycatch
- Wildlife: Management summaries for moose & muskox
- BOG Proposal 227 (no-fee brown bear tags)
- Proposal 231 (antlerless moose seasons)
- 244, to ban full metal jacket bullets.

For more information, contact Susan Bucknell at [susan.bucknell@alaska.gov](mailto:susan.bucknell@alaska.gov) or 907-442-1717 or committee chair Roy Ashenfelter at 907-443-5231.

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### Notice of Annual Meeting Mary's Igloo Native Corporation

(Notice change in meeting date & Nomination form deadline)

Mary's Igloo Native Corporation (MINC) Annual Meeting will be held on Feb. 28, 2009 in Teller Alaska at the Teller Ctiy Hall at 1 p.m. All Shareholders are urged to attend.

Refreshments and door prizes will be provided during the Election of Directors. If you have any questions or concerns contact the MINC office at (907)642-2308 or Fax (907)642-2039 office hours are as follows: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. (noon) and 1 p.m - 5 p.m. Monday - Friday. Please return the Nomination form by Jan. 26, 2009 if interested to run as a Board of Director for MINC.

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### Sitnasuak Native Corporation Shareholder Notice

**36th Annual Shareholders Meeting  
Saturday May 9, 2009, • 10:00 a.m.  
Mini-Convention Center • Nome, AK**

#### BUSINESS CONDUCTED WILL INCLUDE:

- Election of four (4) Directors for three year term
- Approval of the Independent Auditor
- Other shareholder business

#### SOLICITATION OF CANDIDATES FOR BOARD POSTIONS

- Written Letter of Candidacy and Nominee Information Questionnaire
- Candidates must be 19 years old or older by filing date.

MUST BE RECEIVED BY **February 8, 2009 by 5:00 p.m.**

#### SHAREHOLDER PROPOSAL

A proposal form (fee & signature requirements) will be provided, please contact the Sitnasuak Native Corporation Office **907-443-2632** or **877-443-2632 (toll free)**

MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE CORPORATION OFFICE ON OR BEFORE **February 8, 2009 by 5:00 p.m.**

For more information write or call:

**Sitnasuak Native Corporation**  
**P.O. Box 905**  
**Nome, Alaska 99762**  
**907-443-2632 or 877-443-2632 (toll free)**

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### Clarabelle Towarak Nance

Clarabelle Towarak Nance, 51, died Jan. 19, 2009, at Alaska Native Medical Center.



Clarabelle Towarak Nance

A memorial service was held at 1 p.m. on January 22, 2009 at the First Covenant Church of Anchorage. Honorary pallbearers included her brothers, Clarence Jr., Tim, Sam, Ike and Dennis Towarak; and friend, David Parker.

Clarabelle "Gungoo" Nance was born Nov. 24, 1957, in Unalakleet to Clarence and Guerie Towarak. Her Inupiaq name is "Panigruaq." She graduated from Covenant High School in 1975. She was active in student council, basketball and cheerleading and was crowned tournament queen her senior year. As a classmate she was a friend to all. She furthered her education at North Park College in Chicago and at the University of Alaska Anchorage. She married Louis Nance on Jan. 21, 1984 in Unalakleet.

She was employed by Cook Inlet Tribal Council as a payroll accounting technician.

"As a dedicated fan, Clarabelle enjoyed watching her sons play basketball and baseball at East High School," her family wrote. "She was overjoyed to receive flowers from

her beloved "Sista Gal," Marisa Nance.

Clarabelle excelled in caring for her family. She was a hard worker and always had a good job. Her bright smile and hug brought warmth not only to her children, family and friends but also to her co-workers. Many received notes of kindness and love which exemplified her generous personality.

Life will be quieter without her laughter. Peace to her memory.

She is survived by her daughter Marisa Nance; her sons James and Clarence Nance and Louis Nance IV; and husband Louis Nance III of Anchorage; mother Guerie Towarak; siblings and their spouses, Clarence and Linda, Tim and Rose, Sam and Nita, Ike and Dennis Towarak, all of Unalakleet; Isabelle and Chester Millett of Anchorage, Annabelle and Dave Cunningham, Willa and Gary Eckenweiler of Unalakleet, and Cindy and Tom Massie of Temecula, Calif.; sisters-in-law, Marlene Towarak of Unalakleet and Ivy 'Jewell' Parchman of Indiana; numerous nephews, nieces, friends and family,

many of whom reside in Nome.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Rachel Lynne Nance; father, Clarence Towarak Sr.; brothers, Ambrose and Matthew Towarak; sister-in-law, Shirlee Towarak; nephew, Gabe Towarak; father- and mother-

in-law, Louis Owen and Lydia Savok Nance; and brother-in-law, James Nance.

Condolences may be sent to Annabelle Cunningham, PO Box 248, Unalakleet, AK 99684.

## Sen. Begich supports amendment ending gubernatorial appointments to Senate

U.S. Sen. Mark Begich announced January 26 that he will co-sponsor a bill being introduced to amend the U.S. Constitution to end appointments to the U.S. Senate by governors. Wisconsin Sen. Russ Feingold plans to introduce legislation this week that would require special elections in the event of a Senate seat va-

cancy.

"I am pleased to support this legislation which is in line with what Alaska voters have already decided — that the only appropriate way to fill a U.S. Senate seat is by a vote of the people," Sen. Begich said. "The re-

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urday, Feb. 7 in Kotzebue at the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly Chambers, 163 Lagoon St; and on Sunday, Feb. 8 in Nome at Old St. Joe's Hall, 407 Bering St.

My office has received a high level of interest and concern regarding some of the energy programs that are available, so I thought I would provide you information on some of them.

**Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP).** You may qualify for heating assistance this winter even if you have been denied in the past for being over income. Prior to this spring the State only operated the federally funded LIEAP program which capped income at 150% of the poverty income guidelines. In May of 2008, the Legislature created the Alaska Heating Assistance Program (AKHAP) for households with income between 150% and 225% of the poverty income guidelines. You can pick up an application at any Department of Public Assistance office, download one at [www.hss.state.ak/dpa/heat](http://www.hss.state.ak/dpa/heat) or call 1-800-470-3058 to request an application by mail. It can take up to 45 days to process your application. The fastest way to receive benefits is to make sure your application is completed in full and you have attached any necessary documentation. Payments are made directly to your heating vendor and a notice will be sent to you informing you of your benefit amount if you are found eligible.

AHFC has three programs to help reduce energy bills. The objective of each is to make a home more energy efficient so energy costs will be lowered for the homeowner after making some modifications. For information, call their hotline 1-877-325-2508, or visit their website [www.ahfc.state.ak.us/energy](http://www.ahfc.state.ak.us/energy). A brief explanation of each:

- The **AHFC Weatherization Program** is for eligible applicants who meet income guidelines to provide free weatherization assistance for homes, rentals, and multi-family dwellings.

- The **AHFC Home Energy Rebate Program** is to rebate homeowners some of their expense in making energy-efficiency improvements to their home. It does not have income eligibility requirements.

- The **AHFC Second Mortgage Program for Energy Conservation** is for borrowers to apply for financing to make cost-effective energy improvements to owner-occupied properties.

I was happy to hear a road to Nome mentioned in the Governor's State of the State speech on Thursday, January 22. It is encouraging to hear of her support since it has been discussed and then forgotten for a long time. Since specifics were not provided, we will have to assess just what her vision and intentions are. She also announced a spending freeze for state spending, which includes a hiring freeze as well as a freeze on spending for non-essential purchases. This was expected given the state of our economy and the sustained low price of oil for most of this fiscal year.

**SB 3** is legislation I introduced this year, which will allow statistics, analyses, and other relevant information from the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission to be available to regional development organizations (ARDORs), at no cost to them. The objective is to provide ARDORs, especially those with coastal and fishery interests, with information free of charge, as a modest way to lessen the strain on their budgets. No confidential or personal information would be released under this legislation.

**SB 4** is another piece of legislation I introduced to make needed changes to the Coastal Management Program.

This bill would re-establish a Coastal Policy Board. Coastal communities in Senate District T and others in the state need greater authority over regional development activities, and I am again pushing for realistic changes to a program which has been unreasonably impacted over the past several years.

Recent visitors from the district to my office are James Akerelrea of Scammon Bay, Frank Aguchak of Scammon Bay, Curtis Nayokpuk of Shishmaref, Esther Iyatunguk of Shishmaref, Rich Walker from Kotzebue, Milton "Smitty" Cheemuk from St. Michael, Josey Bahnke from Nome and Denise Michels from Nome.

With both new and returning staff in my office, I'd like to introduce you to them:

- Denise Liccioli is my Chief of Staff. She will take the lead on all finance issues, VPSO issues, and the general operation of the office.

- Tim Benintendi will be the lead on my personal legislation, and is also staff for my seat on the Legislative Council and Legislative Budget and Audit Committees. Tim Benintendi comes to my office this year, having worked 20 previous legislative sessions, including 12 for the Aleutians / Bristol Bay district under Rep. Carl Moses. Tim has held a variety of leadership staff jobs in the House and Senate, has worked in the finance arena, and has worked dozens of bills and resolutions. Tim has a degree in business management and is a Vietnam veteran.

- Kendri Cesar is primarily responsible for assisting me with my duties as Chair of the Community and Regional Affairs Committee. She is also my aide for education issues, including my seats on the Education Committee and Education District Cost Factor Commission. Kendri is Tlingit, from Juneau, and comes to us as a recent graduate from Dartmouth College, where she

majoring in environmental studies and minored in Arabic language and literature. She is particularly interested in the environmental issues impacting rural Alaska and Alaska Natives, and looks forward to working with constituents to promote their vision of the future for Alaska.

- Patty Krueger will be the first person you will see and talk to as her main duties are to handle my phone, mail and calendar. She will also assist me with my seat on the Regulation Review Committee. Patty will be the lead on constituent issues. She is eager to assist you and will see

that your concerns are addressed. When not in session Patty works as an Occupational Therapist providing physical rehabilitation services. She has a strong interest in the bush communities and worked for 15 years as a flight dispatcher in Southeast Alaska.

I like hearing from you so please call with your ideas and/or concerns; or if you will be in Juneau before April 19, come by my office. I wish each of you a happy, prosperous, and warm new year!

Don't forget to file for your PFD! The deadline is March 31, 2009.



### PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN NOME CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEGOTIATIONS

The Nome Board of Education and the Nome Education Association are entering into negotiations regarding wages, hours, and working conditions.

Pursuant to **Alaska Statute 23.40.235** Public Involvement in School District Negotiations, the public is invited to comment on issues to be addressed in the process.

The current agreement is available for review at the District Office or online at Nome Public Schools website [www.nomeschools.com](http://www.nomeschools.com). Please send or deliver written comments to Rick Luthi, Superintendent at **P.O. Box 131, Nome, Alaska 99762**. Your comments may also be emailed to Mr. Luthi at [rluthi@nameschools.com](mailto:rluthi@nameschools.com)

All comments received by Mr. Luthi will be provided to the Board of Education.

## Public Notice

### CITY OF NOME

The Nome Planning Commission has two seats up for re-appointment. If you are interested in serving on the Nome Planning Commission, please submit an application form.

Application forms are available at City Hall or on the City of Nome website at: [www.nomealaska.org](http://www.nomealaska.org)

All applications must be turned in to City Hall by Monday, February 27, 2009 5:00 p.m., at the following address:

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE  
CITY OF NOME  
PO BOX 281  
102 DIVISION STREET  
NOME, ALASKA 99762

Please call **907-443-6663** if you have further questions.

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## The Nome National Forest is calling all Christmas trees to join in and make this year's forest the best ever!

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## • Ammendment to end gubernatorial appointments to Senate

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cent controversies in Illinois and New York only underscore the need for a process that allows the people

to decide who they want to represent them in the U.S. Senate.”

In November 2004, Alaska voters changed state law that had allowed gubernatorial appointments to the

U.S. Senate. The “Trust the People” initiative stripped the power of the governor to fill U.S. Senate vacancies, and put in place a provision to fill a vacancy with a special election

to occur 60 to 90 days after the seat becomes vacant.

“I support Sen. Feingold’s attempt at making this process for filling Senate vacancies uniform across the

states. A vote of the people is the only truly democratic way to decide these important seats,” Begich said.

Special elections are already required to fill U.S. House seats.

## Court

### Week ending 1/30 Civil

Seneca One LLC vs. Cheemuk, Thomas; Structured Settlement - Superior Court  
Wilson, Katie vs. Komonaseak, Terry; DV: ExParte Only  
Security Credit Services LLC vs. Koweluk, Raymond; Debt - District Court  
Odinzoff, Brian C. vs. Odinzoff Jr., Joseph E.; DV: Both ExParte & Long Term  
Komonaseak, Terry K. vs. Wilson, Katie L.; DV: ExParte Only  
McKinley Financial Inc vs. Topkok, Reuben; Debt - District Court

### Small Claims

Credit Union 1 vs. Koweluk, Raymond G.; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Deft. Cert Mail

### Week ending 1/30

State of Alaska v. George Dan (8/27/85); Misconduct Involving Weapons 4°; Date of offense: 11/26/08; Partial Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 45 days, 45 days suspended; Forfeit Taser/stun gun and gloves to State; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 1/27/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation.

State of Alaska v. Louis Buffas (2/28/87); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Criminal Mischief IV; Charge 002: Disorderly Conduct; Filed by the DAs Office 1/26/09.

State of Alaska v. Leann Gologergen (8/26/83); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4°; Charge 002: Criminal Mischief 5°; Filed by the DAs Office 1/23/09.

State of Alaska v. Jack Titus (8/6/46); Count 1: Assault 4°; Assault on Peace Officer; Date of offense: 10/9/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 2 (002); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 60 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Gloria Wilson (1/3/78); Importation of Alcohol; Date of offense: 7/27/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 70 days, 50 days suspended; Unsuspended 20 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC by 3/1/09; Fine: \$3,000 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$300 fine through Nome Trial Courts by 2/1/10; Forfeit alcohol to State; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 1/26/12; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol in any dry or damp community, nor have alcohol in her residence; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol; Defendant's person and baggage are subject to warrantless search at any airport en route to dry/damp community; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Alcohol/Substance Abuse assessment by 4/1/09; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare; Up to 30 days residential treatment.

State of Alaska v. Harvey Miller (2/15/49); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4°; Filed by the DAs Office 1/23/09.

State of Alaska v. Harlan J. Kingeekuk (8/12/60); Dismissal; Count I: Disorderly Conduct; Filed by the DAs Office 1/28/09.

State of Alaska v. Brandon Olanna (12/5/85); Count 1: Criminal Trespass 1°; Date of offense: 1/24/09; Partial Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 2 (002); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 30 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 7/28/09; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer for alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Alexie Morris (9/18/74); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109524375; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 30 days, remanded into custody; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Derek J. Saclamana (3/20/89); 2NO-07-593CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109527885; Violated conditions of probation; Probation

extended to match case 2NO-08-924CR; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Derek James Saclamana (3/20/89); 3AN-07-11307CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 108211203; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to match case 2NO-08-924CR; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Derek Saclamana (3/20/89); 2NO-08-178CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109526652; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to match case 2NO-08-924CR; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Derek Saclamana (3/20/89); 2NO-08-561CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110697984; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to match case 2NO-08-924CR; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Derek Saclamana (3/20/89); 2NO-08-810CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Habitual Minor Consuming Alcohol; Filed by the DAs Office 1/27/09.

State of Alaska v. Derek Saclamana (3/20/89); 2NO-08-924CR Judgment and Order of Commitment/Probation; Count 001: Burglary 2°; Date of offense: 11/10/08; 2 years, 1 year suspended; Unsuspended time to be served remanded into custody; Credited for time already served in this case; Police Training Surcharge: \$100 within 10 days to Nome Trial Courts; Initial Jail Surcharge: Defendant was arrested and taken to a correctional facility and is being sentenced to serve a term of imprisonment; Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that defendant immediately pay a correctional facilities surcharge of \$100 to the Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage; Second Jail Surcharge: IT IS ORDERED that the defendant pay a correctional facilities surcharge of \$100 if defendant's probation is revoked and, in connection with the revocation, defendant is arrested and taken to a correctional facility or jail time is ordered served; AS 12.55.041(c); IT IS RECOMMENDED defendant participate in the Youthful Offender Program at Spring Creek Correctional Center in Seward; After serving term defendant placed on probation for 2 years under the following conditions: General and Special Conditions of Probation set, as stated in order; Any appearance or performance bond in this case: is exonerated.

State of Alaska v. David Kowchec (4/9/76); 2NO-07-122CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110068794; Violated conditions of probation; No action is taken; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. David Kowchec (4/9/76); 2NO-08-656CR Driving Without Valid License; Date of offense: 9/16/08; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 30 days suspended; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Probation until 1/29/10; Comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; No violations of law, including operating a motor vehicle while license is canceled, suspended or revoked or in violation of limitation, and driving without valid license.

State of Alaska v. Helen Luke (8/14/66); 2NO-08-335CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109525626; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: Shall participate in and complete the recommended treatment and aftercare; Probation extended to 1/29/10; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Helen Luke (8/14/66); 2NO-08-803CR Count 1: Disorderly Conduct; Date of offense: 11/8/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 10 days, 10 days suspended; Consecutive to count 2 and other cases; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 1/29/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare and supportive activities.

State of Alaska v. Helen Luke (8/14/66); 2NO-08-803CR Count 2: Resisting/Interfering with Arrest; Date of offense: 11/8/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 60 days, 60 days suspended; Probation until 1/29/10, subject to the following conditions: Same as count 1.

State of Alaska v. Michael Aukon (3/15/90); 2NO-08-405CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110697075; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 40 days, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-08-53CR; Remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Michael Aukon (3/15/90); 2NO-08-853CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110699694; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 40 days, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-08-405CR.

State of Alaska v. Michael Aukon (3/15/90); 2NO-08-942Cr Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Habitual Minor Consuming Alcohol; Filed by the DAs Office 1/29/09.

State of Alaska v. Kandile Ilmar (3/4/80); 2NO-08-41CR Order to Modify or Revoke Pro-

bation; ATN: 110062773; Defendant refusing probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, recommends Seaside Center; Remanded into custody.

State of Alaska v. Kandile Ilmar (3/4/80); 2NO-08-578CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110698101; Defendant refusing probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, consecutive to 2NO-08-42CR; Remanded into custody.

State of Alaska v. Langford Edward Adams, Jr. (6/14/69); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110636496; Violated conditions of probation; Defendant's to serve parole time revoked; Probation terminated.

State of Alaska v. Victoria Campbell (4/14/63); Order Regarding Probation; ATN: 110696832; After a hearing, the state withdraws the petition to revoke probation, filed 1/28/09; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Darcy Katherine Chiskok (7/31/90); Count 2: Minor Consuming or in Possession or Control of Alcoholic Beverage; Date of offense: 10/4/08; Count 1 dismissed by State; Fined \$600 with \$200 suspended; Shall pay \$400 to Nome Clerk of Court by 11/1/09; Probation until 1/29/10, for 1 year; Shall not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages; Shall pay the fine as ordered.

State of Alaska v. Michael Dewey (7/20/67); 2NO-08-866CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4°; Filed by the DAs Office 1/29/09.

State of Alaska v. Michael Dewey (7/20/67); 2NO-08-869CR Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 11/29/08; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 45 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 45 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC 3/1/09 or before; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Peter Allen Anasogak (7/26/87); Count 1: Importation of Alcohol; Date of offense: 10/12/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 2 (002); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 40 days, 20 days suspended; Unsuspended 20 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC by 3/1/09; Immediate remand for violation of probation; Fine: \$3,000 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$300 fine through Nome Trial Courts by 7/31/10; Forfeit alcohol to State; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 1/29/12; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol in any dry or damp community; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer in such community; Defendant's person and baggage are subject to warrantless search at any airport en route to local option community; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation.

State of Alaska v. Deshawn Williams (4/59/85); Reckless Driving; Date of offense: 8/22/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 220 days, 220 days suspended; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Driver's License, privilege to obtain a license and to operate a motor vehicle are revoked for 30 days concurrent with DMV action; Any license or permit shall be immediately surrendered to the court; Probation until 1/29/13; Comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for violation of probation; No violation of law, (including DUI, refusal to submit to breathalyzer, operating a motor vehicle while license is canceled, suspended or revoked or in violation of limitation, reckless driving, and driving without valid license); Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer for a period of 4 years from the date of this judgment (1/29/09).

State of Alaska v. Gilbert Pootogooluk (12/24/54); Concealment of Merchandise; Date of offense: 11/16/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 30 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 7/29/09; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not return to Nome Liquor Store.

State of Alaska v. Rebecca Alvanna (1/5/90); Driving Without Valid License; Date of offense: 7/30/08; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; Suspended Imposition of Sentence: Imposition of sentence is suspended, and defendant is placed on probation subject to terms, orders and conditions listed below; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 7/29/09; Comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; No similar violations of law, including driving without valid license or in violation of permit or conditional license.

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**CLEANUP CREW**—Teachers and students may have had the day off Friday due to snow, but the bounty of white stuff meant work for road crews as they clear Front Street Feb. 13.

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**RIDER ON THE STORM**—Travis Finkenbinder of Trapper Creek races down the ramp from Nome onto the frozen Bering Sea and into a storm Feb. 12 as he and teammate Mark Niver start the second half of the Tesoro Iron Dog snowmachine race. For more on the race, see page 8.

## NovaGold CEO sounds more optimistic on new life for Rock Creek

By Tyler Rhodes

While he stresses no decision has been made yet, the chief executive officer of the company that owns the Rock Creek Mine said last week that the option to restart the operation just outside of Nome is still firmly on the table.

NovaGold President and CEO Rick Van Nieuwenhuyse was in Nome to check up on the mine which suspended its gold production in November. While in town, he sat down with *The Nome Nugget* last

Thursday for an interview in which he said reviewing a start-up plan for the mine is on NovaGold's short to-do list for its Nome operations.

Before any significant attention is placed on forming a potential restart plan, however, Van Nieuwenhuyse said other work needs to be accomplished at the mine site. First and foremost, he said, is the removal of water from behind the

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## Buy now, pay way later

*Computer glitch has many Nome AC customers paying for summer purchases in February*

By Tyler Rhodes

Nome resident Lisa Schobert noticed something funny when she went to check her bank balance online earlier this month.

Although she had not recently shopped at Nome's AC store, more than \$200 worth of charges in four transactions were posted to her account, dragging her balance into the red. "[My husband] Phil and I knew we had not been to AC," she said.

Schobert is not alone. Several customers in Nome are in the same boat as many purchases they made from late May through July last year appeared all at once in early February against their debit and credit card balances.

According to Alaska Commercial Co. General Manager Walter Pickett, the problem can be traced back to one cash register. Early last summer, the AC store transitioned to new software and equipment to process credit and debit card transactions via high-speed Internet. "We converted our debit and credit card software to a new state-of-the-art program," Pickett said. "Before we were going over the phone line and taking up to three minutes to process transactions."

While a three-minute wait was a thing of the past for most of the regis-

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## Investment losses, tax payments slow NSEDC's growth

*Company's performance over the past two years raises questions about its management and future*

By Laurie McNicholas

The annual growth rate of Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. slumped dramatically in 2007.

The company paid the Internal Revenue Service \$5.3 million in back taxes and lost \$5.2 on its investments. Taxes and investment losses are new experiences for the company.

NSEDC's net assets totaled \$113.7 million at the end of 2007, a

gain of \$5.8 million for the year, but a decrease of more than \$10 million compared to the company's \$16 million profit in 2006. NSEDC posted profits of \$16.7 million in 2005, \$14.7 million in 2004 and \$10.1 million in 2003.

NSEDC's profit margin more than doubled in 2008 compared to 2007, largely due to a one-time cash payment for the sale of some of its assets

and a great increase in the value of its investment in Glacier Fish Co.

Offsetting those gains were enormous losses in the value of NSEDC's publicly traded securities, which dwarfed its investment losses in 2007. Preliminary figures reported last month indicate the company's net assets rose to \$126.7 million by the end of 2008.

Here are some highlights of

NSEDC's financial operations in 2007. The company dissolved its partnership in a crab harvesting subsidiary, Norton Sound Ventures LLC. In the process, NSEDC acquired 100 percent ownership of the *Aleutian No. 1*, a crab catcher vessel that fishes primarily brown crab in the Aleutian Islands area; and partial ownership of the crab vessels *Alaska Beauty*, *Ocean Olympic*, *Pacific Star*

and the cod longliner *Glacier Bay*. NSEDC initially booked all of the vessels as limited liability companies. The *Alaska Beauty* subsequently was sold, and the *Ocean Olympic* and *Pacific Star* are for sale.

NSEDC assumed operation of the *Aleutian No. 1* in August 2007, and Glacier Fish Co. continued to oper-

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Letters

Dear Editor,

Your February, 12, 2009 article, "Alleged accusations of bribery come full circle before NSEDC board," rekindled my outrage about what I witnessed and what has transpired; more accurately, it is what remains undone that bothers me the most.

I was locked out of the meeting on November 6 but it didn't take me long to find out what happened in the executive session where the NSEDC board agreed to fire Bob Walsh. To this day, no one involved in this disgraceful action has said why they fired Bob except that Don Stiles, in front of the whole board and their attorney accused him of bribing Joe Garnie.

Letters to the editor must be signed and include an address and phone number. Thank yous and political endorsements are considered ads.

Editorial

The Best and the Worst

When times get tough, money scarce and jobs are lost, some of the ugly qualities of our society come to the surface. Folks in the Lower-48 are starting to see the cuthroats and back-stabbers in businesses and offices. Some folks will go to extremes to make themselves look good at the expense of their friends and fellow employees. Perhaps this is survival of the fittest and natural selection in action. Yet, in the midst of this highly competitive environment we can find true humanitarians who take a personal responsibility to reach out to those who need a helping hand.

It is also interesting to see how people seek for quality in hard times. Wall Street executives are wearing their Woolrich plaid jackets, Filson trousers, Plendleton shirts and LL Bean boots. Suddenly Nomeites are on the cutting edge of style. Now that's scary. It is also interesting to see how innovative folks can be. Snake oil salesmen by the thousands are crawling out from under the sidewalks. The internet is loaded with scam artists waiting to test the old English proverb, "A fool and his money are soon parted." Do we really have a rich relative who is Queen of Africa who has one foot in the grave and the other on a banana peel and ready to send us a few million bucks? Do we really believe our bank lost our account number and sent us an email requesting our help? Do we really think the IRS is e-mailing us for personal information so we can get our stimulus package? The only stimulus from that would be a good swift pick in the pants. Is half the world selling fake watches and sexual enhancement pills?

Isn't it amazing how creative are the ways to swindle and deceive. Remember if we didn't buy a lottery ticket, then we can't expect to win. If we don't have an Aunt Tessie in London, then we should not answer the email from the barrister who can't write the Queen's English. Remember if it sounds too good to be true, it probably isn't true. Don't give out personal information such as your social security number, bank account number or credit card information over the internet. Stay smart.

—N.L.M.—  
"There's a sucker born every minute."  
—Attributed to Phineas Taylor Barnum 1810-1891.

Bribing a director of an organization having \$128 million is a very serious charge. When Veco officials bribed state legislators, the guilty legislators and corporation officials were sentenced to lengthy prison terms.

The NSEDC board has an obligation to investigate these accusations and there has been plenty of time to get that done. No one on the board said it didn't happen when I spoke up about it at NSEDC's meeting January 29, here in Nome. They all looked pretty ashamed of themselves, as well they should be.

Somebody is guilty of malfeasance; either it's Bob Walsh and Joe Garnie for participating in bribery or it's Don Stiles for falsely accusing them. I've already decided, but people who weren't there need to have enough information to form their own opinion about what happened; this should not be allowed to just fester.

Bob Walsh didn't deserve to be treated this way. He was doing a good job of restoring an organization plagued with director election fraud, internal turmoil, indiscriminant firings and a continuing struggle for power and control or our region's CDQ program wealth. We have a right to know the real reasons behind his firing.

Did he get in the way of the people who funneled millions of the region's CDQ program assets to themselves through the Siu Corporation? If that was the reason, he should have been commended for doing his job, not terminated.

Was it because he found out the board members who got us to buy into Glacier Fish Company without understanding the tax ramifications were culpable for leaving NSEDC liable for millions of dollars of back taxes, penalties and interest 14 years later? If that was the reason, they're the ones who should have been fired, not he.

Bob Walsh and Joe Garnie have had their reputations dragged through the mud by these reckless accusations. Don Stiles is suspected of making allegations of bribery and then failing to back them up. The NSEDC board has a fiduciary responsibility to the corporation and the residents of our 15 communities to evaluate the evidence, determine the truth, and punish the wrongdoers

appropriately. They have avoided dealing with this matter too long; it's past time for them to do their duty. This needs to be put to rest.

Tim Smith,  
Nome, AK.

Dear Nancy,

I concur with my friend Dean Peterson, as quoted in last week's *Nome Nugget*, "Personal attacks on board members are wrong, and nobody should be allowed to publicly degrade a board member," as Joe Garnie was by Don Stiles.

We know both men well. Joe built a global reputation as a musher. His kennel won the Iditarod as well as garnering several close finishes. Along among major mushers he has adhered to a regimen of traditional nutrition and training methods in his vocation.

His family has persisted in a rugged, traditional way of life that would exhaust all but the fittest. Joe is also an advocate in his community and regionally for health and education. That he speaks his own mind with empathy for those who have no

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A Look at the Past



Photo by Arthur Bell. Courtesy of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum.  
THANK HEAVENS FOR SNOW PLOWS — Front Street Nome in the wintertime circa 1907.

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**HARD AT WORK**—Cussy Kauer clears the final bits of snow from the sidewalk along the south side of Front Street in front of Breakers Bar and the Seaside Center Friday. Kauer wasn’t the only one out shoveling snow as last Thursday’s storm left its mark all over the region.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

February 19 - February 25, 2009

EVENT	PLACE	TIME
Thursday, February 19		
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Preschool Story Hour	Kegoayah Library	10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Kinderswim	Pool	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	noon - 5:30 p.m.
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 8 p.m.
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	noon - 1 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 5:45 p.m.
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Worth the Wait video	Prematernal Home	1 p.m.
*Welcome to the World III video	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
FEMA Public Mtg Re: Flood Insurance	Council Chambers	2 p.m. 3:30 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
Open Climb Youth (Supervised)	Nome Rec Center	4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
FEMA Public Mtg Re: Flood Insurance	Council Chambers	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	Cancelled
*City League Basketball	Nome Rec Center	6:15, 7:30 & 8:45 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
*Swing Dancing	Nome Rec Center	7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
*Narcotics Anonymous	Behavioral Health Bldg.	7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Friday, February 20		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	noon - 5:30 p.m.
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 6 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 4 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50
*Pregnant Single & Prepared video	Prematernal Home	1 p.m.
*We're Having a Baby - refresher video	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Kids Soccer K - 3rd grade	Nome Rec Center	4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Workout videos Jennie's choice	Nome Rec Center	4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
*Kids Soccer 4th - 7th grade	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 6 p.m.
*Cardio Kick Boxing	Nome Rec Center	4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Adult Drop-in Soccer	Nome Rec Center	8 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.
Saturday, February 21		
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*UMW Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	noon - 5:30 p.m.
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 6 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 8 p.m.
*H2O Aerobics	Pool	1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Newborn Care 1st 6 wks video	Prematernal Home	1 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*AA Meeting	BHS Bldg. 2nd floor	8 p.m.
Sunday, February 22		
*Pool		Closed
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Who's Watching Your Kids video	Prematernal Home	1 p.m.
*Making a Difference video	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	3:45 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Beginning Baton with Jay	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.
*AA: Big Book Study	HR Conf. Room, NSHC	6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Monday, February 23		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	Closed
*XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 8 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	Closed
*Strength Training with Jennie	Nome Rec Center	Closed
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Labor & Delivery video	Prematernal Home	1 p.m.
*Staying Sane tips for new parents video	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Beginning Yoga with Kari	Nome Rec Center	Closed
*H2O Aerobics	Pool	6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Nome Common Council Reg Mtg	Council Chambers	7:30 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.
Tuesday, February 24		
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	Closed
*XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 8 p.m.
*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	noon - 5:30 p.m.
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Feeding Your Child video	Prematernal Home	1 p.m.
*Happy Healthy Babies & Moms video	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*AA Teleconference: 1-800-914-3396	(CODE: 3534534#)	7 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
Wednesday, February 25		
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Rotary Club	Airport Pizaa	noon
*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	noon - 5:30 p.m.
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 8 p.m.
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Injury Prevention class	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*After Pregnancy-A New Start video	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*H2O Aerobics	Pool	6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Hello Central (also on Channel 98)	Nome Visitors Center	7:30 p.m.
*AA Meeting	BHS Bldg. 2nd floor	8 p.m.

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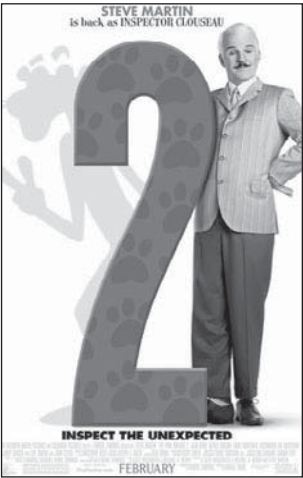
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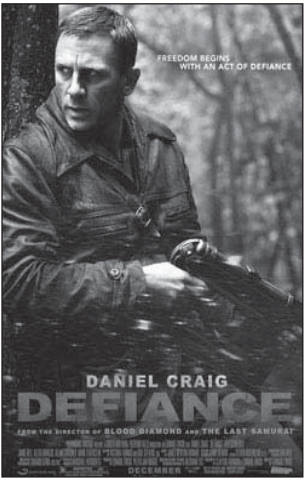
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# Rock Creek readying to drain tailings pond

*State regulators, NovaGold near agreement on temporary shutdown plan for idled mine*

By Tyler Rhodes

While even the sea is frozen along Nome's beaches, one of NovaGold's main concerns with its Rock Creek Mine just outside of town is water—more than 54 million gallons of it.

The water has collected behind the mine's tailings dam, which was originally designed to hold back primarily solids. Both state regulators and officials from NovaGold are hoping the dam walls will soon feel some relief as NovaGold treats and starts draining the water from the impoundment.

As soon as NovaGold can prove that the water from behind the dam, once treated, can meet the requirements spelled out for the mine in its regulatory permits, it should be able to start draining the pond. "We're hopefully just days away from treating water," Jack DiMarchi of the state Department of Natural Resource's Large Mine Permitting Team said Monday.

Officials from NovaGold and the state planned to meet Friday to finalize NovaGold's temporary closure plan for Rock Creek, according to DiMarchi. He estimates the plan should be approved by next week.

Rick Van Nieuwenhuyse, NovaGold's chief executive officer, was

optimistic on the progress being made between the mine and state regulators. "There's good synergies working with the groups," he said.

Van Nieuwenhuyse said the water treatment plant is complete and going through its final adjustments. "We're just tweaking the chemical process," he said. The plant will take water from the tailings impound and treat it to what is known as the aquatic life standard—a standard more stringent than that for drinking water, he points out—before the water is injected underground.

The water build-up and construction of the dam have been the source of a back-and-forth between NovaGold and state regulators. The dam was not meant to hold primarily water. The facility, rather, was meant to contain mainly tailings—waste rock from the mining process, which are about 65 percent solid and 35 percent water—allowing water to evaporate out of the system.

A series of delays thwarting production at the mine and abundant snowfall last year led to the tailings storage facility taking on more water than anticipated. "We were probably

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Archive photo by Diana Haecker

**WATER, WATER, EVERYWHERE**—Water can be seen building up behind the tailings dam at the Rock Creek Mine in this archive photo from the spring of 2008. With the completion of a water treatment plant and a likely green light from state regulators, NovaGold will soon start emptying water from the structure into the ground.

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mine's tailings dam (See related story above). NovaGold's next priority at the mine is to prepare for spring break-up, Van Nieuwenhuyse said. Once these current issues are tackled, he said NovaGold can then focus on the mine's future.

Since NovaGold's decision approximately four months ago to suspend production at the mine, the company's prospects have brightened a bit. At the time, NovaGold was flirting with bankruptcy as a \$50 million financing deal fell through and millions of dollars in obligations were coming due.

The arrival of a new investor in January turned the company's financial picture around, placing the company on more stable footing. "We're in good shape now because we were successful in attracting a new equity partner," Van Nieuwenhuyse said. That partner, Electrum Strategic Resources LLC, entered into a \$60 million deal, essentially buying itself a 30 percent stake in NovaGold with an option to invest more.

With a new investor on board and NovaGold's finances in better order, Van Nieuwenhuyse's tone toward a potential resumption of work at Rock Creek has a more positive ring. Van Nieuwenhuyse said Rock Creek has several positives working in its favor for a re-opening. The mine infrastructure is already built. Gold prices are riding high.

There are also challenges that remain to be solved, he said. One of the foremost while the mine was in operation was main-

taining a stable work force. Van Nieuwenhuyse said the mine faced a high rate of turnover without ever being able to achieve full staffing. He said that while the mine needed 165 employees, Rock Creek was only able to round up approximately 130 workers at the most.

Van Nieuwenhuyse said he did not believe NovaGold would have trouble attracting former workers back to the mine who had to be laid off when its operations were suspended. He said the layoffs, while not welcomed, were necessary and believes that those who lost their jobs understood that. "It's never very much fun for anyone when you have to layoff people," Van Nieuwenhuyse said. "Certainly not for the people getting laid off."

Van Nieuwenhuyse also reported troubles in regard to the lure of Front Street which has helped pry miners' loot from their hands for more than a century. He said the company would train many workers only to lose them after a bender on the town. "The bottom line is we're just too damn close to Nome," he said.

Van Nieuwenhuyse said a more stringent screening program for new hires and a more significant training program for those who are brought on would be examined for any restart plan.

There are mechanical issues to be addressed at the mine. While the infrastructure is in, there are kinks that need to be worked out. One is the crusher, which played a role in the mine's suspension last fall. The feeder, which delivers the ore to the crusher, was not working properly in the cold. Solving the crusher prob-

lem is not a difficult task, Van Nieuwenhuyse said, but it was unfeasible at the time.

"It's a relatively easy fix if you can bring the equipment in," Van Nieuwenhuyse said. The problem, he said, is that the piece of equipment necessary for the crushing unit weighs 20 tons. "And it's a big 20-ton piece of equipment," he added. When the problem with the crusher was discovered, it was well past the barging season, and flying in the needed equipment was out of the question.

The problematic feeder on the current crusher worked by vibrating, which was supposed to move the ore into the unit. The consistency of the ore, which Van Nieuwenhuyse described as "hard ice cream," would cause it to stick to the feeder. The fix, which Van Nieuwenhuyse called a pan feeder, would essentially work by having paddles push the ore into the crushing unit.

In addition to working on the ground, the mine will also have to work on paper, Van Nieuwenhuyse said. The project needs to pencil out financially. Cost so far for the project has far exceeded what NovaGold planned. "We spent \$220 million out there, which is about twice as much as we intended to spend out there," he said.

Even if everything fell into place and a re-opening of the mine was given the green light, Van Nieuwenhuyse said Rock Creek would not see production resume again at least until the warm days of 2010. "I don't see it as an '09 thing," Van Nieuwenhuyse said. "I don't want to get it up and running and then start up in the winter time."

Although the Rock Creek Mine had been producing gold before its suspension, the operation was not going at full steam. The mine was still working through what is described as the commissioning process, where the operation is tested piece by piece as it is brought up to speed. Van Nieuwenhuyse said the mill was not run consistently enough to test the entire operation fully.

If the mine is restarted, that process will be accomplished much more easily in the summer versus the winter. "It's definitely harder here working in the wintertime than the summertime," Van Nieuwenhuyse said. With other priorities ahead of a restart plan for Rock Creek, Van Nieuwenhuyse said the summer of 2010 would be the earliest any restart could occur. "We're not going to rush start-up," he said.

Outside of restarting the mine, Van Nieuwenhuyse said NovaGold could keep the facility under its current care and maintenance plan for a number of years. He said NovaGold has budgeted \$7 million for Rock Creek for the 13 months covering last December to the end of 2009.

He also said a sale is a possibility. "It's a valuable asset," he said.

Van Nieuwenhuyse said NovaGold strongly considered selling the project as it nearly ran out of cash late last year. "That's something we looked very hard at last November," he said.

Van Nieuwenhuyse said there are currently 16 workers on site and another six or so contractors, mostly associated with the mine's water treatment facility.

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moving more snow than dirt [last year],” Van Nieuwenhuyse said. “We didn’t have the capacity to deal with the snow.”

Second to resolving the issues in regard to water currently behind the dam, Van Nieuwenhuyse said preparing for future runoff is a priority for NovaGold. While Nome has received about half the precipitation so far this year than it had at this time in 2008 and Rock Creek now has a storm water runoff system in place, Van Nieuwenhuyse wants to make certain his crew is ready. “We’re going to focus on being prepared for break-up,” he said.

As for the water that is currently behind the dam, estimated to be more than 54 million gallons early this year, it must be treated since it has come into contact with the tailings. It also contains chemicals used in the mill to help extract gold from the rock, including cyanide.

It appears that some water has been work-

*“We were probably moving more snow than dirt. We didn’t have the capacity to deal with the snow.”*

– Rick Van Nieuwenhuyse, NovaGold CEO

ing its way through the dam, DiMarchi said. A collection system at the toe of the dam has been routing water back to the pond. Tests have been ongoing to determine whether that water has been seeping from the im-

poundment or if it has been coming up from the ground. With only preliminary results available so far, DiMarchi said it appears that most of the water being returned to the pond originated there. “We think most of the

water in the seepage collection system is just leakage from the dam. That’s good news, because it means there is a finite amount of water to be treated. Once the amount of water behind the dam decreases—through water treatment and discharge to the injection wells—there will be a corresponding decrease in the volume of seepage at the toe of the dam,” DiMarchi said. “We reasonably hope to see that water level go down over the next few months.”

DiMarchi speculated that the seepage can be partly attributed to the fact that only a relatively small volume of tailings were placed in the impoundment prior to the water. The addition of more tailings would have provided a better seal behind the dam and would have minimized the seepage.

DiMarchi also said the seepage collection system appears to be working well. “We’re not seeing any indication at all that tailings storage facility water is making it past the collection system,” he said.

## • AC store

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ters, transactions on one of the new terminals ended up taking nearly nine months to show up on customers’ statements. Pickett said during a 90-day period from May through July, the particular register was not settling with accounts at the end of the night like the rest of terminals. “The one register didn’t cue up at the end of the evening, so basically it was just building up over time,” Pickett said.

Pickett said that while the processing company, Eigen, realized and corrected the issue with the problem register after 90 days, Eigen did not inform AC. “Unbeknownst to us, this problem was occurring,” he said.

Pickett said he did not know the number of customers, the number of transactions or the dollar amount involved in the delayed transactions.

Pickett said it was not until two weeks ago that AC became aware of the issue. It was also the time when the charges built up over the three months were finally processed and several AC customers got a rude surprise. Pickett said all the latent transactions were taken care of at once in early February.

In the interest of full disclosure, this reporter was one of the customers who visited the offending register. The charges for three different transactions appeared on this reporter’s statement on Feb. 5.

For Schobert the charges come at a time when her family is watching every penny. “I’ve resigned my position at the school and I’m now a student,” she said. “We watch our money tightly.”

Schobert said she learned of the issue through her bank, which she first called when she noticed the odd charges on her statement online. “My bank statement is online. I went to balance my checking account, and I see three or four charges,” she said.

Schobert said the bank, Wells Fargo, would work with her on the overdraft fees she incurred as a result of the charges. She did try to contest the charges to no avail.

Pickett said AC contacted the banks to let them know of the issue. “We did make an effort to contact the bank and credit unions. We did request from banks to waive overdraft fees,” he said. “They were very understanding with what happened.”

Loren Prosser, Wells Fargo’s Community Bank President for Northwest Alaska, said the bank is working with those affected. “We have seen some folks that have been affected,” he said. “We are working with folks on a case-by-case basis. Obviously we want to help people out when they’re dealing with hardship.”

Nome’s Credit Union 1 Manager John Baker said he has not yet worked with any members who have encountered difficulties. “We’re aware of the problem, and we’re willing to work with members if they’ve had some problems with fees. We understand how these things happen.”

While Prosser said Wells Fargo is willing to work with customers, he stresses the importance of regularly checking accounts to check for discrepancies. He said that while people are often quick to straighten things out if they are double charged for a transaction, they also need to display the same vigilance for omitted charges. “I think this instance really underscores the importance of going back and making sure that you were charged a correct amount,” he said.

Pickett from the AC said customers have been contacting the local store over the issue. “We have heard from quite a few customers,” Pickett said. “For the most part, customers have been very understanding. It’s unfortunate with the current economic situation.”

*“The way for AC to have handled it better would have been to get on the radio and make an announcement to the community.”*

– Lisa Schobert

He said the store is willing to go back over its records to show customers information from the transaction to verify that the charges are correct. Pickett said customers should first contact the local store with questions. “If they’re not satisfied with that contact, the store can direct them to the corporate office,” he said. Customers can contact the Nome AC store manager, Burt Teigen, at 443-2243.

Besides being angry over the lengthy delay, Schobert is upset that

AC did nothing to notify customers. “The way for AC to have handled it better would have been to get on the radio and make an announcement to the community,” Schobert said.

Pickett said the timing of the situation did not allow for the AC to post any warning through the newspaper or other media before the transactions went through. Nevertheless, two weeks have gone by since the charges appeared on customers’ accounts and AC has made no public announcement on the issue.

Pickett repeatedly called the issue “unfortunate.” He said AC has received assurances from the processing company, Eigen, that the problem will not reoccur. “We don’t want to lose the credibility with our customers,” he said.

For some customers, it may be too late.

“Have we shopped AC since we’ve found these charges? No,” Schobert said. “It will always be in the back of our minds, ‘Will this happen again?’”

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# • NSEDC

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ate the *Glacier Bay*. In 2007 NSEDC owned 50 percent of GFC, which has harvested NSEDC's CDQ pollock and cod allocations since 1992.

The prior period income tax payment of \$5.3 million shown on NSEDC's form 990 return for 2007 is part of NSEDC's \$8.1 million payment to the IRS for back taxes, interest and penalties for the years 2005-2007.

Early in 2007 NSEDC officials began to discuss the possibility that some of the company's revenues may be subject to taxation as unrelated business income—income that is not substantially related to the purposes for which the company received nonprofit, tax-exempt status. In consultation with a Washington, D.C., tax attorney, NSEDC officials resolved the issue, filed amended returns for 2005-2007 and paid taxes, interest and penalties due for those years. The company also made quarterly tax payments as due in 2008.

The *Nome Nugget* recently obtained from NSEDC a copy of its 2007 Form 990 return to the Internal Revenue Service, which is open to public inspection.

As one of six entities in the Western Alaska Community Development Quota Program authorized under the federal Magnuson-Stevens Act, NSEDC is required to provide annual reports to its 15 member communities summarizing financial operations for the previous calendar year. Last month the company notified municipalities of the communities that its 2007 audit had been delayed but would be completed this month, after which the annual report will be issued.

## Huge stock losses raise issues

The \$5.2 million figure for unrealized losses on investments in 2007 is not as readily explained as NSEDC's tax payment, nor are the company's far greater losses in publicly traded securities in 2008. The enormous loss in investment portfolio value in the past two years is in stark contrast with dramatic growth of the portfolio from 2003 through 2006.

The losses raise a pressing question: Did members of the NSEDC board of directors act with diligence in July 2006 when they abruptly terminated the corporation's in-house investment manager Steve Rieger and dismantled the investment subsidiary he directed?

Rieger, who holds a master of business administration degree from Harvard University and is a former state senator, had managed NSEDC's investments in GFC and NSV and the firm's securities portfolio for several years. He was part of a management team headed by Eugene Asicksik, president and chief executive officer of NSEDC. The team had developed and maintained a conservative management and investment structure under the direction of a majority of the board. In July 2006, NSEDC had just reached the \$100 million mark in net assets after doubling its worth in the preceding three and one-half years.

In October 2006 the NSEDC board stripped Asicksik of the presidency by voting to elect board chairman Dan Harrelson as president. The company's bylaws give all significant administrative powers and responsibilities to the president. Harrelson has a full-time job as Village Public Safety Officer in White Mountain, so he designated day-to-day management of the company to Asicksik as CEO, but Asicksik had little decision-making power or influence over company operations from October 2006 through December 2007 when he resigned from the corporation. His conservative approach to management no longer held sway.

In January 2007 the NSEDC board contracted with UBS Financial Services and Charles Schwab & Co. for management of its stock portfolio, dividing more than \$50 million worth of securities between them. It was difficult to recruit a replacement for Rieger to manage NSEDC's other investments, but late in 2007 the corporation hired Dick Tremaine to handle its investments in GFC and other limited liability corporations.

## Other factors in 2007

NSEDC's tax payment and investment losses in 2007 do not entirely account for the 64 percent drop in profits that year compared to 2006. NSEDC's 2007 revenues increased by \$8.4 million to \$34.1 million, compared to 2006 revenues of 25.7 million, but expenses also increased by \$3.7 million to \$17.8 million in 2007, compared to \$14.1 million the previous year.

Included in the company's 2007 revenues were CDQ harvesting income of \$15.2 million, \$3.3 million in fishing and fish processing revenues, \$3 million in dividends and interest from securities, \$6.3 million from other investments including GFC and three other limited liability companies, and \$5.8 million derived from a realized gain on investments.

harvests of crab and pollock late in the year or anticipated expenses for bills not yet received.

It was the best of times and the worst of times for NSEDC's finances in 2008. The best: In a transaction involving acquisition of the 376-foot *C/V Alaska Ocean* by Glacier Fish Co., NSEDC sold 12.5 percent of its interest in GFC to a new partner, Nissui USA. NSEDC now owns 37.5 percent of a company whose assets have greatly increased in value, so the value of NSEDC's investment in GFC also has increased greatly. In addition, Nissui made a one-time cash payment to NSEDC of about \$13 million (\$9 million after taxes).

The worst: NSEDC's securities investment managers were caught flat-footed by the housing mortgage crisis-stock market dive and reported

every household in the region.

With all available information on revenues and expenses added and subtracted, NSEDC declared a preliminary gain of \$13 million in net assets for 2008. Most of the increase was attributed to the one-time cash payment of (\$9 million after taxes) that NSEDC received from the sale of 12.5 percent of its interest in GFC to Nissui USA.

## What do you think?

What do you think of NSEDC's financial performance in the past two years compared to its performance from 2003 through 2006 and where do you think the company is headed in the future?

NSEDC's conservative management and investment policies prior to mid-2006 provided the company with resources to pay \$10.3 million in

Stiles bring to his new position as president and board chairman of Siu, which will manage assets worth \$40 million or more, including NSEDC's ownership interest in Glacier Fish Co. and the *Aleutian No. 1*?

Stiles is Nome's long-time representative on the NSEDC board of directors. In July 2006 during a meeting closed to the public, he helped persuade the board to terminate Rieger's contract as NSEDC's investment manager and to dissolve the company's subsidiary, Norton Sound Investment Corp. At that time the board also abruptly fired Rocky Picinich, production manager for Norton Sound Seafood Products, a subsidiary of NSEDC.

Rieger, who was midway through a three-year contract with NSEDC when the board summarily terminated it, reportedly reviewed the board's action with an attorney, who reviewed the action with the board, which had NSEDC buy out the remainder of Rieger's contract at a cost of hundreds of thousands of dollars. And Picinich still is a familiar figure in Nome in summer months, going about his tasks for NSSP.

Is it a good idea to place someone who promotes rash decision-making in charge of a new investment subsidiary responsible for managing assets that took 16 years to build and that belong to every resident of the region? Is Stiles likely to manage NSEDC's investment subsidiary and its assets as competently as did Rieger?

When the *Nugget* asked Stiles in May of 2007 why the board had decided to dismantle NSIC, he replied in part: "NSIC, as a wholly owned LLC, was an entity overseen by a subset of the board that had control over NSEDC's investment assets. With the assets transferred back to NSEDC and the dissolution of NSIC, decisions concerning NSEDC's assets were back in the hands of the entire board and therefore the entire region." (*The Nome Nugget*, May 10, 2007, p. 10.)

Siu Alaska Corp, a wholly owned subsidiary of NSEDC, is an entity overseen by a subset of the board and four non-NSEDC affiliated directors hand-picked by the board that have control over a large percentage of NSEDC's investment assets. Decisions concerning these assets are to be made exclusively by these seven individuals and no one else in the region is to be informed of their deliberations or have any input whatever to their decisions.

The first meeting of the Siu board was held in Anchorage and was not advertised, it is not known whether the board has met since then, and Siu's attorney Margaret Russell has publicly stated that its board will make public only the documents it wants to make public. "It's a private for-profit corporation," she told Nome resident Tim Smith at an NSEDC board meeting last November in Nome.

Is that arrangement acceptable to you as a resident of a community represented by NSEDC in the federal CDQ program (and therefore as an owner of NSEDC)?

*“Look at the national economy and 401(k)s and our losses are consistent”*

– Dan Harrelson, NSEDC President/CEO

The latter figure matches the \$5.8 million gain in net assets reported for 2007. Among all the income figures listed above, only the \$6.3 million from other investments is taxable. It is noteworthy that no financial information about the *Aleutian No. 1* appears in NSEDC's Form 990 return for 2007.

NSEDC's savings and temporary investments decreased from \$17.1 million in 2006 to \$6.2 million in 2007, while its investment in publicly traded securities increased from \$55.1 million in 2006 to \$69.4 million in 2007.

Compensation for the company's five most highly paid employees appears in its 2007 IRS return. Top full-time (45 hours per week) employees included Asicksik as CEO with compensation of \$210,521 plus \$36,728 in benefits. However, in January 2007 the NSEDC board approved an annual salary of \$175,000 for Asicksik, so the compensation figure may include benefits such as accrued annual leave cashed in when he resigned.

Compensation is listed for other top full-time employees as follows: Janis Ivanoff, vice president, \$104,995 in compensation, \$29,865 in benefits; Jerry Ivanoff, corporate secretary and coordinator of Education, Employment and Training, \$91,485 and \$29,737; Jon Zuck, CDQ harvest manager, \$229,742 and no benefits. Harrelson as president and board chairman received \$94,750 in compensation, \$1,902 in benefits and \$5,563 in expenses for working 25 hours a week in 2007.

## Major changes in 2008

NSEDC's board members received a draft annual financial statement for 2008 at their quarterly meeting last month in Nome. Figures did not include revenues due from

losses that Harrelson called "atrocious."

Harrelson defended the percent reduction in NSEDC's security portfolio as comparable to that of the Alaska Permanent Fund. "Look at the national economy and 401(k)s and our losses are consistent," Harrelson said. Then he asked Jack Carpenter, at-large member of NSEDC's finance committee, for his opinion as someone who continually watches the stock market.

"At the November meeting I said UBS did not seem to prepare our investments for the recession," Carpenter replied. He suggested checking the investment managers' performances against guidelines the board had given them. Henry Ivanoff, at-large finance committee member and former NSEDC board chairman, said the board needs to look at changing the allocation of securities among the investment managers.

"We've already taken a semi-conservative approach to protect the principal and we need to sit down with them," Harrelson said.

Conflicting figures for a great increase in the value of NSEDC's GFC investment and for the greatly decreased value of the company's securities portfolio were presented at the meeting. *The Nugget* will obtain accurate information about these and other 2008 financial figures in written communication with the company. No figure for total revenues was stated aloud at the meeting.

In general, royalties from CDQ harvests decreased and income from assets such as GFC (which is taxable), increased. Anticipated expenses reportedly totaled about the same as in 2007. Atop those expenses were added unanticipated taxes and about \$1.2 million for an energy subsidy for

taxes, interest and penalties to the state and federal government for 2005-2007 and to continue to pay taxes on a portion of its income. The company also has withstood huge losses in its securities investments in the last two years.

In contrast, the head of another CDQ entity that faces UBIT issues said his company will be devastated if it must pay taxes on some of their investment income. (*See "CDQ companies fish for tax protection" at www.adn.com/highliner.*)

Although a balance sheet provides only a fraction of the information needed to evaluate a corporation's financial performance, NSEDC still looks like a big, complex and solid company that has become very valuable to its owners (the residents of its 15 member communities). It has a reliable, conservative, hard-working partner in GFC.

But do NSEDC's leaders possess the management and financial expertise to guide the company through this critical period of economic downturn and not lose the value it took 16 years to build? President and Board Chairman Harrelson, CEO Janis Ivanoff and newly appointed Chief Operating Officer Simon Kinneen comprise the company's top management team. Have they developed in consultation with the board a coherent strategic plan for the company's future?

A majority of NSEDC board members have indicated they do not understand the complexity of a new for-profit subsidiary, Siu Alaska Corp., which the NSEDC staff and a couple of board members have developed mostly in secrecy during the past year.

## Siu management issues

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# NPS teacher/administrative staff contracts set for approval

By Janet Ahmasuk

It was learned during the February 10, 2009 Nome School Board meeting that an important issue was on the agenda when Superintendent Luthi asked for the board's permission to move forward on contracts for 37 certified staff/tenured teachers and four administrator contracts for next year.

Contracts were granted to: Diana Adams, Nancy Bahnke, Jon Berkeley, Josephine Bourdon, Megan Brewer, Patrick Callahan, Annie Conger, Keith Conger, Corey Erickson, Lieudell Goldsberry, Sandra Harvey, Joy Hewitt, Todd Hindman, Ronald Horner, Colleen Johnson, Sandra Keller, Elizabeth Koreneck Johnson, Marrietta Lammer, Michelle Lean, Lisa Leeper, Krista Marvin, Burdette Moffit, Ian MacRae, Karen Mehl, Sharon Penttila, Lloyd Perrigo, Nicole Polk, Susan Rand, Vernon Rickett, Marie Saclamana, Rita Smith, Daniel Sullivan, Kelly Thrun, Nanci Tungwenuk, Andre Van Delden, Lisa Wehde, Dennis Welch and Richard Wolf.

Administrative contracts were approved for Janeen Sullivan, Douglas Boyer, Robin Johnson and Jon Wehde.

Other Action Items approved were Resolution/SES Services (Special Education) Title I grant, which has already been allocated for summer school program; Resolution in support of Senate Bill 57, a proposal to increase funding sources; FY10 NPS Calendar and E-Rate scope of work for FY10.

Other business included Student of the Month announcements: One January student was selected for junior high, and two were selected for senior high due to a tie situation in the selection process. Selected as January Student of the Month for the junior high was John Tocktoo, who was accompanied to the meeting by his grandfather Bert Tocktoo. He demonstrated good manners and volunteerism.

The January Senior High Student of the Month was Aubrey Verdin, a Cadet Major and a Battalion Commander/JROTC who worked six games as a radio broadcaster in one weekend. She is a strong caring stu-

dent who also follows Rachel Challenge expectations.

The February Senior High Student of the Month was Darrel Tweet, who has a solid 4.0 academic record, is a great role model, takes education seriously and is a wonderful asset to the community. He takes EMT classes and has already responded to emergency calls.

Anvil City Science Academy announced that Nick Morgan was their Student of the Month.

The student report from Cori Eide, board student representative, included the following:

- The boys' basketball team recently had only home events except for the tournament held in Valdez this past weekend. The girls' basketball team is traveling every weekend until the regional tournament. They too were in Valdez this past weekend.

- The Junior Varsity tournament was held recently.

- Cheerleaders have been busy raising funds by hosting steak nights, replacing candy grams with nice Body Shop lotions from Terri Miller, and as a result they are out of debt.

The high school clubs are busy as usual:

- The BPA (Business Professional) hosted a spaghetti feed, and will be competing in Anchorage March 2-4; the Costa Rica Club is getting plans finalized; the Yearbook, after a slow start, is trying to recruit and is getting help with lay out.

- The JROTC is preparing for the annual inspection and training cadets for new positions.

- The Nome Native Youth Leadership members are getting to know their cultural backgrounds.

- The Juniors are trying to decide where to have the prom.

- The library hours situation has improved somewhat.

- Senior media class is starting to work on the senior slide show and also starting scholarship packets.

- Intramural free throw competition is still being held during lunch in the gym.

- Surveys were taken by the students for each teacher they had including administrators.

- Spirit Week is February 16-20. Eide and other students need to meet with student teachers and advisers on ways to handle and schedule all the meetings students are required to attend — some at the same time.

## News from Anvil City Science Academy

The current student enrollment of ACSA is 44 students with six students on the waiting list.

The ACSA along with other charter schools throughout the state is lobbying for SB 57, which provides equitable funding for charter schools with a student population less than 150. This would provide NPS with additional funding. It is hoped that the Nome School Board will provide a letter of support for the lobbying effort.

Students have begun their work preparation for the Artists in Schools Program in May. ACSA is working with Ryan Conarro to create a theater performance that is a collection of monologues about people's experiences in Nome's historical events. The topics include: Alaska's Flag/Nome's role in statehood; Mushing in Nome (Serum Run, Iditarod, All Alaska Sweepstakes); Beltz Boarding School and the Molly Hooch decision; gold mining — the last 50 years; fishing in our region; the change in animal population — introducing musk ox, reindeer herding; airport/flight; Nome storms 2004 and 1974; King Islanders' relocation and Friendship Flight.

The students will also be doing research, including interviews, to find information about these topics.

Nome-Beltz Principal Janeen Sullivan's report included:

- Nome students will again be involved in the Kawerak Elder and Youth Conference coming up shortly.

- Applications for scholarships for the Alaska Native Science and Engineering Program will be available soon.

- There is still a vacancy in the Native Programs Library position.

- Academic testing for the TerraNova exam, National Assessment of Educational Progress (NEAP), and MAP Measures of Academic

Progress will place all through the month of February for the seventh and eighth grades.

- Forty-four students grades 7-12 were recognized for perfect attendance - no tardies/absences - for the month of January. Qualifying students received a \$5 gift card to Airport Pizza.

- Cori Eide, student representative to the board, has been doing an excellent job of covering student activities.

Notes from Nome Elementary School Principal Carl White:

- The Battle of the Books competition has finished. All of the students did well.

- NES will have a special assembly February 26 at 1:15 p.m. Norton Sound Health Corporation's CAMP Department is providing the motivational speakers, "Rick and Mick." They are twin brothers who have diabetes. They use music and humor in the motivational presentations.

- Every Monday 12 students from ACSA are helping the kindergarten and 1st grade students for about 30 minutes. They are working under the direction of the classroom teachers. This is a great opportunity for these students to give back to our community.

- The Second Quarter Perfect Attendance assembly was held where 65 students out of a current enrollment of 334 students were recognized for perfect attendance. Their names are listed in the February 2009 NES Wolverine Wire. That's 10 more students when compared to the first quarter. Students and parents are to be commended for their efforts.

- MAP testing ended February 6 - the test helps teachers assess progress of students and lets teachers know modifications that need to be made. Parents will receive assessment results from this testing at the Parent Teacher Conference in March.

The Director of Northwestern Career and Technical Center, Jeff Selvey, announced a newly created position of Distance Learning.

Fifteen NACTEC students participated in the recent Career Fair.

Next year NACTEC will start their seventh year and will welcome comments from the public.

Maintenance Director Ike Ozenna-told tales of the recent bad storm day and how busy they were. He also announced that one janitor has resigned.

Assistant Superintendent Jon Wehde reported that he is working on a grant with Nome Eskimo Community-Alaska Native Education Grant/a federal grant. The grant, if successful, will be worth a half million per year for each of three years.

## Superintendent Luthi's report highlights

The recent meeting with Bering Strait School District (BSSD) in Teller went exceptionally well.

Superintendent Jim Hickerson of BSSD is planning to share with legislators in Juneau the new process of collaboration that has begun between BSSD and the Nome School District.

Jennifer Reader compiled 29 pages of staff comments that they shared. Superintendent Luthi will share those comments by e-mail with the entire staff.

Superintendent Luthi has met with the entire staff both at Nome-Beltz and NES to go over the financial picture of the district and has talked openly and very frankly to the NPS staff about what the financial picture is for the next year. He has also spoken to the NES staff recently about filling the NES Principal position. Carl White has announced his retirement. Luthi has asked the elementary staff to recommend two certified, one classified and two community members to serve on the "Principal Interview" committee.

Supertendent Luthi is preparing to speak to the next City Council meeting concerning NPS's projected financial picture for next year. He will be presenting the projected revenue and expenses. The City of Nome has been very cooperative, and continuation of the positive relationship will be beneficial.

The Board met in executive session following the regular meeting.



## NOME CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT & NOME EDUCATION ASSOCIATION NEGOTIATIONS

At a meeting held Wednesday, February 11, 2009 initial proposals were exchanged by the Nome Board of Education and the Nome Education Association.

Pursuant to Alaska Statute Section 23.40.235 "the public shall be provided the opportunity to comment on the Initial Proposals."

Copies of both Nome City School District and the Education Association's initial proposals are available for review at the NPS District Office. Please send or deliver written comments to Rick Luthi, Superintendent at **P.O. Box 131, Nome, Alaska 99762**. Your comments may also be emailed to Mr. Luthi at [rluthi@nomeschools.com](mailto:rluthi@nomeschools.com).

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**OUT OF THE FOG AND IN FOR THE WIN**—Nick Olstad, front left, and Todd Minnick, front right, power across a ceremonial downtown finish line to claim a victory in the 2009 Tesoro Iron Dog last Saturday afternoon on the Chena River. Waving the checkered flag in the foreground is Olstad's wife, Bri Olstad. Following Olstad and Minnick are second-place finishers Tyler Aklestad and Tyson Johnson.

# First to Nome, First to Fairbanks

*Wasilla duo of Minnick, Olstad hang onto their Polarises and lead for 2009 Tesoro Iron Dog win*

**By Tim Mowry**  
**Fairbanks Daily News Miner**

When he saw Tyler Aklestad's body sprawled on the Tanana River ice on Saturday, Todd Minnick prepared to do what any Tesoro Iron Dog racer would do—stop and help.

It didn't matter that Aklestad and Minnick were battling for the lead of the world's longest snowmachine race only 100 miles from the finish line and were separated by only a matter of seconds after almost 1,900 miles of racing.

If a fellow Iron Dogger is in trouble, you stop, even if the title is on the line.

"I seen Tyler laying on the ice, and I turned to go over there to see if he was OK," Minnick said.

The next thing he knew, Minnick and his snowmachine were cart-wheeling down the river, having hit the same three-foot wind drift Aklestad did. He landed on the frozen ice not far from Aklestad.

"There we were, both laid out on the river," Minnick said.

Like two boxers who each landed a big punch and went down at the same time, Minnick and Aklestad pulled themselves up off the ice for one final effort that will go down as one of the most exciting Iron Dog finishes in the 25-year history of the race.

Riding a pair of Polaris Dragons, Minnick, 29, and Nick Olstad, 23, held on to win the Iron Dog in record time, edging the Ski-Doo team of Aklestad and Tyson Johnson by just 3 minutes, 18 seconds.

Their time of 37 hours, 19 minutes, and 8 seconds across the 1,971-mile trail shattered the previous course record of 38:07:57.

"We finally did it," Minnick said, accepting a victory hug from Wasilla friend Gov. Sarah Palin, who was at the Chena River finish line in downtown Fairbanks waiting for her husband, Todd, who finished in sixth place with partner Scott Davis.

It was Minnick's first Iron Dog win in 10 tries, while Olstad, also of Wasilla, earned his second Iron Dog crown. The victory, worth \$25,000 of

the \$160,000 purse, also broke a four-year reign by Arctic Cat racers. The last time a pair of Polaris riders claimed top Iron Dog honors was 2001.

"We rode 'em hard," Minnick said of the black, red and white 600cc Polaris Dragons he and Olstad drove to victory.

More than half of the windshield

on Minnick's machine was missing as a result of his crash between Manley and Nenana.

"It was pretty pristine before that," Minnick said of his sled.

Davis, who with Palin set the previous course record in 2007, wasn't surprised to see the record fall. Trail conditions were near-perfect this

year with a layer of fresh snow cushioning the trail the entire way.

"I've never seen it that fast," said Davis, who finished almost four hours behind.

Minnick and Olstad were the second team to leave the starting line and led the race almost from wire to wire. They took the lead about five

miles from the starting line and held it for the next 1,700 miles. They led Aklestad and Johnson by 38 minutes at the halfway point in Nome.

"There was a lot of pressure leading the whole time," Minnick acknowledged. "We couldn't slack off at all."

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Photos by Tyler Rhodes

**READY TO ROLL (above)**—Nome's Mike Morgan (left) and Tyler Huntington, originally from Galena, motor to the starting line in Nome to begin the second leg of the Tesoro Iron Dog snowmachine race last Thursday. Morgan proved his mettle in his first Iron Dog race, finishing only minutes behind the fourth place team.

**GOOD LUCK HUG (left)**—Morgan gets a hug from his grandmother, Caroline Reader, before he hops on his Polaris Dragon to tackle the second leg of the race to Fairbanks.

## After impressive debut, Morgan says he'll be back for more

By Tim Mowry  
Fairbanks Daily News Miner

Rookie Iron Dog racer Mike Morgan of Nome had a "good ride" in the world's longest snowmachine race and he plans to return next year in hopes of having a better one.

Morgan, 23, teamed with Tyler Huntington of Fairbanks to finish fifth in the 1,971-mile race from Big Lake to Nome to Fairbanks, the highest finish of any Seward Peninsula racer.

"It was interesting," Morgan said of his first Iron Dog experience. "I had a good ride. It was fun while it lasted."

The Wasilla team of Todd Minnick and Nick Olstad won the race in a record time of 37

hours, 19 minutes and 8 seconds. Morgan and Huntington finished more than 2 1/2 hours behind the leaders with a time of 39:57:46.

If there's one thing Morgan learned in his first Iron Dog, it's that every minute counts.

"You've gotta run flawless to run with Minnick and Olstad and those guys," said Morgan, a welder and heavy equipment operator for AMI Construction. "It's hard to make up time on those guys because they run so clean."

Riding Polaris Dragons similar to the ones Minnick and Olstad rode to victory, Morgan and Huntington finished only five minutes behind the fourth-place team of Eric Quam and Brad Helwig.

Huntington and Morgan actually caught up to Quam and Helwig about 10 miles from Nenana, but Huntington ran out of gas and had to stop. The same thing happened on Friday after Huntington and Morgan passed Quam and Helwig on the way to Tanana.

"It's kind of a heartbreaker," said the 23-year-old Huntington, "I'm a little disappointed."

Said a similarly disappointed Morgan, "We should have had fourth."

Other than burning too much fuel, the only other mechanical problems the two racers had were with blown exhaust pipes, Morgan said. Both he and Huntington blew an

exhaust pipe on the way to Nome, which cost them valuable time.

Morgan said he intends to race the Iron Dog again next year after getting a taste of success as a rookie.

"I'll be out there," he said.

He'll have to find a new partner, though, as Huntington announced after the race that he is taking a few years off after three straight top seven finishes.

Morgan said he might try to lure former champ Evan Booth, the only Nomeite to ever win the Iron Dog, out of retirement.

"I'm pretty close to Evan," he said. "I'm sure I could talk him into something."

## • Winners

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It wasn't until Thursday and the 120-mile run from Ruby to Tanana on the Yukon River that Aklestad and Johnson, who had been slowly closing the gap on Minnick and Olstad, caught up and passed them briefly.

Only 1 minute, 42 seconds separated the two teams when they left Tanana on Saturday for the final 232 miles to the finish in Fairbanks.

Minnick and Olstad maintained their slim lead for the first 100 miles, then Aklestad and Johnson caught and passed them about 30 miles out of Manley while Olstad was stopped.

Minnick and Olstad re-took the lead after both Aklestad and Minnick crashed. Aklestad hit the snow drift first, and he was traveling faster than Minnick. Aklestad estimated he was traveling about 80 mph when he hit what he described as "a really bad wind drift on an open section of trail that I hit way too hard."

Aklestad's Ski-Doo landed upright on its back end, and the impact stretched his track out, he said. After that, the track was "bubbling up" at high speeds, forcing Aklestad and Johnson to back off, Aklestad said.

Even so, Aklestad and Johnson managed to re-take the lead when Olstad was forced to briefly stop again.

But Minnick and Olstad caught up and passed them about 25 miles from Nenana and led into the final fuel stop. They left Nenana a minute ahead of Aklestad and Johnson and managed to stretch their lead by another two minutes en route to Fairbanks.

"We pushed as hard as we could, but we couldn't catch them," Johnson said. "Our only hope was that they blew a belt or something."

Even when Aklestad and Johnson passed them on Friday and again on Saturday, Minnick said he and Olstad never panicked.

"We knew our machines were faster on top-end speed, and that's how it worked out," Minnick said.

For the soft-spoken Olstad, it was his second Iron Dog victory. He won with Marc McKenna as a rookie in 2005. Olstad has finished the race twice in five tries, both times as a champion, but he seemed happier for Minnick than himself.

"I'm glad Todd could get one," Olstad said.

For the snake-bitten duo of Aklestad, 23, and Johnson, 29, it was

their second runner-up finish in three years. They placed second in 2007, too, the only other year of the five they raced together that they finished the race. They did everything they could to win, Johnson said.

"Any other year, we probably would have been hours ahead if it wasn't for those guys," Johnson said of Minnick and Olstad. "We pushed it as hard as we could."



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# Mother Nature throttles Iron Doggers on their way out of Nome

By Tyler Rhodes

While most of the Tesoro Iron Dog racers roared into Nome under clear skies—whether that meant sunshine or starts—the weather gods did not smile upon them so favorably for their exit from the Gold Rush City.

Riders staging at the ramp next to Subway last Thursday were greeted with a biting wind and snow that helped blur the line between the snow and the horizon. The flat light also concealed snowdrifts and other obstacles, leading to several crashes that bumped many from the race and sent a few to the hospital.

Around 3:45 p.m. last Thursday, the Nome Volunteer Fire Department received a call of a snowmachine accident approximately 20 miles east of Nome. The initial report was of an Iron Dog racer on the ice who was paralyzed. That was right about the time Nome racer Jimmy “Tre” West III should have been passing that point.

The call-out over Jimmy West Jr.’s fire department pagers had to put a lump in his throat, as he had just watched his son blast off the stat line only a half hour earlier. Still, West Jr. said he just focused on the task at hand and rode out to the scene to assist.

While the weather didn’t abate, the picture of the incident became clearer over the next few minutes. The injured racer was Jeff Pelkola from Galena. Assistant Fire Chief Jerry Steiger said search and rescue per-

sonnel were able to get to Pelkola, stabilize him and move him to a nearby cabin to warm up. “He hit a drift on the other side of Cape Nome on the trail that’s part of the road there,” Steiger said. “He hit a 3-foot drift or so and launched himself. From there he proceeded to come down pretty severely on his back.”

Pelkola was eventually transported back to Nome in Bering Straits Native Corp.’s tracked vehicle. Steiger said he arrived back in Nome around 6:30 p.m. Pelkola was later reportedly moving around on his own in Nome after suffering an injury to his vertebrae, according to other media reports.

While they escaped unscathed, the weather was enough to force team No. 1 of James Sweetsir and Mark Tope out of the race. The duo came to the aid of Pelkola, stayed with him after his crash and ended up returning to Nome that evening to wait out the weather. With no abatement in the storm and the clock still ticking, the duo eventually scratched.

Near the same time the call for Pelkola came in, racer Unch Schuerch of Kiana was making his way back to Nome on his own. Schuerch was able to ride to the hospital on his own, nursing cracked ribs.

Nome wasn’t the only area to claim horrible weather on Thursday. Team No. 5 of Bill Wilkes and Wayne Wold were nearly to Koyuk when Wold reportedly



Photo by Tyler Rhodes

**OUTTA HERE**—Tre West and Peter Reich Sr. head into the storm and out of Nome last Thursday. The duo managed to escape injury as several teams around them crashed in the near zero-visibility weather. The team did, however, have headaches with mechanical issues, slowing them in their quest for the finish line in Fairbanks.

broke his collarbone, yet another victim of a snowdrift.

As the storm wreaked havoc among his fellow competitors, Tre West said the lack of visibility was a familiar sight. “Leaving Nome was normal, nothing new for me anyways,” West said. “It slowed

everybody else down, which was kind of nice.”

If it wasn’t the weather that was punishing West and partner Peter Reich Sr. of Kotzebue, it was mechanical problems. West reported troubles with everything from broken shocks to fried head gaskets

and heat exchangers. Despite the troubles, he and Reich made it to Fairbanks to the finish—even as West’s machine limped along on one cylinder.

“I’ll be back next year,” West said. “It was kind of a hectic race, but we got through it.”

## Nome boys outgunned by 4A teams at Valdez tourney

The strength of two class 4A teams proved too much for Nome’s boys basketball team over the weekend as the Nanooks came home with a 1-3 record from the Valdez Elks Tournament.

In the opening match of the tourney last Thursday, Palmer overpowered Nome from the start, holding the Nanooks to just five points in the first quarter. Nome fought back to within three points of Palmer in the second half, but fell in the end 60-49. Despite the loss, Nome’s Jeremy Head reached a milestone, scoring his 1,000th career point as a Nanook. Head fin-

ished the game with 17 points. Jesse Blandford led Nome with 19, 16 of which were scored in the second half of the game.

Both Head and Blandford were named to the all-tournament team.

The Nanooks came out on top in Friday’s action, beating Cordova 58-41. Blandford again scored 19 while Head, Derek Weiler and Christian Leckband each added 9 points for Nome.

Nome finished the tourney on Saturday with a narrow loss to class 4A Lathrop 66-64. The loss put the Nanooks’ season record at 15-4.

Barrow took home first-place

honors for the tournament followed by Hutchison and Palmer.

Nome will host Bethel this Friday and Saturday. The varsity games will

be played at 7 p.m. on Friday and 4:30 p.m. on Saturday. Junior varsity games will be held at 5:30 p.m. Friday and 3 p.m. on Saturday. In-

trasquad junior high girls games will be held at 4:15 p.m. on Friday and 2:45 p.m. on Saturday. All games are at Nome-Beltz High School.

## Lady Nanooks go 1-2 on the road

The Lady Nanooks emerged from the Valdez Elks basketball tournament last weekend with one win under its belt and a pair of losses.

Nome faced class 4A Palmer—the eventual tournament champion—in the first game of the tournament last Thursday. Palmer handily won the

game 44-27.

The Lady Nanooks rebounded Friday with a convincing 54-31 win against Hutchison. Vanessa Tahbone led Nome with a whopping 29 points. Tahbone was named to the all-tournament team.

Nome’s last game of the tourney

was against a familiar opponent. Barrow again held the upper hand over the Lady Nanooks with a win. The final score was not available. Nome’s record fell to 11-7 with the loss.

The Lady Nanooks will next travel to Bethel on Friday and Saturday for a two-game set with the Lady Warriors.

## Church Services Directory

**Bible Baptist Church Service Schedule, 443-2144**  
**Sunday** School 10 a.m./**Worship** Hour 11 a.m.

**Community Baptist Church-SBC**  
 108 West Third, **443-5448**

**Small Group Bible Study** 10 a.m.  
**Sunday** Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
 — Pastor Bruce Landry

**Community United Methodist**  
 2nd Ave. West, **443-2865**

**Sunday** 11 a.m. Worship  
**Tuesday** 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

**Thrift Shop** — Tuesday & Thursday 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

**Nome Covenant Church**

101 Bering St. **443-2565 • Pastor Harvey**

**Sunday** School 9:45 a.m./**Sunday** Worship 11 a.m.

**Wednesday:** Fellowship Meal 5:30 p.m./Ladies’ Bible Study,  
 Mens’ Fraternity & Children’s Choir 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday:** Youth Group 7 p.m. (call 443-7218 for location)

**Friday:** Community Soup Kitchen 6 - 7 p.m.

**Our Saviors Lutheran Church**

5th & Bering, **443-5295**

**Sunday** School 10:30 a.m./Morning Worship 11 a.m.

**River of Life Assembly of God, 443-5333**

**Sunday** **Worship Service** 10:30 a.m.

**Sunday** **Evening** **Worship** 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday** **Night** **Service** 6:30 p.m.

**St. Joseph Catholic Church, 443-5527**

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**Mass Schedule:** **Saturday** 5:30 p.m./**Sunday** 10:30 a.m.

**Seventh-Day Adventist (Icy View), 443-5137**

**Saturday** Sabbath School 10 a.m.

**Saturday** Morning Worship 11 a.m.

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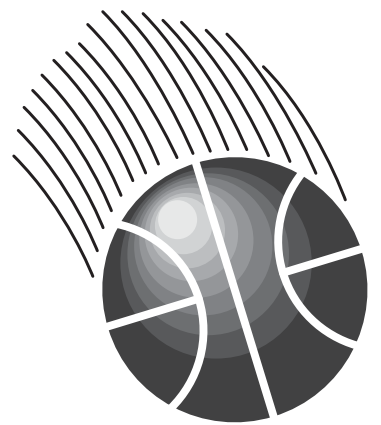
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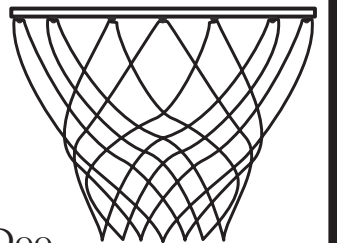
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CAREERS IN FISHING AND SAVING LIVES (left)—On Feb. 10 at the Nome-Beltz Bi-annual Career Fair, Charlie Lean talked to classes about careers in fisheries and as an EMT. ENERGY WISE (right)—On Feb. 9, Mitch Erickson energizes students about careers in the energy field.

**Joan Lowy/The Associated Press**  
WASHINGTON - When the Beal Mountain mine opened in 1988 near Butte, Mont., its owner promoted open-pit cyanide leaching for extracting gold from ore as modern and environmentally friendly.

Pegasus Gold Corp., a Canadian company, extracted nearly 460,000 ounces of gold over a decade before closing the mine and declaring bankruptcy in 1998.

It left behind a 70-acre, cyanide-contaminated leach pond with a leaky liner and tons of rubble that sends selenium-laced runoff into streams, threatening cutthroat trout and other fish. The \$6.2 million reclamation bond posted by the company doesn't come close to covering the full cost to clean up the mine, which could total nearly \$40 million.

"There is a real ticking time bomb up there," said Josh Vincent, president of a Trout Unlimited chapter near the mine, which sits on U.S. Forest Service land.

Efforts to clean up one of the West's most enduring and dangerous legacies - tens of thousands of abandoned hardrock mines, many dating to the 19th century - should get a boost from the economic stimulus bill awaiting President Barack Obama's signature.

The final bill, approved by the

House and Senate on Friday, contains more than \$1.5 billion for construction and maintenance projects in the Bureau of Land Management, the National Park Service and the Forest

Advocates for cleaning up abandoned mines say the work is a strong job-generator.

"These much-needed funds will create thousands of jobs, reduce

*“There is a real ticking time bomb up there.”*

**– Josh Vincent, president of a Trout Unlimited chapter**

Service. That includes addressing pollution and safety hazards caused by abandoned mines on public lands.

The three agencies together spent about \$25 million on mine cleanup in the budget year that ended last Sept. 30, according to the staff of Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., one of the lawmakers who sought the money.

Projects ranging from repairing trails to replacing equipment also are eligible for the money, so there is no guarantee the money will be spent on mine cleanup. The bill says preference is supposed to go to projects that generate most jobs.

water pollution, eliminate public safety threats, and restore fish and wildlife habitat in rural communities across the country," said Lauren Pagel, policy director for Earthworks, an environmental group focused on mining issues.

The Government Accountability Office estimates there are at least 161,000 abandoned hardrock mines in Alaska and 11 other western states, plus South Dakota. Open mine shafts and decaying structures pose safety hazards, contaminants are polluting streams and groundwater, and piles of tailings tinged with arsenic have been left behind.

In the Pacific Northwest, according to the report, Washington has 3,629 mine sites, 1,608 unsafe features and 50 sites with environmental degradation. Oregon has 3,823 mine sites, no available figures on unsafe features and 140 degraded sites. Idaho has 7,100 mine sites with no available figures on unsafe features or degradation, and Alaska has 469 mine sites with 235 unsafe features and 99 degraded sites.

The Environmental Protection Agency estimates it could cost as much as \$50 billion to clean up all the nation's abandoned hardrock mines.

Anti-tax groups questioned whether mine clean up merits funds at all, considering that the bill is intended to jump-start the economy. Cleanups are temporary and unlikely to have any lasting economic effect, said Pete Sepp, a spokesman for the National Taxpayers Union, which advocates for less government spending.

"It's not like anyone is going to dig in these mines ever again," he said.

A report last year by the Interior Department's inspector general said abandoned mines on BLM and National Park Service land are exposing people to dangerous contaminants such as arsenic, lead and mercury. Other dangers include deadly gases,

collapsing mine walls and explosive chemicals.

Among the dangers outlined in the report: all-terrain vehicle riders falling into abandoned mine shafts.

In 2007, a 13-year-old girl was killed and her 10-year-old sister seriously injured when the all-terrain vehicle they were riding ran off a trail and fell into a 125-foot mine shaft a short distance from a BLM campground near Chloride, Ariz.

At the Mojave National Preserve in California, investigators found mine shafts along roads that were large enough to swallow cars.

"The potential for more deaths and injuries is ominous," the report said.



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& II **Juneau**  
**February 23-26**  
State Battle of the Books

**February 26-28**  
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Drama, Forensics Competition  
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TEAM STANDINGS					
I-A BOYS	Conference Record Win-Loss	Overall Record Win-Loss	I-A GIRLS	Conference Record Win-Loss	Overall Record Win-Loss
Elim	4 - 0	9 - 1	Koyuk	5 - 1	5 - 1
Gambell	4 - 0	6 - 0	Elim/Shaktolik	4 - 2	4 - 2
Golovin	3 - 0	6 - 1	Golovin	2 - 2	2 - 4
Brevig Mis.	4 - 1	6 - 1	Wales	3 - 5	3 - 5
Koyuk	3 - 3	3 - 3	Gambell	1 - 3	3 - 5
St. Michael	2 - 4	2 - 5	Brevig Mission	1 - 5	1 - 5
Teller	2 - 4	2 - 4			
Shaktolik	1 - 5	1 - 5			
White Mtn.	0 - 6	0 - 6			
II-A BOYS	Win-Loss	Win-Loss	II-A GIRLS	Win-Loss	Win-Loss
Savoonga	0 - 3	0 - 7	Savoonga	0 - 2	4 - 3
Shishmaref	4 - 0	5 - 5	Shishmaref	0 - 4	2 - 5
Stebbins	0 - 2	6 - 4	Stebbins	2 - 0	4 - 6
Unalakleet	4 - 3	6 - 8	Unalakleet	4 - 1	7 - 5
SCORES					
BOYS TEAMS			GIRLS TEAMS		
Friday, February 6, 2009					
Elim 86 - Teller 47	Forfeit Norton Sound Shootout	Wales 49 - Koyuk 48			
Gambell 70 - Shaktolik 66		Elim/Shaktolik 68 - Gambell 33			
Unalakleet JV 37 - Nulato 23		Shishmaref 66 - Golovin 45			
Noatak 67 - Unalakleet 55		Unalakleet JV 39 - Nulato 23			
Buckland 69 - Unalakleet 61		Unalakleet 66 - Buckland 47			
St. Michael 2 - Koyuk 0					
Golovin 77 - Brevig Mission 71					
Nome JV 71 - Shishmaref 61					
Golovin 105 - Shishmaref 61					
Saturday, February 7, 2009					
Elim 73 - Teller 44	Forfeit Norton Sound Shootout	Koyuk 62 - Wales 38			
Gambell 68 - Shaktolik 42		Elim/Shaktolik 85 - Gambell 32			
Noatak 53 - Unalakleet 46		Shishmaref 73 - Golovin 26			
Unalakleet 63 - Buckland 57		Unalakleet JV 27 - Nulato 24			
Unalakleet JV 47 - Nulato 44		Unalakleet 54 - Buckland 41			
St. Michael 2 - Koyuk 0					
Brevig Mission 83 - Nome JV 78 (OT)					
Brevig Mission 73 - Shishmaref 67					
Nome JV 79 - Golovin 74					
NORTON SOUND SHOOTOUT: 1 st - Golovin, 2 nd - Nome JV, Free Throw Champion - Steffen Cox (Nome)					
ALL-TOURNAMENT: Tim Sullivan (MVP (Nome)); Nathan Blandford (Nome); Frank Amaktoolik Jr. (Golovin); Travis Fagerstrom (Golovin); Swenson Tocktoo (Brevig Mission); & Miizuk Nayokpuk (Shishmaref).					



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December 22-January 19

Love is in the air. Be creative and get the home fires burning, Capricorn. A message from an old buddy piques your interest in a cause.

**ARIES**  
March 21-April 19

Ooh-la-la, Aries. Passion ignites at home, and passion relationship sizzles. Make the most of the moment. Personal values must soon be reevaluated and amendments made.

**CANCER**  
June 22-July 22

The magic is back, Cancer. Love heats up, and passion burns bright. A new face turns everyone's life at work upside down, and that's not necessarily a bad thing.

**LIBRA**  
September 23-October 22

Everything is not as it seems, Libra. Take a step back and see the situation for what it truly is. You might be surprised by what you discover.

**AQUARIUS**  
January 20-February 18

Risks pay off big this week, Aquarius. Celebrate with that special someone. A home repair deserves your full attention and careful consideration.

**TAURUS**  
April 20-May 20

Excellent, Taurus. Your gift scores with that special someone. A calming influence invades the workplace, and peace reigns. Use the time to get ahead.

**LEO**  
July 23-August 22

Pish-posh, Leo. You can and will do it. Throw away your reservations and get crackin'. There is more than one way to express your love at home.

**SCORPIO**  
October 23-November 21

Pandemonium breaks out at home, Scorpio. Not to worry. All of the fuss will make the big event that much more special. Travel is on the agenda for the weekend.

**PISCES**  
February 19-March 20

Nothing means more to you than family, Pisces, and this is the week to make that known. Rearrange your schedule and spend some quality time with your loved ones.

**GEMINI**  
May 21-June 21

Victory is yours this week, Gemini. There is nothing you cannot do. A wish is granted for a dear friend, and a small package tops off the weekend.

**VIRGO**  
August 23-September 22

Va-va-voom, Virgo. That new do is you. Don't think twice about going for it. Riches are not always monetary, as you're about to learn with that special someone.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
November 22-December 21

Love knows no bounds. Nowhere will that be more evident than at home this week, Sagittarius. Be grateful for what you've got. A phone call points you in a new direction.

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**has two job vacancy announcements for the Nome Area Office:**  
**Rural Development Technician** (GS-1101-5/6/7)--Vacancy Announcement #: UK234525-RD-AK-JLC and **Loan Specialist** (GS-1165-9/11)--Vacancy Announcement #: UK234638-RD-AK-MS. Both vacancies close 2/23/2009. Applications may be submitted online at [usajobs.opm.gov](http://usajobs.opm.gov). Contact Jim Pohlman, Acting Nome Area Manager at **(907) 479-4362 Ext. 111** for more information. *USDA is an equal opportunity employer.* 2/12, 2/19

**Position opening**  
Nome Eskimo Community is recruiting for the position of **ICWA Specialist** Family Services Department Status: full time, non-exempt Salary: \$21.48-\$25.63 DOE Open till filled For a job description and application Contact: Nome Eskimo Community **P.O. Box 1090, Nome, AK 99762** Phone: **(907) 443-2246** FAX: **(907) 443-3539** or visit: [www.necalaska.org](http://www.necalaska.org) 2/12-19

**JOB OPENING**  
**The City of Nome is accepting applications for:**  
**Position: Administrative Assistant I – Clerk's Office**  
**Range: 12**

**Salary: \$19.17+ DOE per hour; excellent benefits**  
**Hours: Full Time, 37.5 hours per week**  
**Qualifications:** High School Diploma or equivalent and at least two years clerical/ secretarial experience; must be proficient in Microsoft Office applications; must be proficient with 10-key calculator; excellent command of the English language, grammar, composition and punctuation; must be available on occasion to attend evening meetings.  
**Duties include:** Clerical work requiring extensive typing, computer data entry and direct contact with the public. Provides administrative support service to the City Clerk and Deputy City Clerk. Sets up and maintains files of records for Sales Tax, Charitable Gaming, Resale Certificates, Hotel/Motel Permits and Health & Sanitation Permits. Reviews for compliance application for various permits and licenses issued by the City following established procedures. Follows up on delinquent or non-compliant applications. Complete job description available at City Hall.  
**Closing Date: Until Filled**  
Applications and Job Description may be obtained from City Hall **443-6663**, Nome Job Service or call Dana Handeland at **443-6621** for more information.  
Deliver completed application along with a resume to City Hall.  
2/19, 2/26

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2/19, 2/26, 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26

## Trooper Beat

On January 28, at approximately 8 p.m. the Alaska State Troopers received a report of a single vehicle roll over at 3.4 mile Beam Road. The investigation revealed that Allison Wrenn, 26, of Nome was traveling southbound on the Beam Road when she encountered a vehicle driving northbound in the center of the road. Wrenn swerved to avoid the oncoming vehicle and lost control of her vehicle. No injuries were reported. Wrenn was wearing her seatbelt.

On February 3, at 4:30 p.m. and February 4, at 6:30 p.m., Elliot Olanna, whose drivers license is suspended, was seen driving a dark blue Ford pickup truck in the village of Teller. Charges pending against Olanna, 33, of Teller, for two counts of Driving While License Suspended.

On February 7, at 10:00 a.m., the AST contacted a 14-year old female juvenile at a Nome residence during a felony probation check. The juvenile was subsequently charged with Minor Consuming Alcohol and released a parent.

On February 8, Unalakleet AST received a report of a snowmachine being vandalized in St. Michael. A juvenile suspect has been identified and a report will be forwarded to Juvenile Probation.

On February 8, at approximately 8 p.m. the AST received a report that Charlene Keehn, 54, of Nome had been caught in overflow approximately 30 miles out of Nome and needed assistance. A hasty team was sent out and located

Keehn. Keehn was brought back to Nome. No injuries were reported.

On February 10, at 12:11 a.m., the AST received a report of two overdue hunters in Gambell. A search team was dispatched and located Benjamin Apassingok, 25, of Gambell, and Bryant Koonooka, 35, of Gambell, a short time later returning to the village. Both travelers were reported to be in good condition.

On February 10, Unalakleet AST received a report of an assault in St. Michael. Investigation revealed a 14-year-old juvenile and a 32-year-old male were involved in a physical altercation. No alcohol was involved. The juvenile was treated at the St. Michael Clinic; the adult did not require medical attention. AST investigation is continuing.

On February 12, at approximately 4 p.m. the AST received a report of a snowmachine crash 20 miles east of Nome, on the Iron Dog trail. Nome Volunteer Fire Department responded in a blowing ground storm. Jeff Pelkola, 42, of Galena, from Iron Dog team # 26 was transported to Norton Sound Regional Hospital for treatment of his injuries sustained in the crash.

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*Survey conducted by the National Newspaper Association and the Center for Advanced Social Research at the Missouri School of Journalism at the University of Missouri-Columbia. Researchers surveyed adults 18 years old and up in markets with fewer than 100,000 residents.

## Seawall

**2/9** A Nome female was transported to the hospital on a Title 47 Protective Custody Hold.

**2/11** Thomas Soolook, DOB: 10/12/67, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violation of Conditions of Probation.

**2/12** Charles Lane, DOB: 10/17/82, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault in the Fourth Degree and Assault on a Peace Officer.

**2/13** Louise Martin, DOB: 3/8/84, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Criminal Trespass in the 1st Degree and Violation of Conditions of Probation.

**2/14**  
Eric Trigg, DOB: 1/13/80, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Disorderly Conduct and Reckless Endangerment.

John Ahkvaluk, DOB: 7/20/65, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault in the Fourth Degree, Domestic Violence.

**2/15**  
Terry Komonaseak, DOB: 1/17/63, received a citation for Expired Registration.

John Saclamana, DOB: 12/19/81, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violation of Conditions of Probation.

John Kukuluk, DOB: 12/6/72, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violation Conditions of Probation.

### Birthday Greetings

February 20—Judith Marie Reed  
February 21—Elijah Samuel Tok Tozier  
February 22—SueAnn Marie McConnell  
February 24—Glenn Davis Karmun  
With much Love from the Karmun Family

## Legals

**NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND SALE**  
**Foreclosure Sale to be held April 03, 2009, at 10:00 A.M. at the Main entrance to the Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street, Nome, AK.**

RECONTRUST COMPANY, the present Trustee under the Deed of Trust executed by MARGARET ARLENE MOO AND RON MOO, WIFE AND HUSBAND, AKA ARLENE MOO, Trustor(s), to FIRST AMERICAN LENDERS ADVANTAGE – NEC, Trustee, and MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., Beneficiary, recorded September 14, 2007, in Document No. 2007-000440-0 in Book N/A at Page N/A, all in the records of the Kotzebue Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska, encumbering the following real property:

LOT 6, BLOCK B OF KILULLIQ SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT FILED OCTOBER 1, 1992 AS PLAT NUMBER 92-5; RECORDS OF THE KOTZEBUE RECORDING DISTRICT, SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT, STATE OF ALASKA.

and having a corresponding address of #1 SWAMP STREET, NOATAK, AK 99761, gives notice that a breach occurred because Trustor(s) failed to satisfy obligations secured by the Deed of Trust. The amount owing to the Beneficiary as of December 23, 2008, is \$59,353.41, plus future interest, costs, and other charges.

Upon demand of the Beneficiary, Trustee hereby elects to sell the real property for cash to apply against obligations owed to the Beneficiary, together with any additional interest, costs, or expenses. Beneficiary gives notice that it is preserving its rights against other collateral securing the obligations. Questions regarding the foreclosure should be directed to RECONTRUST COMPANY at (800)-281-8219 and reference T.S. No. 08-0098623. Dated: 12/23/2008

## Real Estate

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**Scoping meeting for Friends of Pilgrim Hot Springs**  
**7 p.m.**  
**Friday Feb. 20**  
**City Council Chambers**  
(see ad next page)



All Around the Sound

New Arrivals

Kelly Otton and Axel Johnson of Unalakleet announce the birth of their son **Teyler Michael Johnson**, born January 31 at 3:43 p.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. He weighed 9 pounds, 11 ounces, and was 20 ” in length. His sister is Keely Jade Marie, 1.

Leilani and Aarnout Horton of Wasilla announce the birth of their son **Victor James Horton**, born February 1 at 4:43 p.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. He weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces, and was 20” in length. His brother is Aarnout Horton, Jr.

Wedding Bells

Johanna Karina Hernandez and Ivan Michael Larsen announce their plan to be wed February 21 at the Nome Covenant Church. Rev. Harvey Fiskeaux will officiate. A reception will follow at Old St. Joseph Hall.

Graduates

Travis Charles Weiss, graduated from Washington State University in the fall semester of 2008. He graduated magna cum laude with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.70 but

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voice, with respect for nature and his ancestors, must not be demeaned by a self-interested mercenary of corporate greed. Joe is a study of integrity.

What is Don Stiles? To facilitate his personal growth, Don must; of his own volition, resign from NSEDC and Siu to restore confidence in the corporations and mend the wounds inflicted. I wish him a solitary retreat from the public sphere. Eric Osborne Nome, AK

less than 3.90. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering. He is the s on of Ruth and Char-

lie Weiss of Nome. Washington State University is located in Pullman, Washington.



CASTING A S-P-E-L-L— From left to right are Asa Bergamaschi, Amos Brown, Aaron “Chipper” Bergamaschi, Rayna Buck-Nassuk (students) and Yorise Olson (alumna). They are rolling out the White Mountain welcome for the BSSD Spelling Bee competition.



**Nome Eskimo Community**  
**FY 2008 Annual Performance Report (APR)**  
Available for Public Review and Comment.

The FY 2008 APR may be reviewed during business hours at the NEC offices located at **200 W. 5th Avenue** between January 21, 2009 and February 21, 2009.

For comments or questions please call the Housing Office at **443-9102**.

1/29, 2/5, 2/12, 2/19



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The public is invited to participate in the development of the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation Consolidated Housing and Community Development (HCD) Plan for the State of Alaska, SFY10 Annual Action Plan.

The HCD Plan is a prerequisite to receive federal funding for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, the Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Program and the HOME Investment Partnership Program. The geographic area covered by Alaska’s HCD Plan is all areas of the State outside of Anchorage. In 2005, a five year strategy (SFY 2006-2010) was adopted. The five year strategy provides general principles and priorities and is implemented by a series of one-year action plans. The SFY2010 Annual Action Plan is the fifth annual implementation plan of the five year strategy.

A public hearing will be held:  
**Tuesday, March 3, 2009**  
**4 p.m. – 6 p.m.**  
**Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC)**  
**4300 Boniface Parkway, Anchorage**

Persons unable to attend in person may teleconference by calling **1-877-322-9648** and using Access code: **694984**.

AHFC complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Individuals with disabilities who may need auxiliary aids or special modifications to participate in the public meeting should call Oscar Cedano at the number above. Requests for the March 3rd hearing should be made no later than February 25, 2009.

Public Notice

CITY OF NOME

The Nome Planning Commission has two seats up for re-appointment. If you are interested in serving on the Nome Planning Commission, please submit an application form.

Application forms are available at City Hall or on the City of Nome website at: [www.nomealaska.org](http://www.nomealaska.org)

All applications must be turned in to City Hall by Monday, February 27, 2009 5:00 p.m., at the following address:

CITY CLERK’S OFFICE  
CITY OF NOME  
PO BOX 281  
102 DIVISION STREET  
NOME, ALASKA 99762

Please call **907-443-6663** if you have further questions.

2/5, 2/12, 2/19, 2/26

**ALASKA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION**  
(A Component Unit of the State of Alaska)  
**STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS**  
As of June 30, 2008  
*(in thousands of dollars)*



<u>ASSETS</u>	
<b>Current</b>	
Cash	\$ 19,034
Investments	1,231,404
Accrued interest receivable	16,734
Mortgage loans, notes and other loans	3,450,063
Net investment in direct financing lease	65,203
Unamortized bond issuance costs	25,142
Capital assets, non-depreciable	13,990
Capital assets, depreciable	102,545
Other Assets	21,643
Intergovernmental receivable	361
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 4,946,119</b>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>	
Bonds and notes payable	\$ 3,136,866
Short term debt	112,159
Accrued interest payable	15,303
Other liabilities	12,471
Intergovernmental payable	3,149
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 3,279,948</b>
<u>NET ASSETS</u>	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	\$ 116,535
Restricted by bond resolutions	628,239
Restricted by contractual or statutory	140,389
Unrestricted net assets	781,008
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 1,666,171</b>

**ALASKA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION**  
(A Component Unit of the State of Alaska)  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenses & Changes In Net Assets**  
For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007  
*(in thousands of dollars)*

<b>Operating Revenues:</b>	
Mortgages and loans revenue	\$ 202,851
Investments interest	56,667
Net change in the fair value of investments	255
<b>Total investment revenue</b>	<b>\$ 56,922</b>
Externally funded program revenues	73,603
Rental	7,695
Other	776
<b>Total operating revenues</b>	<b>\$ 341,847</b>
<b>Operating Expenses:</b>	
Interest	\$ 147,336
Mortgage and loan costs	14,155
Financing expenses	6,415
Provision for loan losses	7,098
Operations and administration	42,812
Rental housing operating expenses	10,428
Housing grants and subsidies	78,290
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<b>\$ 306,534</b>
<b>Operating Income</b>	<b>35,313</b>
<b>Non-operating expenses, special item and transfers</b>	
Contributions to the State of Alaska or other state agencies	(53,614)
Change in net assets	(18,301)
Net assets at beginning of year	1,684,472
<b>Net assets at end of year</b>	<b>\$ 1,666,171</b>

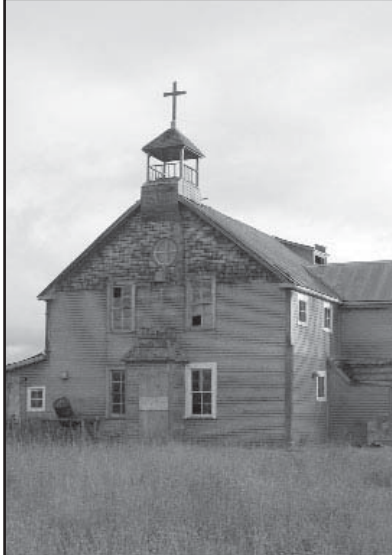
I hereby certify that the above Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets of Alaska Housing Finance Corporation are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. A complete set of the June 30, 2008 audited financial statements may be obtained by writing Alaska Housing Finance Corporation, P.O. Box 101020, Anchorage, AK 99510-1020 or visiting our website: [www.ahfc.us/financials.htm](http://www.ahfc.us/financials.htm)

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**Pilgrim Hot Springs Scoping Meeting**

For interested individuals who want to be “Friends of Pilgrim Hot Springs.”

Meeting to be held:  
**Friday, February 20, 2009**  
**7 p.m.**  
**Council Chambers**



## Obituaries

## Thelma Komok

Thelma Komok was born July 23, 1922 at Tuksuk Channel to Jimmy and Ruby Okleasik. After a long-hard battle with many illnesses, Thelma died peacefully, with family by her side, on February 4. She married long-time companion John Earl Komok on March 21, 1941 at Mary's Igloo. In August 1941 they had twins Martin and James, then in June of 1942, they had Gilbert. In 1966, they adopted their daughter Rhonda. They made their lives at Mary's Igloo and Tuksuk River. Thelma was very prosperous in her life-time, sewing, beading, knitting, crocheting, picking berries, picking greens, storing food that John Earl provided for the long winters, and



Thelma Komok

most of all, spending quality time at Mary's Igloo, American River, tunu, Tuksuk and Kawerak. Thelma was well known for her parkas made out of skins, mukluks, and knitted hats that she provided for many families and friends all over the state of Alaska.

In the winter of 1972, they moved to the Village of Teller so that Rhonda could go school. In 1979 they welcomed son Jason Wade into the family. Thelma was a very caring and considerate person and was well respected. She raised her grandchildren, Maggie Arlene, Kyle Brandon and was very excited when Pupik and Rudy gave birth to her

first great-grandson John Earl Komok, whom she named after her late husband John Earl.

Thelma had many fond memories of up the river and the time she spent with family and good friends. In her older years she spent time at home in Teller. In the spring and summer she would sit on the porch and enjoy the weather.

Thelma is survived by her daughter Rhonda Komok, son Jason Tendler, grandchildren but raised as her own Maggie and Kyle Komok, sister Clara Topkok, grandchildren Logan Reed, Cheyenne Rae, Travis Jon and Joseph John; great-grandchildren John Earl, Jeston Trevor, Brandon James, Makayla Jaylen and Talisa Margaret; and son-in-law Joseph P. Delgado.

Thelma was proceeded in death by her husband John Earl; sons Martin, James and Gilbert Komok; her parents Jimmy and Ruby Okleasik; granddaughter BriAnne Dawn Delgado, brothers Martin, Fred, Ost, Carl, Vincent and Isaac Okleasik, Sr. sisters Hazel, Rachel, Madelon, and Katie, son-in-law Patrick "Rudy" Pushruk, good friends Molly Seetot, Elsie Ball, Annie Green and Daisy Jack and many nieces nephews and friends.

## Ruth Elvira Martin

Seward resident, Mrs. Ruth Elvira Martin, 84, died February 6, from chronic heart failure at her home in Seward.

Memorial services will be held at



Ruth Elvira Martin

2:00 p.m., Saturday, May 2, 2009 at the First Evangelical Covenant Church, 1145 C Street in Anchorage. Pastor Nathan Toots will officiate. A memorial potluck will immediately follow the services at the church. Mrs. Martin's ashes will be buried next to her mother in the Nome Cemetery.

Mrs. Martin was born February 16, 1924 to Julius and Elvira (Oomigikjoak) Pleasant in Elim. She graduated from high school and moved to Nome in 1960 where she worked as a matron for the city jail

until 1965. Mrs. Martin moved to Seattle in 1966 where she worked as a dietician at the Swedish Medical Center until 1989 where she retired. She also received an attendance award at the Swedish Medical Center for 35 years of service. She moved to Seward in 1998 where she has resided ever since.

Ruth died peacefully in the arms of her only son, Bruce. She was a loving mother who will be missed by family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Julius and Elvira Pleasant;

brothers, Gabriel and Joseph Pleasant; sisters, Easter Moses, Alma Pauwak and Flora Pleasant. She is survived by her daughters, Ida E. Aukon of Elim, Carol Meyers of Mountain Village; son Bruce E. Martin of Seward; and sister Lena Blatchford of Anchorage.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family C/O Bruce Martin, P.O. Box 1838, Seward, AK 99664.

Arrangements were by Peninsula Memorial Chapel.

## BSSD Regional Spelling Champs



**C-H-A-M-P-S—Congratulations to the three-time winner of the BSSD spelling bee — Asa Bergamaschi of White Mountain. Pictured above are Bergamaschi (middle) second place Talon Erickson of Unalakleet and third place Julie Semaken of Unalakleet. Asa will represent the district at the State Spelling Bee, March 4.**

## Court

## Week ending 2/13

## Civil

Henderson Receivables Origination LLC vs. Bogeyaktuk, Albert; Structured Settlement - Superior Court

State of Alaska, Dept of Revenue, CSSD vs. Demientieff, Mitchell; Petition for Order re PFD or Native Dividend

Minor Party vs. Minor Party; DV: Both ExParte & Long Term

State of Alaska, Dept of Revenue, CSSD vs. Paniptchuk, Zane R.; Petition for Order re PFD or Native Dividend

State of Alaska, Dept of Revenue, CSSD vs. Edwards, Charles W.; Petition for Order re PFD or Native Dividend

State of Alaska, Dept of Revenue, CSSD vs. Tokeinna, Robert T.; Petition for Order re PFD or Native Dividend

Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC vs. Auliye, William P.; Debt - District Court

State of Alaska, Dept of Revenue, CSSD vs. Apassingok, Daniel P.; Petition for Order re PFD or Native Dividend

State of Alaska, Dept of Revenue, CSSD vs. Apassingok, Darin H.; Petition for Order re PFD or Native Dividend

In the Matter of: Kosto, Leah K. and Kosto, Paul G.; Dissolution Without Children - Superior Court

Rand, Susan vs. Edwards, Richard; DV: Both ExParte & Long Term

## Small Claims

Cornerstone Credit Services vs. Iyatunguk, Lucy; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Deft. Cert Mail

Cornerstone Credit Services vs. Weyiouanna, Edwin J.; SC More Than \$2500: 1 Deft. Cert Mail

Credit Union 1 vs. Anowlic, Melinda L. A.; Small Claims More than \$2500

Bonanza Fuel vs. Eberl, Hatto; Small Claims More than \$2500

Bonanza Fuel vs. Evans, Michele et al; Small Claims \$2500 or Less

## Week ending 2/13

State of Alaska v. Geoffrey Jackson (3/7/81); 2NO-08-105CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109526139; Violated conditions of probation; No action is taken; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Geoffrey Jackson (3/7/81); 2NO-08-377CR Judgment and Order of Commitment/Probation; Count 001: Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance 4°; Date of offense: 6/10/08; The following charges were dismissed pursuant to Criminal rule 43(a): Count 002: Misconduct Involving Weapons 2°; Count 003: Misconduct Involving Weapons 3°; Date of offenses: 6/10/08; Count 001: 36 months with 12 months suspended; Any unsuspended time is to be served with defendant remanded to custody; Defendant is to be credited for time already served in this case; Police Training Surcharge: \$100 within 10 days to Nome Trial Courts; Initial Jail Surcharge: Defendant was arrested and taken to a correctional facility and is being sentenced to serve a term of imprisonment; Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that defendant immediately pay a correctional facilities surcharge of \$100 to the Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage; Second Jail Surcharge: IT IS ORDERED that the defendant pay a correctional facilities surcharge of \$100 if de-

fendant's probation is revoked and, in connection with the revocation, defendant is arrested and taken to a correctional facility or jail time is ordered served; AS 12.55.041(c); IT IS ORDERED that defendant shall be screened for treatment or education by NSBHS, ASAP, or an approved equivalent agency within 4 months of release from incarceration, complete the recommended program, and show proof of completion to the court; IT IS RECOMMENDED that defendant serve the unsuspended portion of his sentence at a half-way house; IT IS ORDERED that, after serving any term of incarceration imposed, the defendant is placed on probation for 18 months under the following conditions: General and Special Conditions of Probation set, as stated in order; Any appearance or performance bond in this case: is exonerated.

State of Alaska v. Frank M. Kavairlook, Jr. (2/4/80); Importation of Alcohol; Date of offense: 10/28/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 45 days, 42 days suspended; Unsuspended 72 hours shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC by 4/10/09; Fine: \$1,500 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$1,500 fine through Nome Trial Courts by 1/1/10; Forfeit alcohol to State; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 2/6/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol in any dry or damp community; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer in such community at airport en route to any local option community; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation.

State of Alaska v. Nora Katchatag (12/7/61); Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 1/26/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 60 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Daisy Ida Kiyuklook (6/19/90); 2NO-08-928CR Count 1: Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 12/9/08; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 3 (003); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 30 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 2/6/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol or marijuana; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer.

State of Alaska v. Daisy Ida Kiyuklook (6/19/90); 2NO-08-928CR Count 2: Disorderly Conduct; Date of offense: 12/9/08; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 5 days, 5 days suspended; Probation until 2/6/11.

State of Alaska v. Daisy Ida Kiyuklook (6/19/90); 2NO-08-928CR Count 4: Misconduct Involving Controlled Substance 6°; Date of offense: 12/9/08; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 5 days, 5 days suspended; Forfeit marijuana and paraphernalia to State; Probation until 2/6/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated.

State of Alaska v. Bryan Muktoyuk (5/12/80); Violation of Custodian Duty; Date of offense: 2/5/09; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 25 days suspended; Unsuspended 5 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC by 3/6/09; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall

pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 8/11/09; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law.

State of Alaska v. Rodney Murray (7/21/77); Count 2: False Information or Report to Police Officer; Date of offense: 10/12/08; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 1 (001); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 30 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 8/11/09; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer for alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Marie A. Redington (3/28/72); Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 1/30/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 90 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 2/11/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in her residence, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol; May possess alcohol and be on licensed premises for work purposes only; Other: Alcohol in residence is subject to immediate forfeiture and destruction.

State of Alaska v. Hannah Olanna (4/2/67); Misconduct Involving Controlled Substance 5°; Date of offense: 11/18/08; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 80 days suspended; Unsuspended 10 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC by 4/1/09; Forfeit marijuana and teddy bear to State; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 2/11/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume controlled substance without prescription; Person and baggage are subject to warrantless search at any airport; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation.

State of Alaska v. Kenneth N. James (5/11/80); 2NO-06-583CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109521549; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to 2/11/10; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original offense remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Kenny James (5/11/80); 2NO-08-582CR Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 8/13/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 60 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Elliot Olanna (4/13/75); Transport Alcohol by Common Carrier; Date of offense: 1/20/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Any ap-

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pearance or performance bond is exonerated; Fine: \$500 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$500 fine through Nome Trial Courts by 5/1/09; Forfeit alcohol to State; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated.

State of Alaska v. Maranda Topkok (12/20/86); Transport Alcohol by Common Carrier; Date of offense: 1/20/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; Fine: \$500 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$500 fine through Nome Trial Courts by 5/1/09; Forfeit alcohol to State; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated.

State of Alaska v. Courtney Amaktoolik (12/5/90); Habitual Minor Consuming or in Possession or Control of Alcoholic Beverage; Date of offense: 1/19/09; Plea Agreement; 90 days, 30 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Recommend Seaside CRC; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collection Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 due within 10 days; Pay total of \$50 to Nome Clerk of Court by 5/31/09; Community Work: Complete 96 hours of community work service and submit proof of completion to the Nome Clerk of Court within 120 days; Driver's license or Permit: Revoked for 6 months, concurrent with any DMV administrative action; Shall immediately surrender license/permit to court; Probation until her 21st birthday; Shall not consume inhalants, or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages; Shall surrender any license/permit, pay surcharge, show proof of community work service, as ordered; Shall submit to warrantless breath test at request of any peace officer and may be arrested without a warrant for probation violation; Shall contact NSBHS within 10 days of release, and shall be evaluated, pay for, and successfully complete any recommended alcohol education or treatment program(s); Inpatient treatment of up 90 days can be required; Failure to comply with community work, evaluation, education or treatment will result in an extra 6 months of revocation of driver's license.

State of Alaska v. Kirk Muktoyuk (8/18/83); 2NO-08-901CR DUI; Date of offense: 12/11/08; Partial Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 145 days, 120 days suspended; Unsuspended 25 days shall be served consecutive to 2NO-09-70CR; Fine: \$3,000 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$3,000 fine through Nome Trial Courts by 1/15/10; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$75 through this court within 10 days; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Cost of Imprisonment: Shall pay \$330 to the SOA at: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Shall be screened for treatment or education by NSBHS, ASAP, or an approved equivalent agency by 5/1/09, complete the recommended program, and show proof of completion to the court; Driver's license, privilege to obtain a license and to operate a motor vehicle are revoked for 1 year concurrent with DMV action; Any license or permit and identification card shall be immediately surrendered to the court; Restitution: Shall pay restitution as stated in the Restitution Judgment and shall apply for an Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend, if eligible, each year until restitution is paid in full; Amount to be determined; Probation until 2/11/10; Comply with all court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for violation of probation; No similar violations of law, including DUI, refusal to submit to breathalyzer, operating motor vehicle while license is canceled, suspended or revoked or in violation of limitation, reckless driving, driving commercial vehicle after disqualification, and driving without required ignition interlock device; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer for a period of 1 year from date of this judgment (2/11/09).

State of Alaska v. Kirk Muktoyuk (8/18/83); 2NO-09-70CR Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 2/5/09; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 45 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 45 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC consecutive to 2NO-08-901CR; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collection Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Louise Martin (3/8/84); Corrected Judgment; Count 2: Criminal Mischief 4th; Date of offense: 9/16/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 1 (001); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 90 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Restitution already paid; Pro-

bation until 12/29/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in her residence, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol; Not be where alcohol is present; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare including up to 1 year treatment in-patient; Redistributed as to correct ATN.

State of Alaska v. Frank Johnson (10/23/77); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Motor Vehicle Insurance; Filed by the DAs Office 2/12/09.

State of Alaska v. Harold Roy Kiyuklook (2/13/77); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109523799; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: Defendant to complete 20 hours of community work service and submit proof of completion to the Nome Clerk of Court due by 11/1/09; Probation extended to 2/11/10; Bail exonerated; Shall report to AMCC by 3/10/09; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. James Ishnook, Sr. (7/27/62); 2NO-08-859CR Count 1: Indecent Exposure 2nd, Victim Under 16 years of age; Date of offense: 10/21/08; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 120 days, 120 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 2/12/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not contact, directly or indirectly, or return to the residence of C.W. or D.W.; Mental Health Assessment and Evaluation as soon as possible; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare.

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State of Alaska v. June L. Weyanna (1/27/88); 2NO-06-505CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 000000000; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: Shall continue with any recommended treatment and aftercare; Probation extended to 7/27/09; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. June L. Weyanna (1/27/88); 2NO-06-506CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109521018; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: Shall continue with any recommended treatment and aftercare; Probation extended to 7/27/09; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. June L. Weyanna (1/27/88); 2NO-06-620CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109421838; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: Shall continue with any recommended treatment and aftercare; Probation extended to 7/27/09; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. June Weyanna (1/27/88); 2NO-07-668CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109521207; Violated conditions of probation; The 08/28/08 Order to Modify Probation is vacated and the original Judgment is modified as follows: Conditions or probation modified as follows: Shall continue with any recommended treatment and aftercare; Probation extended to 7/27/09; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 64 days from Count 1; The Court has determined that defendant shall receive 64 days credit for time spent in residential treatment at Jake's Place, Dillingham, Alaska; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. June Weyanna (1/27/88); 2NO-08-648CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Minor Consuming Alcohol; Filed by the DAs Office 2/11/09.

State of Alaska v. Andrea A. Soolook (3/18/76); **Corrected Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110825703; Violated conditions of probation; **Probation terminated upon reporting to AMCC; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, shall report to AMCC by 3/31/09; Subject to order and conditions of release entered n 2/3/09; Subject to immediate remand for any violation.

State of Alaska v. Yvonne Aukon (2/5/89); 2NO-08-811CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110699478; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Yvonne Aukon (2/5/89); 2NO-08-943CR Habitual Minor Consuming or in Possession or Control of Alcoholic Beverage; Date of offense: 12/28/08; 90 days, 90 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Community Work: Complete 96 hours of community work service and submit proof of completion to the Nome Clerk of Court within 120 days; Driver's license or Permit: Revoked for 6 months, concurrent with any DMV administrative action; Shall immediately surrender license/permit to court; Probation for 1 year; Shall not consume inhalants, or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages; Shall surrender any license/permit, pay surcharge, show proof of community work service; Shall submit to warrantless breath test at request of any peace officer and may be arrested without a warrant for probation violation; Failure to comply with community work, evaluation, education or treatment will result in an extra 6 months of revocation of driver's license.

State of Alaska v. Yvonne Aukon (2/5/89); 2NO-09-65CR Count 1: Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 2/4/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: counts 2, 3 (002, 003); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 60 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Darin Olanna (10/26/84); 2NO-08-82CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110062764; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not contact, directly or indirectly C.W. without her consent; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in his residence, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store and is subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol; Alcohol Assessment by 4/1/09, participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare including up to 90 days of residential treatment; probation extended to 2/11/11; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 30 days, remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Darin Olanna (10/26/84); 2NO-08-899CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault Fourth Degree; Filed by the DAs Office 2/12/09.

State of Alaska v. Darin Olanna (10/26/84); 2NO-09-20CR Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 1/14/09; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 60 days suspended; Probation until 2/12/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not contact, directly or indirectly, C.W. without her consent; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in his residence, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol; Alcohol Assessment by 4/1/09; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare including up to 90 days residential treatment.

State of Alaska v. Thomas Soolook (10/12/67); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110061594; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: all remaining time, remanded into custody.

State of Alaska v. William A. Topsekok (8/23/65); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109533249; After a hearing, the court finds that the defendant's conditions of probation should be modified; Conditions of probation modified as follows: Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer; shall not enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store, except for purposes directly related to the sale of crab; Shall not have any alcohol in his residence; Residence is subject to warrantless search for alcohol; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

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VIEW FROM ABOVE—A Frontier Alaska plane circles Friday above the site where flight 8218 crashed last Thursday on Newton Peak.

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## A miracle on Newton

*Six survive crash in whiteout conditions*

By Tyler Rhodes

Johne "Candy" Seetot had just glanced out the airplane window last Thursday afternoon to see what appeared to be the Snake River below—the only discernable thing in an otherwise sea of white—before she leaned her head against the window and dozed off.

When Seetot violently awoke, she found herself thrown into the seat in front of her, her head was hurting and the plane was on the ground. Her seatbelt remained buckled in the seat now behind her; somehow she slipped out of the restraint. "I started asking what happened. We were in the snow," Seetot said.

What had happened many would later describe as a miracle. Seetot, her fellow four passengers and the pilot of Frontier Alaska flight 8218 from Brevig Mission had all survived after the Piper PA-31-350 flew into the side of Newton Peak just northeast of Nome.

The crash occurred in whiteout conditions shortly before 6:30 p.m. Feb. 19. While Seetot was asleep when they hit the mountain, other passengers reported seeing nothing nor having any indication that the plane was going down before impact. The flight was a regularly scheduled trip for Frontier and was piloted by Harland Hannon of Nome.



Photo by Tyler Rhodes

**ROUGH LANDING**—Frontier Alaska flight 8218 sits amazingly intact on the side of Newton Peak Friday after crashing into the mountain in whiteout conditions the evening before. After an approximate three-hour search, all six occupants of the plane were found alive and transported to Nome. Two passengers were hospitalized.

National Transportation Safety Board Investigator Clint Johnson said Hannon reported no mechanical issues with the plane. Johnson said

Hannon told him he descended about 10 miles out of Nome due to deteriorating weather. After getting permission to land under special visual

flight rules, due to the weather conditions, Hannon put his landing gear

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## Fire claims four lives in White Mountain

By Tyler Rhodes

A house fire in White Mountain claimed the lives of four of the village's residents Friday.

According to Alaska State Troopers, Josephine Lincoln, 71, Frank Ok-soktaruk, 51, Dean Lincoln, 43, and Patrick Lincoln, 24, died as a result of the fire at the Lincoln residence.

Village Public Safety Officer Dan Harrelson was at home, just a few hundred feet away from the Lincoln house, when just after 11 p.m. 13-year-old Tiffany Lincoln came running in with the news that her house was on fire.

Harrelson, who had a couple friends over, sprang to his feet. "Just

as long as it took me to put my snowpants on we were out the door," he said. They arrived to find the front, and only door locked. Using a maul, Harrelson was able to break the knob and access the arctic entryway. He was forced to use the maul again to break open the locked door that led to the home's interior. At that point, it was clear that entering the house was not an option. "Once we got the second door opened, plumes of black smoke

poured out," he said. "It was like an oven on broil, trying to go in."

Harrelson said he could see down low where there was about a foot of clearance between the smoke and the floor. There were no signs of people in the hallway. "I think when we first responded, whoever was in the house had already perished," he said.

Still, Harrelson, his friends, the volunteer fire department and nearly the entire community went right to work to put the fire out. Harrelson

said the town's fire truck had mechanical issues and the deep snow added to the difficulty of getting equipment to the blaze. Harrelson's friends went to the fire hydrant located about a quarter of a mile from the house and started running a hose.

Harrelson said when he couldn't get inside the house he went around the back where he saw flames shooting out of a window. "It spread very

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Photo Courtesy of Andrew Haviland

**TRAGEDY**—Flames consume a house in White Mountain in which four people were trapped inside late Friday night. All four perished.

## Lake resigns as hospital CEO

By Tyler Rhodes

Just as his one-year contract was set to expire, Michael Lake has resigned from his position as president and chief executive officer of Norton Sound Health Corp. Monday.

The health corporation announced the resignation in a brief press release issued Tuesday. Carol Piscoya, who has worked for NSHC for six years, has been appointed interim president and CEO. Most recently Piscoya has served as vice president of Community Health Services.

According to NSHC's general counsel, Rick Helms, Lake gave no reason for his resignation in a letter written to the corporation's board of directors. Helms said a meeting

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**MOVING ON**—Michael Lake gave his resignation as CEO and president to the Norton Sound Health Corp. board of directors Monday after one year on the job.



Archive photo by Diana Haecker

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Letters

Hello,

Profit or nonprofit, your job as Board of Directors/Members is to inform/notify the general public of the day-to-day activities/operations of NSEDC. NSEDC was formed by the idea of a man who loved and cared for the Alaska Native peoples. Those of you who were there when NSEDC was born know who this man is.

How the heck can the ignorance are greediness of those on the Board of Directors/Members get as far as it has come today? Is that what NSEDC has become? A bunch of unsure, insecure people who would rather point their fingers at each other, trying to clear themselves?

Realize it or not the USA is in trouble. We probably won't feel "the crunch" till later. As it is, we pay outrageous prices for gas, stove oil, groceries, and it's not getting any better.

The "bumps" that used to be easily straightened out a long time ago, that's just it, *days gone by*, these "bumps" are here, they're big, they deserve attention. A physician would tell you if your child got bonked on the head, "Keep him/her awake a few hours," to make sure they did not die.

I for one can see the ignorance of the "imports" who have nothing better to do than rattle a few cages, sit back and have a good laugh about it. Aside from all the hatred, it doesn't matter what color skin you're in, we all have red blood flowing through our veins. I hope all is well with you and yours.

Arthur D. Paniptchuk  
Kotzebue

Letters to the editor must be signed and include an address and phone number. Thank yous and political endorsements are considered ads.

Editorial

Practice Pays Off

The hours of planning and coordinating practice sessions, mock disasters drills and training exercises can be a major inconvenience and take a lot of precious hours. Some would rather spend the time relaxing at home with their family. The sacrifice pays off.

Nome's emergency service got put to the test last week and came out with flying colors. They made us proud. A plane crash on the mountainside just outside of town with all surviving with no major injuries brought wide smiles to the faces of all who were involved in the rescue effort. All of our rescue agencies worked together flawlessly like a well-oiled machine. The Nome police, State Troopers, Nome Fire Department Search and Rescue and Ambulance volunteers, Norton Sound Regional Hospital personnel, the Federal Aviation Administration, the radio communications folks, the skilled pilot and level-headed passengers brought a positive outcome to a potential disaster.

Training, drill sessions, continuing education and interagency coordination takes time and effort but are so very important in making Nome such a great community. We are proud of our well-trained volunteers and dedicated professionals. Thanks for the job well done.

— N.L.M. —



Photo by Paul Kudla

UP, UP AND AWAY — Shane Smithhisler puts some loft on the snow being blown out of the area behind the Rec Center last week.

Storm delivers record snowfall:  
*Last Wednesday's bounty the third biggest February snow day in history*

It probably comes to no surprise to most Nomeites who were digging out their cars and tunneling their way to their front doors last week that Nome set a snowfall record last Wednesday.

The 8.2 inches of white stuff that came down Feb. 18 easily topped the previous record of 5 inches set in 1918. The day also earned the distinction of being the third snowiest February day on record, edging out a 7.9 accumulation set Feb. 3, 1975. The top two snowiest days on record for February in Nome are 9.3 inches on Feb. 12, 2005 and the 14 inches that blanketed Nome Feb. 19, 1920.

A Look at the Past

Courtesy of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum

TIME TO GET SMART — Get out your furs, stay warm and breeze through all the blizzards. For thousands of years, the Eskimos have survived the long, cold Arctic winters by living off the bounty of the land and sea for food as well as for clothing. Wolverine and wolf ruffs, squirrel fur parkas, reindeer mukluks and sealskin mitts are still the clothes of choice for this time of year.



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	03/04/09	08:58 a.m.	Low Temp	-30° 2/18/09	
Sunset	02/26/09	07:11 p.m.	Peak Wind	44 mph, E, 2/18/09	
	03/04/09	07:30 p.m.	Precip. to Date	2.18"	
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ROUGH AND TUMBLE—Nikki Polk, a.k.a. Butch Chastity, hurls an accusation at another cast member during the presentation of a murder mystery Saturday night at the Pioneer Igloo in Nome. The Nome Arts Council event provided theater-goers with dinner and a chance to solve the Western-themed whodunnit.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR  
February 26 - March 4, 2009

EVENT	PLACE	TIME
Thursday, February 26		
*Tennis	Closed for BSRC	
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	Closed
*XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Preschool Story Hour	Kegoayah Library	10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Kinderswim	Pool	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	noon - 5:30 p.m.
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 8 p.m.
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	noon - 1 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	Closed
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Look Who's Balking video	Prematernal Home	1 p.m.
*Smoke Free Class	Prematernal Home	3:30 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	No classes
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	No classes
*City League Basketball	Nome Rec Center	No classes
*Family Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
*Overeaters Anonymous meeting	Baptist Comm Church	7 p.m. (across from KNOM)
*Swing Dancing	Nome Rec Center	No classes
*Narcotics Anonymous	Behavioral Health Bldg.	7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Friday, February 27		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	noon - 5:30 p.m.
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 6 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 4 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50
*Relax-Stress Relief video	Prematernal Home	1 p.m.
*Two To Get Ready video	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Kids Soccer K - 3rd grade	Nome Rec Center	4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Workout videos Jennie's choice	Nome Rec Center	4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
*Kids Soccer 4th - 7th grade	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 6 p.m.
*Cardio Kick Boxing	Nome Rec Center	4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Adult Drop-in Soccer	Nome Rec Center	8 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.

Saturday, February 28		
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
UMW Thrift Shop (Trial Basis)	Methodist Church	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	noon - 5:30 p.m.
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 6 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 8 p.m.
*H2O Aerobics	Pool	1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Things Mother Never Told Me video	Prematernal Home	1 p.m.
*The New Mother-Putting It Together video	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*AA Meeting	BHS Bldg. 2nd floor	8 p.m.

Sunday, March 1		
*Pool		Closed
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*The Baby System-The 1st Yr video	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Beginning Baton with Jay	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.
*Nutrition class (note new time)	Prematernal Home	5 p.m.
*AA: Big Book Study	HR Conf. Room, NSHC	6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Monday, March 2		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 8 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 5:45 p.m.
*Strength Training with Jennie	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Sexually Transmitted Disease video	Prematernal Home	1 p.m.
*Beginning Yoga with Kari	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Cardio Kick Boxing with Kelly S.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*H2O Aerobics	Pool	6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*City League Basketball	Nome Rec Center	6:15, 7:30 & 8:45 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Pathways to Healthy Life video (new time)	Prematernal Home	7 p.m.
*Drop-in Volleyball	Nome Rec Center	7:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.

Tuesday, March 3		
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 8 p.m.
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	noon - 1 p.m.
*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	noon - 5:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Social Services class	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Wiffle Ball Grades 4-6	Nome Rec Center	3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
*Wiffle Ball Grades 7-8	Nome Rec Center	4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Meet Cutting Workshop-Greg Finstad	Nome Eskimo	6 p.m. - 9 p.m. (\$30 fee)
*City League Basketball	Nome Rec Center	6:15, 7:30 & 8:45 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Nome Planning Comm Work Session	Council Chambers	6:30 p.m.
*AA Teleconference: 1-800-914-3396	(CODE: 3534534#)	7 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
Nome Planning Commission Reg Mtg	Council Chambers	7 p.m.
*Your Baby's Hearing Test video (new time)	Prematernal Home	7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 4		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Dental class	Prematernal Home	11 a.m.
*Rotary Club	Airport Pizza	noon
*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	noon - 5:30 p.m.
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 8 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 3 p.m.
*Strength Training with Jennie	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Floor Hockey Grades 4-6	Nome Rec Center	3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
*Floor Hockey Grades 7-8	Nome Rec Center	4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
*Tried & True...Labor Techniques video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Cardio Kick Boxing with Kelly S.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*H2O Aerobics	Pool	6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Hello Central (also on Channel 98)	Nome Visitors Center	7:30 p.m.
*AA Meeting	BHS Bldg. 2nd floor	8 p.m.

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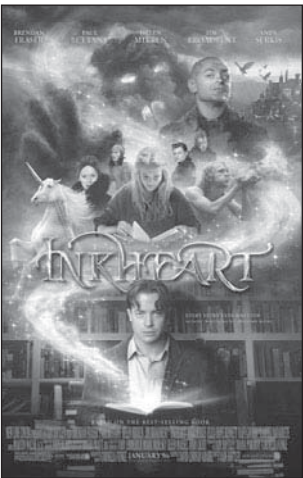
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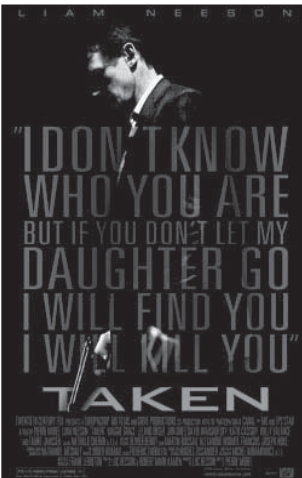
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**SCATTERED**—A landing gear door sits anchored in the snow Friday as drifts accumulate around it and the crashed plane that skidded along the mountain side the afternoon before. All occupants survived the incident.

## • Crash

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down and put the approach flaps in, according to Johnson. "He promptly flew it into the ground roughly after that," Johnson said. "It was whiteout conditions, the way he explained it. The airplane impacted the snow and slid for 100 feet."

Thursday evening, the National Weather Service was reporting cloudy skies and 10 mph winds. Parts of Nome at the time of the accident were experiencing complete whiteout conditions with fog and blowing snow on the ground. From the plane, Seetot said the weather appeared to degrade as they got closer to Nome. "On the Brevig side we could see ground here or there, or the mountain peaks. Once we got more on the Nome side, it got pretty white-out," she said.

Around 6:20 p.m. Hannon made his last communication with the base in Nome. After the radio went silent, Alaska State Troopers report that Frontier Alaska Nome Station Manager Shannon Thrun advised them of the overdue flight. Nome Volunteer Fire Department Search and Rescue was immediately called into action.

Seetot, who is from Brevig Mission, said everyone kept their composure after the crash. "We were all pretty calm, no hysterics," she said. "We were checking each other, asking each other, 'Can you move? Are you all right?'"

While most escaped relatively unscathed, passenger Heidi Graber, a NACTEC employee who lives in Teller, suffered a broken back in three spots and a fractured pelvis. Seetot was banged up with a swollen eye "the size of a golf ball" and bruising over much of her face. She and Graber were the only two to be

hospitalized as a result of the wreck. "Heidi was next to me in the plane and now she's next to me in the hospital," Seetot said from her hospital room Friday.

Other passengers on the flight were Stewart Tocktoo, Rosie Ahnangnatoguk and Vernon Ozenna. All are from Brevig Mission.

Once they realized no one was critically injured, Seetot said the next order of business was to try and let people know their location. "We were asking the pilot if the ELT [emergency location transmitter] went off, if he could send out a signal," she said. "We all tried our cell phones." The plane's location, not too far east and downhill of Newton's south peak and a little more than a mile west of the Kougarok Road, was out of cellular phone range.

An ELT signal was in fact going out and help was on the way, but it would not arrive for a couple of hours. Searchers were initially directed to head out east toward Hastings and Cape Nome. Ensuing reports moved the searchers closer, directing them to the vicinity of Army Peak, about 3 1/2 miles south-east of the crash site.

Nome Fire Chief Matt Johnson said his searchers were first told to look seven miles east of the VOR site, which itself is a few miles east of Nome. Johnson said searchers tracking with two-way radios were able to hone in closer on the signal.

The search progressed as daylight quickly faded. "It went dark on us pretty quickly," Johnson said. Even with daylight, spotting the downed aircraft was likely to be a challenge, Johnson said. "A white airplane on a white mountain is pretty hard to

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## • Crash

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find," he said.

When cell phones failed and the ELT did not lead searchers directly to the wreckage, it was an old-fashioned method of communication that finally alerted rescue crews to the waiting passengers' location. Seetot said fellow passengers Tocktoo and Ozenna decided to light a signal fire by soaking clothing or other material in gasoline. That fire caught Dexter resident David Olsen's attention, who in turn notified officials at about 8:50 p.m. "David Olsen said he saw a weird orange glow from the side of his house," Johnson said. "You can't go wrong with making a fire or setting off a flare."

Seetot said they could see the lights of searchers below in the valley while they waited, but none were turning in their direction. The fire quickly changed that. "I was so glad those boys thought about trying to burn something," Seetot said. "We seen only a couple of lights first, and then finally those guys put that stuff on fire. All of the sudden then there were lots of lights coming up the hill. It was such a good feeling to see those lights coming up the hill."

Despite the smell of gasoline, Seetot said she and other passengers remained in the plane. Seetot said pilot Hannon at one point left the plane talking about walking to the top of the hill where phone reception would be likely. He wasn't able to make it. "There was just too much snow I guess," Seetot said.

Seetot said the deep snow also made it difficult on the way down to the road as the passengers were transferred by snowmachine to ambulances waiting on the road. A gully northeast of the crash site swallowed snowmachines that ventured into it, she said. When the snowmachine on which she was riding became stuck in that gully, Seetot said she had to get off and hike back out to the hillside. Once back on the machine she had to brace for an aggressive ride to keep from again getting stuck. "I had to hang on for dear life," she said.

Graber, the passenger who suffered a broken back, was brought down the mountain in a sled towed by a snowmachine.

Seetot was released from the hospital late Friday night. She said she would be remaining in Nome for the week to attend the Kawerak Regional Conference.

### Teamwork

When news of the missing plane got out, it did not take long for the cavalry to respond. A response came from Nome Search and Rescue volunteers, Troopers, Nome Volunteer Ambulance Service, National Guardsmen, Evergreen Helicopters, Norton Sound Regional Hospital, and other members of the community all stepped up to help. "There were lots of other people in this community helping us out

with radio communication, with mapping, with just everything," Fire Chief Johnson said. "It takes a whole community to run an operation like this."

Johnson said 29 members of search and rescue participated in the effort. Plows were called out to clear the Kougarak Road, which was passable, but less than ideal for rescue vehicles. The National Guard's tracked-vehicles were ready to respond if needed. An Evergreen helicopter attempted to join in the search, but had to return due to weather, Trooper Sgt. Merrill said. "It was probably the smoothest search and rescue I've seen," Trooper Sergeant Andrew Merrill said. "Everybody did an awesome job."

Frontier Alaska President Jim Hajdukovich lauded all those who assisted in the search. "We're just very fortunate with the search and rescue efforts provided by the Nome community members," he said. "It was definitely humbling to see the efforts. People really went above and beyond."

For Matt Johnson, it wasn't the first time he has participated in a search for a plane that eventually ended up on Newton Peak. On May 14, 1998, a Baker Aviation Cessna 208 Caravan crashed near the same location, ending up on its roof. All 10 passengers survived the crash into the snowy hillside that occurred in whiteout conditions.

In the hours that passed between the initial report of the missing flight last week and the discovery of the passengers and pilot, expectations on the ground were grim. "At one point we were definitely thinking the worst and then there was the excitement hearing the news of the survivors, Hajdukovich said. "Now we're just hoping for a fast recovery of all the survivors."

NTSB investigator Clint Johnson said he was informed of the missing flight within a half hour of its disappearance. The initial reports had him packing his bags for a trip to the site, as is protocol when there are fatalities. "I thought for sure I was coming to Nome Thursday night," he said. Johnson was gratefully able to conduct his work from Anchorage.

Johnson said crash investigations typically take six months to a year. He said this investigation should be completed in that timeframe. Johnson said he will likely again interview the pilot, Hannon, since the initial debriefing was done quickly. "He was pretty emotional about the whole thing," Johnson said.

Johnson complimented Hannon and Frontier Alaska for their cooperation with the investigation to this point. "Not only the pilot, but also Frontier has been extremely helpful to give us a hand with this," he said.

### Plane remains on hillside

On the side of Newton Peak around noon last Friday, the wind was working on erasing traces of the crash. Drifts were building around the fuselage and wings. A



Photo by Tyler Rhodes

**CHECKING IT OUT**—Mike Quinn, a mechanic with Frontier Alaska, examines the wreckage of the Piper PA-31-350 Friday afternoon on the side of Newton Peak northeast of Nome. The plane went down last Thursday evening in whiteout conditions.

bit of charred material—likely the improvised flare that drew rescuers to the site—could be seen in the snow just downhill of the plane, that appeared largely in tact. Part of a landing gear door was sticking out of the snow down slope from the rest of the plane. A large dent could be seen on the leading edge of one of the tail's horizontal stabilizers. No propeller was visible on the plane's left side, while one bent blade stuck out of the snow on the right. Other than that, the plane largely appeared to be in tact—albeit far out of place and nearly buried by snow.

After investigating the crash site late last week, the Federal Aviation Administration released the plane back to Frontier Alaska. Hajdukovich said a helicopter will most likely be used to hoist the aircraft from the slope and bring it back to the airport. As for what will then become of the aircraft, he said an insurance adjuster will determine if it is a total loss. "We're more interested in getting it out of there to where it belongs at the airport," Hajdukovich said.

Hajdukovich said Frontier Alaska would like to get the plane moved as quickly as possible and is waiting for the weather to cooperate and the availability of a helicopter capable of moving the wreckage.

The loss of the plane has not affected Frontier Alaska's scheduled service, Hajdukovich said, noting that the company has relocated aircraft to make up for the loss.

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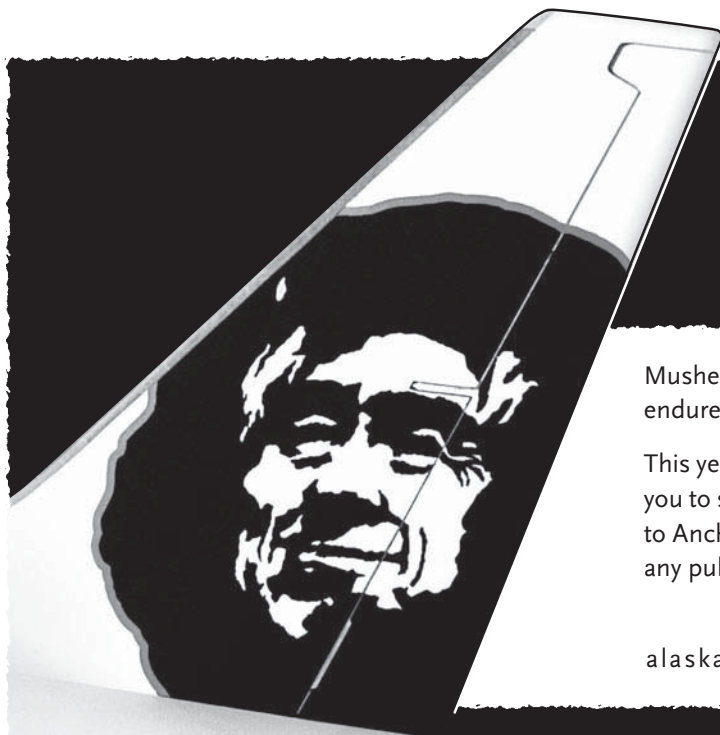
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# Stimulus plan prescribes new hospital for Nome

*\$152 million in Indian Health Service funds slated for new facility on Nome Bypass Road*

By Tyler Rhodes

With the ink on the federal stimulus package barely dry, Nome is already in line to see one big project.

U.S. Sen. Mark Begich's office announced Monday that the Indian Health Service announced funding for the Norton Sound Regional hospital replacement project. Begich reported that HIS has approved \$152 million for the major construction phase of the new facility.

Work on the new hospital has already been underway despite the complete funding package not yet being in place. Norton Sound Health Corp. board members and other dignitaries held a ground-breaking ceremony for the new facility last summer. Complete with golden shovels—perhaps a premonition as “shovel-ready” projects have become the buzzword associated with the federal stimulus package—the ceremony was held on the large gravel pad constructed for the facility last summer. This fall and winter pilings have been pounded for the project.

Phone calls to NSHC's acting chief executive officer Carol Piscoya to learn how the funding will impact the project were not returned by press time.

Last summer it was reported that NSHC was

second in line for IHS funding for a new hospital behind Barrow. Rather than wait for IHS, the health corporation used Denali Commission funds to get the ball rolling. At that time \$15 million of those funds had been spent for design work, the pad and steel piles.

The new hospital will replace the current 1950s-era structure on the corner of Bering Street and Fifth Avenue. The 144,000-square-foot structure will be located off the Nome Bypass Road and will be three times larger than the current facility.

The final version of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act included \$227 million for two IHS projects already underway. Officials have told Sen. Begich the Norton Sound Regional Hospital and a project in South Dakota, were the two chosen by the IHS for the funding.

According to the project summary submitted to Sen. Begich, the hospital will create an estimated 200 construction jobs, many of them as early as this summer; an additional 100 new positions once it's completed; and 450 existing jobs will be retained.

The NSHC board of directors last summer approved a resolution putting IHS in charge of constructing the new hospital. The agreement allowed NSHC to retain some oversight and



Archive photo by Diana Haecker

**SHOVEL-READY**—Norton Sound Health Corp. board members ceremoniously dig into a dirt pile at a ground-breaking for the new hospital last summer.

play an active role in the construction phase. The resolution also empowered NSHC's president and CEO to negotiate with IHS appropriate contracts and agreements, and as part of

those negotiations to “promote regional and Alaskan Native preference in hiring and the use of alternative energy, both to the greatest extent possible,” according to the resolution.

## • Lake

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was called by the board's executive committee Monday to accept Lake's resignation.

Efforts to contact Lake, whose number in Nome is unlisted, were unsuccessful Tuesday.

According to the press release issued by NSHC, Lake thanked the

board “for a wonderful and rewarding experience over the last year.” The press release credits Lake for shepherding the new hospital construction project, including a redesign and the securing of all the necessary funding to complete its construction (see related story on page 6). “Both fiscal and operational policy changes during

Mr. Lake's tenure have benefited the corporation financially,” the press release reads.

Lake moved to Nome from Florida to take on the president and CEO job for NSHC. He had previously operated a company that ran hospitals in rural Florida and Mississippi. After selling that firm, he took a position as interim CEO for a hos-

pital in Idaho. He started with NSHC on March 1 of last year.

NSHC counsel Helms said he was not aware of any hiring process being started yet to replace Lake, deferring the question to the board of directors. The board is next scheduled to meet March 6, Helms said.

Piscoya takes the helm as interim CEO during a dynamic period for

the corporation. “I am happy to serve in this role and look forward to working directly with all divisions of the corporation,” she is quoted as saying in a press release. “With the new hospital construction, new village clinic planning and increased delivery of a variety of health services, this is an exciting time to be in rural health care.”

## NovaGold may pay electric bill with land

By Tyler Rhodes

As NovaGold fought for its financial life after suspending operations at the Rock Creek Mine in November, some of its bills in Nome went unpaid.

With a new investor on board and its cash position again secured, NovaGold Chief Executive Officer Rick Van Nieuwenhuyse said last week that he came to town with a stack of checks in hand. “I think we're pretty well squared with everybody in Nome,” Van Nieuwenhuyse said last Thursday during a visit to Nome.

There is one bill, however, waiting to be resolved.

Nome Joint Utility System is owed money for electricity provided to the mine before its suspension. While NJUS General Manager John Handeland said NovaGold is prepared to wire funds to zero out its account, a land deal is also on the table. In an e-mail to *The Nome Nugget* Feb. 16, Handeland said NovaGold and the City of Nome have been in discussions for several weeks regarding property NovaGold owns near the city-operated Port of Nome. The property would be used for a port expansion.

Handeland said if the port were to

ultimately receive title to the land from NovaGold, the Port of Nome would pay the utility. He also said NovaGold would pay off its debt directly to NJUS if an agreement is not soon finalized.

“Since NovaGold suspended operations they have continued to use our power and have made regular payments for the ‘new juice’ plus payments against old balance,” Handeland said in his e-mail to *The Nome Nugget*. “The utility will be paid one way or the other, either directly by NovaGold or by arrangement with the port.”

Handeland did not mention the amount of NovaGold's unpaid balance.

Van Nieuwenhuyse said he was grateful to those who waited for payment. “We are very appreciative that vendors held out,” he said. “Obviously it's not fun when you owe people money.”

Van Nieuwenhuyse said the company is now on solid footing after receiving \$75 million in new investments since January. The lion's share of that money has come from Electrum Strategic Resources LLC, which invested \$60 million with the option to buy more stock. “The in-

vestor has a high degree of confidence in the way we run our business,” Van Nieuwenhuyse said. As testament to that, he said the investor has not asked for a seat on the board despite now owning approximately 30 percent of the company.

Van Nieuwenhuyse also said Electrum believes in the value of resource businesses. “Gold's always been a store of value, and I think everybody in Nome understands that,” he said.



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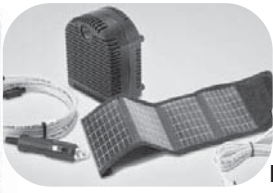
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# Jesuits file for bankruptcy in the face of abuse claims

By Diana Haecker

The Oregon Jesuits last week filed in the District of Oregon for bankruptcy protection in response to more than 200 claims alleging sexual abuse of children by Jesuits in the past.

Announcing the filing on February 17, Father Patrick Lee, Provincial of the order, said in a prepared statement, "Our decision to file Chapter 11 was not an easy one, but with approximately 200 additional claims pending or threatened, it is the only way we believe that all claimants can be offered a fair financial settlement within the limited resources of the Province."

In November 2007, the Oregon Province settled 110 claims of sexual abuse stemming from Alaskan victims for \$50 million. The settlement

was one of the largest paid out by a Catholic order and its insurer, and at that time, dealt with all Alaskan claims against the Jesuits. However, more claims surfaced during the bankruptcy proceedings by the Catholic Bishop of Northern Alaska.

Almost a year ago, CBNA filed for bankruptcy protection as the Fairbanks Diocese faced a myriad of claims against priests and lay workers allegedly sexually abusing children in Alaskan remote villages from the 1950s to the 1980s. As part of the bankruptcy proceedings, all persons who had a claim against CBNA had to come forward by December 2, 2008. This deadline created a whole new slew of sexual abuse claims against the CBNA and (since most Catholic

priests active in Alaska also belonged to the Jesuits) the claims now also apply to the Jesuits' Society of Jesus, Oregon Province. The Jesuit order already faced 50 sexual abuse claims of minors stemming from priests working in the lower 48, but the additional 150 cases from Alaska forced the order to take action.

Anchorage attorney Ken Roosa, who represents most Alaska clergy sex abuse clients, said 61 cases that were pending in Bethel, are now on hold. "Right now, everything is on hold, including the case against the Vatican," said Roosa. "At this point, there are many more unknowns than there are knowns."

The Society of Jesus, Oregon Province oversees Jesuits in Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Wash-

ington and Oregon. The Oregon Province runs universities, high schools and parishes, which are separately incorporated entities and therefore untouchable to be liquidated.

The bankruptcy petition file said that the Province owns assets worth \$4.8 million versus \$61.7 million in sexual abuse claims.

"Chapter 11 will allow the Oregon Province to resolve pending claims, manage its financial situation and continue its various ministries in the Northwest in which it has been engaged since 1831," Provincial Lee said.

Pat Walsh, the Oregon Province public relations spokesman said that beyond the statement and a frequently asked questions sheet posted on the Jesuits' website, the Jesuits will make no further comment.

## • Fire

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rapidly," he said.

Efforts were made to draw water from the nearby river, but problems with the pump and slush in the hose prevented it from working. Harrelson said the fire hydrant and 1 1/2-inch hose alone were not enough to effectively battle the blaze. Despite the equipment troubles, the fire was not allowed to spread to other structures.

"When we fight a fire like that, it really is an entire community effort," Harrelson said. "I was very impressed with some of the young people of White Mountain. They were on scene, trying to find jobs to do to assist. Some of the young girls were going door to door, trying to verify who was in the house."

Harrelson also said the village's firefighters and Fire Chief Eric Morris put on a tremendous effort to battle the fire.

Alaska State Trooper Sgt. Andrew Merrill said it appears the fire was accidental. "We're still in process of making the final determination," he said. Troopers and the state fire marshal were finally able to get to White Mountain on Monday after being hampered by weather for several days.

Merrill also said it appeared alcohol played a role in the incident. "The parties involved were drinking alcohol prior to the incident," he said. Merrill said the bodies of the victims have been sent to Anchorage for autopsies.

Harrelson said it appears that the fire started in the middle bedroom of the residence. "The burn patters determine that was the hot area, and it spread from there," Harrelson said. That room was Tiffany Lincoln's room.

Tiffany Lincoln, Harrelson's niece, was being raised by Josephine Lincoln, who was her grandmother. "Young Tiffany and her mother lost everything they owned in that fire," Harrelson said. "All she has is the clothes on her back." Harrelson said if anyone from Nome or the surrounding communities would like to help with clothing or other donations, they can contact the White Mountain Tribal Council by calling tribal coordinator Dorothy Barr at (907) 638-3651.

Josephine Lincoln and Dean Lincoln both lived at the house. Patrick Lincoln, who is a nephew of Josephine and is Tiffany's brother, and Oksoktaruk were visiting on the evening of the blaze.

Harrelson said the tragedy has hit the small community hard. "It's certainly difficult for families to deal with one death. When you multiply it by four, four deaths in a community as small as White Mountain literally touches everybody in some way," he said. "It affects the entire community."

Harrelson said he believes the house, built by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, was constructed some time in 1989 or 1990. He said it was a well-built and well-kept house. "The occupants

of the house, they were very meticulous," Harrelson said. "It was a clean-as-a-whistle kind of house. They were very proud of it."

Harrelson said it is the first time he can remember losing community members in a fire. He said White Mountain is working on getting a new public safety building where fire-fighting equipment can be stored. "We're hoping for a legislative grant so we can fund and offer better fire fighting for our community," he said.

*"It was like an oven on broil, trying to go in."*

– White Mountain VPSO  
Dan Harrelson

## Friends of Pilgrim organize to advocate for public use

The Friends of Pilgrim Hot Springs held an organizational and scoping meeting Feb. 20 at the Nome City Hall Council Chambers. The purpose of the meeting was to document the concerns of residents of Nome and the communities of the Seward Peninsula relating to the future of the Pilgrim Hot Springs that is to be determined by the court system in a lawsuit involving the Dio-

cese of Fairbanks.

Those attending gave comment about the historic and traditional use of the property and concern for its future. They hoped to keep the property open as a regional recreational area and promoted the concept of preservation rather than major development. They decided to hold their next meeting Friday, March 20.

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# Road to Nome study: Update finds highway to Nome “practical”

By Diana Haecker

A Western Alaska Access Planning Study project report released last week found that access from the Alaska highway system to western Alaska is “practical from an engineering, environmental and land management standpoint.”

The three-page report summarizes the first three phases of the ongoing study prepared by contractor DOWL HKM for the Alaska Department of Transportation.

In August 2008, DOT hired DOWL to analyze the realities of what it would take to build the 600-mile highway from the Alaska road system to Nome.

DOWL issued a first update in late January and made the document public last week.

“The first phase of work has demonstrated the capability to identify an east-west corridor in the WAAPS region, especially in a matrix of public and private roads,” summarizes the report. “It also clearly indicates a range of economic and community waypoints that would both benefit from a highway and would be critical to safely maintain and operate a long distance route between Fairbanks and Nome.”

Alaska’s vast expanses are crisscrossed by only a few roads, leaving all of the western communities of the state as stranded islands, only to be reached via airplane, boat, snowmachine or dog team.

The stated purpose of the highway is to “facilitate resource and community development in the western interior, central Brooks Range, and Seward Peninsula areas of the state.” In order to gain access to the land’s

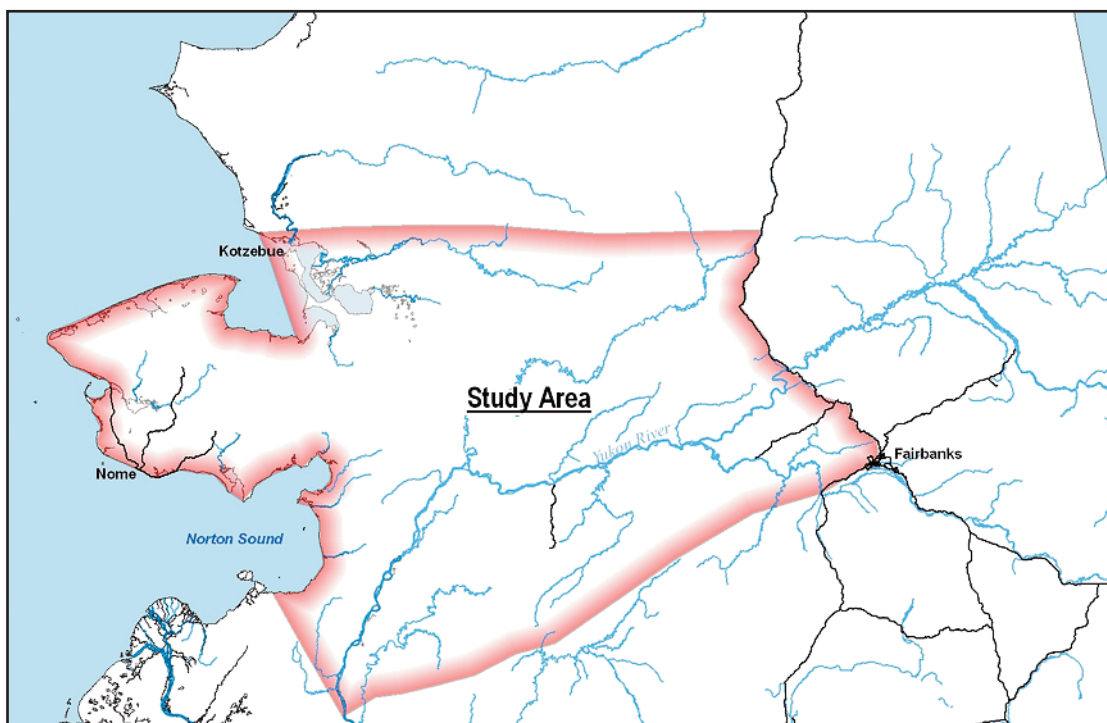
riches and to give villagers the eventual opportunity to drive to jobs at nearby mines yet to be developed, the DOT began looking at a possible connection from the road system near the Fairbanks and Nenana area to a wide swath of land to the west, all the way up to Bettles in the Brooks Range down to the southern shores of the Seward Peninsula.

A map attached to the project update document shows a mosaic of different colors, signaling various land ownership status. Landowners in the study area are the state, Native corporations, the federal Bureau of Land Management, a few enclaves of National Park Service land and several national wildlife refuges managed by the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

While the public at large has not yet had a say in the matter, the DOWL team had met with the region’s Native Corporations, borough and city governments and mine developers to float the idea of the project. “Throughout the consultation process, the team found strong support for a corridor between Fairbanks and Nome, and a willingness to assist as needed on further studies, including access across private lands and access to data useful for a design effort,” said the report.

The first phases of the study also included a review of existing literature and studies on the transportation corridor and developing a geographic information system database.

“The review of existing studies and discussions with resource development entities, including mineral exploration and development companies, indicate that building a main-



Map courtesy of Alaska Department of Transportation

**STUDY AREA**—The s- called Western Alaska Access Study encompasses a huge area to be examined for the best possible access corridor to the Seward Peninsula.

line east-west corridor to which mineral developers can build, may provide the best option for moving forward with a public-financed highway,” says the report.

However, if the state were to build resource developers a road to their resources, the public needs to get something out of it as well. The report mentions that mine operators would have to build their own roads from the public road to the actual resource, where heavy equipment not legal on public roads can be operated.

No dollar figures are attached to the project yet, but estimates published in news articles ran \$3.5 million per mile.

DOT spokesperson Meadow Bailey however cautioned that it is not

set in stone what form the transportation corridor will take. “It’s a corridor, not road, what really is looked at. At this point, we’re not sure what it should be, a road, railroad or just a telecommunications corridor,” Bailey said in an interview with *The Nome Nugget*.

The question of how to maintain a 600-mile corridor through a region battered by ferocious winter weather for a large portion of the year, Bailey said, will be answered at the very end of the study period. The project report update suggests to “examine a ‘fee in lieu of taxes’ system for all-season, heavy haul operations on the public highway. This approach to industrial use of a public highway, combined with a public-private road

identification effort, will help identify a cost-effective public highway corridor.

“This is a big overview that will determine what resources could be explored, which communities want the road to come and if the stakeholders in the region are in support of it,” Bailey said. “While the study is to gather a map of what resource is out there and in what quantities, the study is not just driven by that,” said Bailey. “A road to resource development has to be weighed evenly with the human aspect, what it would do to the communities.”

The next report due in March deals with resource analysis. A final report is slated to be issued in December 2009.

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**DOUBLE TROUBLE**—Iris Warnke-Green (left) and Elizabeth Sherman-Luce (right) work double to defend against Sherilyn Soots of the Warriors in Bethel over the weekend of Feb. 20.

## Girls take two

The Nome girls basketball team's journey to Bethel proved fruitful last weekend, as the Lady Nanooks swept the Warriors.

Vanessa Tahbone put up 19 points to lead the Lady Nanooks in Friday night's win against Bethel. Rachael Bauman added 13, and Iris Warnke-Green chipped in with 10 points for the 47-36 win.

Nome again was victorious Saturday with a final score of 39-35. Iris Wieler led all scorers with 11 points for Nome. Kira Polk added 14 for the Lady Warriors. The Lady Nanooks record improved to 13-7 for the season.

The Lady Nanooks finish their regular season this weekend with a

trip to Kotzebue for two games against their perennial rivals.

## Boys sweep Bethel at home

The Nanook varsity basketball team gave the hometown crowd something to cheer about with two wins over Bethel at Nome-Beltz last weekend.

Nome's Jesse Blandford exploded in the first half in Friday night's action, tallying all 17 of his points before halftime. The Nanooks grew their 12-point halftime lead over the next two quarters to win the game 66-43.

Jeremy Head scored 10 of his game-high 19 points in the third quarter to blow the lead wide open for the Nanooks. Christian Ostoski scored 16 points to lead the Warriors.

The Warriors met with a similar fate Saturday night when Blandford and Head each scored 21 to lead Nome to a 65-47 win. Mason Evans drained three 3-point goals for the Nanooks. Nome's season record improved to 17-4 with the pair of weekend wins.

Bethel did get some revenge in junior varsity action. On Friday, the JV Warriors wasted no time, outscoring Nome 19-9 in the first quarter. Zac Bourdon scored 11 points to lead the Nanooks and Nathan Blandford added 10.

On Saturday, Bethel's JV squad dispatched Nome 38-33. Bourdon and Josh McComas each scored 8 points for Nome.

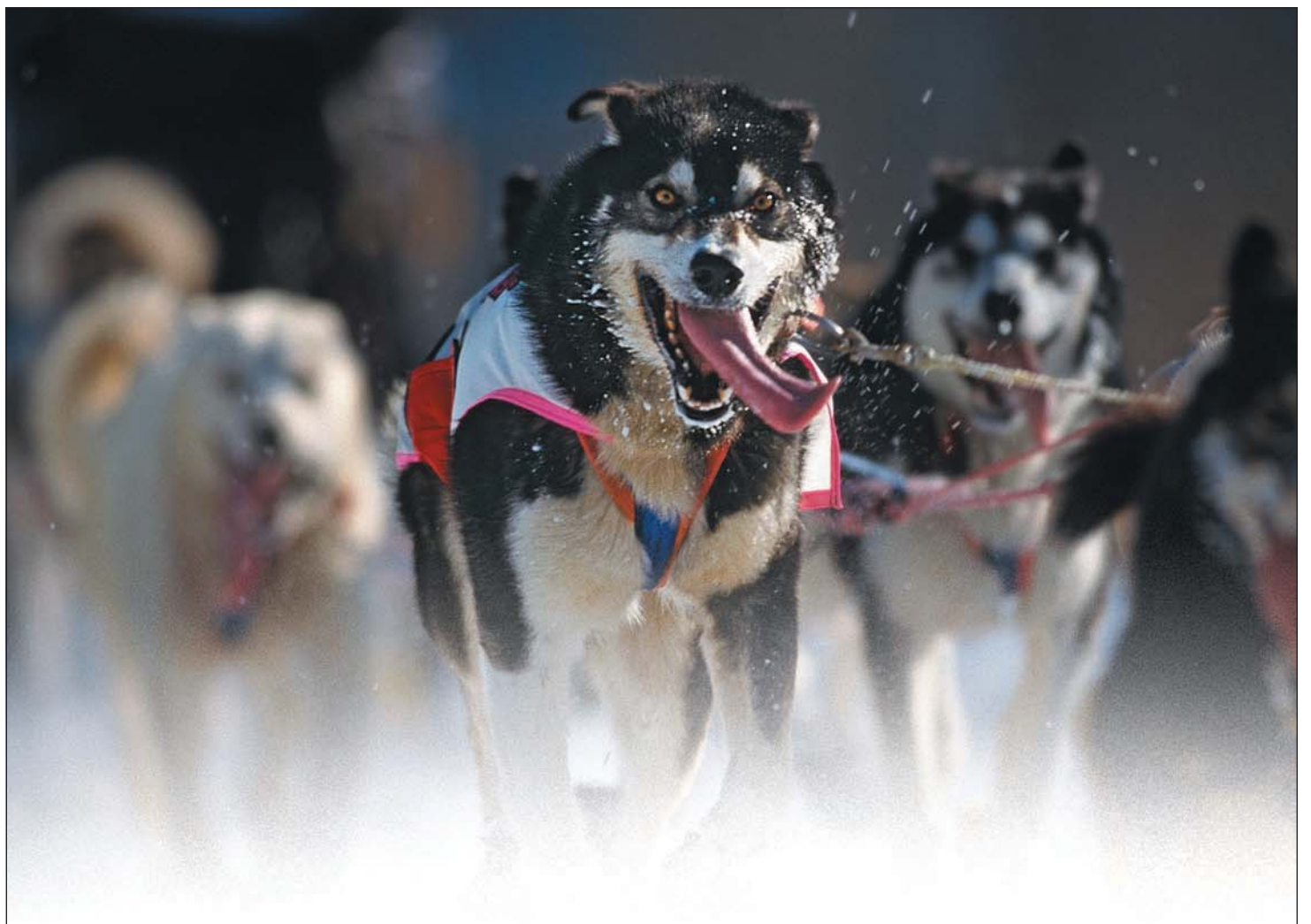
The boys will be back for more at home this weekend, facing Kotzebue Friday and Saturday. These will be the boys' last regular season home games.

Nome will also play host for the 2009 Western Conference Basketball Tournament March 4-7. Participating teams are Barrow, Kotzebue, Nome, Hooper Bay, Bethel, Dillingham and Unalaska. The top two teams in both the boys' and girls' brackets will qualify for the 2009 Class 3A State Basketball Tournament.



Photo courtesy Nome Ski and Biathlon

**CHAMPS**—Current rural state ski and biathlon champions Emerson Conger, center, a sophomore from Nome, and Shyler Johnson, right, an eighth grader from Unalakleet pose with former Western Alaska Ski Champion Major Paul Lincoln, left, who skis for the Alaska National Guard team and is formerly of White Mountain. The gentlemen met up at a mid-February biathlon race at Kincaid Park in Anchorage. Conger and Johnson placed first in their respective divisions, while Lincoln placed second in the adult division.



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MUSHING TOWARD THE IDITAROD—Charlotte Mattheis, 17, will take part in the Junior Iditarod race that starts in Willow this Saturday. Mattheis will be mushing the team of Dempsey Woods, with whom she has trained for the last couple of years. Nome's Michael Owens will also be running the race.



# DID WE CATCH YOUR DAUGHTER OR SON IN THE ACT?

Each week *The Nome Nugget* gathers hundreds of photos—everything from scenic landscape shots to the local high school basketball games. We only have so many pages in the paper to print photos, but there's plenty of room on the web. Check out [www.nomenugget.net](http://www.nomenugget.net) to get a look at all the shots we took over the last few weeks. If you see something you like, you can order prints, photo mugs and even T-shirts!

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BERING STRAIT SCHOOL DISTRICT BASKETBALL RECORDS 2008-2009 Season Standings ending February 21, 2009					
TEAM STANDINGS					
I-A BOYS	Conference Record Win-Loss	Overall Record Win-Loss	I-A GIRLS	Conference Record Win-Loss	Overall Record Win-Loss
Gambell	4 - 0	8 - 0	Koyuk	7 - 1	7 - 1
Elim	7 - 1	12 - 2	Elim/Shaktolik	4 - 4	4 - 4
Golovin	6 - 2	9 - 4	Wales	5 - 5	5 - 5
Brevig Mis.	6 - 3	10 - 3	Golovin	2 - 4	2 - 6
Koyuk	3 - 3	3 - 5	Gambell	1 - 3	5 - 5
Shaktolik	3 - 7	3 - 7	Brevig Mission	1 - 5	1 - 7
Teller	2 - 6	2 - 6			
II-A BOYS	Win-Loss	Win-Loss	II-A GIRLS	Win-Loss	Win-Loss
Savoonga	0 - 3	0 - 9	Savoonga	0 - 2	4 - 5
Shishmaref	4 - 2	7 - 7	Shishmaref	2 - 4	6 - 5
Stebbins	0 - 2	6 - 6	Stebbins	2 - 4	4 - 10
Unalakleet	6 - 5	8 - 10	Unalakleet	7 - 2	10 - 6
BOYS TEAMS			SCORES		
Friday, February 13, 2009			GIRLS TEAMS		
Brevig Mission 83 - Stebbins 56			Shishmaref 71 - Brevig Mission 28		
St. Michael 76 - Shaktolik 24			Unalakleet 47 - Stebbins 31		
Unalakleet 73 - Shishmaref 44					
Saturday, February 14, 2009			Shishmaref 78 - Brevig Mission 28		
Brevig Mission 79 - Stebbins 64			Unalakleet 73 - Stebbins 31		
St. Michael 76 = Shaktolik 28					
Unalakleet 71 - Shishmaref 44					
All other games were weathered out.					
Friday, February 20, 2009					
Gambell 72 - Savoonga 57			Koyuk 60 - Brevig Mission 46		OT
Point Hope 90 - Unalakleet 71			Unalakleet 65 - Point Hope 60		
Shaktolik 2 - Teller 0	Forfeit		Gambell 30 - Savoonga 21		Forfeit
Golovin 2 - St. Michael 0	Forfeit		Wales 2 - Elim 0		
Shishmaref 2 - Koyuk 0	Forfeit		Shishmaref 62 - Stebbins 34		
Golovin 73 - Elim 69	Elim Boys				
Brevig Mission 67 - Golovin 60	Tourney				
Saturday, February 21, 2009					
Gambell 84 - Savoonga 49			Koyuk 44 - Brevig Mission 28		
Point Hope 89 - Unalakleet 50			Gambell 2 - Savoonga 0	Forfeit	
Shaktolik 2 - Teller 0	Forfeit		Point Hope 67 - Unalakleet 38		
Golovin 2 - St. Michael 0	Forfeit		Wales 2 - Elim 0	Forfeit	
Shishmaref 2 - Koyuk 0	Forfeit		Shishmaref 62 - Stebbins 36		
Elim 79 - Brevig Mission 77 OT	Elim				
Brevig Mission 74 - Golovin 64	Boys				
Elim 71 - Golovin 53	Tourney				
Elim 83 - Brevig Mission 76	Elim 1 st , Brevig Mission 2 nd , Golovin 3 rd , Brevig Mission 4 th				
St. Michael boys and White Mountain Co-ed teams are finished for the season.					

# HOROSCOPES

February 26 - March 4, 2009

**CAPRICORN**  
December 22-January 19

Your candiness often gets you into trouble, Capricorn, but not this week. What you say is held in high esteem and launches you onto a new path.

**ARIES**  
March 21-April 19

Envy gets the best of you, Aries, and you make a silly purchase. Don't beat yourself up about it. It happens to the best of us. Independence comes at a price for a young friend.

**CANCER**  
June 22-July 22

Give your finances a quick once-over, Cancer. All is not what it seems. Motivation for health and fitness goals comes from a very unlikely source. Listen up!

**LIBRA**  
September 23-October 22

Definitely, Libra. You deserve a promotion, and it is on the horizon. A squabble among friends brings out the best in you. Who knew you could be so smooth.

**AQUARIUS**  
January 20-February 18

Good fortune smiles on you. Celebrate with a night on the town with friends, Aquarius. A small child leaves you with an interesting question to ponder.

**TAURUS**  
April 20-May 20

Gifts of the heart make for a groovy time at work. A tasty treat is in order for the weekend, and surprisingly, it doesn't come from you, Taurus.

**LEO**  
July 23-August 22

Thoughts of yesteryear plague your mind. Give some old friends a call and have a little get-together. You won't believe the laughs you have, Leo.

**SCORPIO**  
October 23-November 21

Good riddance to a bad habit. You find the resolve to make a change stick, Scorpio. A health concern eases with an advancement in technology.

**PISCES**  
February 19-March 20

Honestly, Pisces. Keeping your feelings under wrap is not helping the situation. Go ahead, open up and watch things happen. An e-mail proves inspiring.

**GEMINI**  
May 21-June 21

Hear a friend out, Gemini. Their intentions were good: they just got off track somewhere along the line. A road trip sparks interest in a new endeavor.

**VIRGO**  
August 23-September 22

Joy pays you a visit, Virgo, and you remember what life was like when you were young. Take steps to get back to that mindset, and success will be yours.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
November 22-December 21

Your instincts are rarely off, Sagittarius, but that changes this week. You leap and fall, but lucky for you, a buddy is there to catch you and soothe things over.

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## Church Services Directory

**Bible Baptist Church Service Schedule, 443-2144**  
Sunday School 10 a.m./Worship Hour 11 a.m.

**Community Baptist Church-SBC**  
108 West Third, **443-5448**  
**Small Group Bible Study** 10 a.m.  
**Sunday Morning Worship** 11 a.m.  
— Pastor Bruce Landry

**Community United Methodist**  
2nd Ave. West, **443-2865**  
**Sunday** 11 a.m. Worship  
**Tuesday** 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

**Thrift Shop** — Tuesday & Thursday 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

**Nome Covenant Church**  
101 Bering St. **443-2565 • Pastor Harvey**  
**Sunday** School 9:45 a.m./**Sunday** Worship 11 a.m.  
**Wednesday:** Fellowship Meal 5:30 p.m./Ladies' Bible Study, Mens' Fraternity & Children's Choir 6:30 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** Youth Group 7 p.m. (call 443-7218 for location)  
**Friday:** Community Soup Kitchen 6 - 7 p.m.

**Our Saviors Lutheran Church**  
5th & Bering, **443-5295**  
**Sunday** School 10:30 a.m./Morning Worship 11 a.m.

**River of Life Assembly of God, 443-5333**  
**Sunday Worship Service** 10:30 a.m.  
**Sunday Evening Worship** 6:30 p.m.  
**Wednesday Night Service** 6:30 p.m.

**St. Joseph Catholic Church, 443-5527**  
Corner of Steadman and Kings Place  
**Mass Schedule: Saturday** 5:30 p.m./**Sunday** 10:30 a.m.

**Seventh-Day Adventist (Icy View), 443-5137**  
**Saturday** Sabbath School 10 a.m.  
**Saturday** Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
**Christian School**  
M-F, 8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Grades 1-9

**Nome Church of Nazarene**  
3rd & Division, 443-2805  
**Sunday:** Prayer Meeting 9:30 a.m./Sunday School 9:45 a.m./Worship Service 11 a.m.

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## KICY AM-850



# Blonde Indian author Ernestine Hayes stirs Nomeites

## Remembering who you are is key to combating cultural trauma

By Laurie McNicholas

Occasionally someone new comes to town for a few days whose presence lingers after her visit ends. And when she leaves behind a beautifully written book about her life, she may take up permanent residence in local memories.

The book is *Blonde Indian*, An

when Ernestine entered first grade in what the author calls “the white people’s school” in the early 1950s. Her clothing was wrinkled and unwashed, in contrast to the stylish and tidy apparel of her classmates. Readers share with Ernestine her first sense of discrimination and alienation as she revisits her memo-

After leaving him and her three sons, she was often adrift in urban settings.

### Turning toward home

However, Ernestine never forgot her grandmother’s words, “Remember who you are.” Homeless in San Francisco, she became inspired by the courage of an Aleut friend and decided to return to Juneau. “Knowing her became a gift,” Ernestine wrote of her friend. “I saw the substance of her courage and good fortune, and I learned that sometimes it’s enough just to show up in this world. Just to show up and say *Here I am.*”

At the age of 40 Ernestine headed toward Seattle in a battered old station wagon with her dog Gypsy and little else to reclaim her life in Lingit Aani, the land of the people, where she knew she belonged. She left behind in California her three sons and her mother, but she believed that her mother would follow her only child, and she did. Passages in *Blonde Indian* relate that her sons later joined her in Juneau too.

The book makes powerfully real the traumatic effects on generations of Tlingit Indians of their abrupt loss of an age-old way of life in the 1800s. Throughout her memoir, Ernestine contrasts the reflections of those losses in her life and the lives of her fictional Tlingit characters, Old Tom and his son Young Tom, with descriptions of the enduring aspects of Tlingit culture such as one’s clan membership, traditional stories and a love relationship with the land.

Ernestine’s writing style varies with her topic in the narrative. Her voice is at times caustic when she chronicles the lives of Old Tom and the Young Tom, and her experiences in a Juneau elementary school. Her descriptions of nature—the rainforest, glaciers, mountains, waters and creatures in her Southeastern Alaska surroundings—are lyrical. The accounts of her life experiences as an adult are simply honest and direct. Oratorical cadences emerge in her delineation of Tlingit society:

“...The clan forms the basic political unit; it is the clan with which an individual most profoundly identifies; it is the clan to which one’s allegiance is owed. It is the clan that forms relationships. The clan owns the crest, the stories, the histories, the right to use different parts of the land. And the names. We do not own our names. The clan owns our names. It is the clan that must never be denied and must never be aban-

done. It is the clan that will live on” (*Blonde Indian*, p. 53).

Ernestine returned to school during her first few years back in Juneau. She also worked in the summer aboard a small cruise ship, pointing out sights to tourists. As she reminisces about the ship’s trips to Skagway, Glacier Bay, Sitka, Petersburg and Wrangle in *Blonde Indian*, she guides readers to the ancient territories of various Tlingit clans and provides traditional place names and historical anecdotes.

### Sharing our histories

Last month during her Nome visit, Ernestine captivated about 40 listeners with her presentation, “What Shall We Do with Our Histories?” As a participant in the NWC International Polar Year Speaker Series,

she described the effects of trauma within the historical framework of colonization of Native Americans and Tlingit Indians in particular.

Here is a summary of the history she provided: Manifest Destiny, the historical belief that the United States was destined and divinely ordained by the God of Christianity to expand across the North American continent from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean, provided a rationalization for American territorial expansionism, colonialism and war-making.

In about 1800 Russian fur traders established New Archangel settlement near Sitka and for the next 60 years or so the Russians stayed mostly inside their stockade, toler-

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Photo by Denise Olin

**REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE**—Ernestine Hayes explains how to combat cultural trauma. She was in Nome recently to lecture at the Northwest Campus, University of Alaska Fairbanks.

*Alaska Native Memoir* by Ernestine Hayes, whose Tlingit name is Saankalaxt. The author is an assistant professor of English at the University of Alaska Southeast. She traveled from Juneau to Nome late last month to teach a four-day course, “Introduction to Memoir,” for 18 students at the Northwest Campus, University of Alaska Fairbanks. She capped her visit to the region with two days in Savoonga, working with students in classrooms and discussing memoir writing with adults in the evening.

The title of Ernestine’s memoir is from a song, *Blonde Indian*, *Blonde Indian*, which her Tlingit grandmother, Ruth Willard Hayes, composed and sang to her as a child because she had light-colored hair. Published in 2006 by the University of Arizona Press, *Blonde Indian* won the American Book Award in 2007. The award was established in 1978 by a nonprofit education and service organization, the Before Columbus Foundation, to recognize outstanding literary achievement by contemporary American authors.

Ernestine was born in Juneau and raised in her early years by Ruth Hayes in her house at the edge of Juneau’s Indian village. Ernestine’s mother, Erma Daisy Hayes, was hospitalized with tuberculosis soon after Ernestine’s birth, first in Juneau and later in Seward.

Ruth Hayes grounded her granddaughter in the ways and stories of her people and taught her never to forget who she is. The family lived on poached deer and porcupine, soups made from meat market scraps and fried halibut cheeks from heads of fish discarded on the dock near a cold storage facility where Ernestine’s grandparents sometimes found work sliming fish. Their house had no refrigerator, freezer, hot water or shower.

Ruth’s efforts to instill a strong sense of identity and self-worth in her granddaughter were challenged

ries of elementary school.

Erma Hayes returned to Juneau when Ernestine was 10 years old, and five years later they moved to California. By that time Ernestine had become incorrigible. She did not complete her sophomore year in high school. In the next 25 years she endured a long relationship with an abusive man in isolated rural areas.



Barbara Jean Franks, Anchorage/Juneau/Hoonah, recent Associate in Arts & Sciences degree graduate, human services professional.

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### Closing Date: Until Filled

Applications and Job Description may be obtained from City Hall **443-6663**, Nome Job Service or call Dana Handeland at **443-6621** for more information. Deliver completed application along with a resume to City Hall.  
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## Seawall

2/17

Amanda Ozenna, DOB: 6/26/89, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Habitual Minor Consuming Alcohol.

Stacy Okpealuk, DOB: 12/12/85, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violating Conditions of Release.

Clara Noyakuk, DOB: 4/22/88, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault in the 4th Degree and received a citation for Minor in Possession of Alcohol.

A Nome female was transported to the hospital on a Title 47, Protective Custody Hold.

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2/18

Edward Anasogak, DOB: 11/2/80, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.

Aaron Moses, DOB: 5/13/81, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.

Michelle Ahnangnatoguk, DOB: 7/28/84, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violating Conditions of Release.

Marsha Lee, DOB: 7/5/72, was arrested and

booked into AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.

2/19 A Nome juvenile received a citation for Minor in Possession of Tobacco.

2/20 A Nome male was transported to the hospital on a Title 47, Protective Custody Hold.

2/21

A Nome male was transported to the hospital on a Title 47, Protective Custody Hold.

A Nome female was transported to the hospital on a Title 47, Protective Custody Hold.

Otto Soolook, DOB: 9/6/71, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.

2/22

Pauline Hoelscher, DOB: 8/30/85, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault in the Fourth Degree, Domestic Violence.

Henry Titus, DOB: 8/24/82, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.

John Wellert, DOB: 2/10/64, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violating Conditions of Release.

## Legals

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

King Island Native Corporation (KINC) is requesting written proposals from qualified licensed and bonded contractors for the following work: Labor and materials to renovate a single-family residence at 602 E 4th Avenue, Nome, Alaska. KINC will accept written proposals until 5 pm, local time, on Monday, March 2, 2009.

Proposals should be submitted to: King Island Native Corporation

Attn: Janet Carlisle

P.O. Box 992

Nome, AK 99762

Mark the envelope: 602 E 4th Ave Renovations  
Questions regarding the RFP may be directed to Janet Carlisle at King Island Native Corporation at 443-5494. A scope of work listing all required items is available.

KINC reserves the right to reject any and all bids for this project, to waive any informality in the procurement process, and to award an agreement which is in the best interest of King Island Native Corporation.

Proposals will be accepted at the King Island Native Corporation office located on 706 E 4th Avenue until Monday, March 2, 2009.  
2/19-26

### VACATION OF PORTIONS OF THE GOLD AVENUE RIGHT OF WAY PLATTED WITHIN BLOCKS 1 AND 2 OF THE OFFICIAL PLAT OF THE TOWNSITE OF NOME, ALASKA

The City of Nome is proposing vacating the right of way ("ROW") for the purpose of facilitating the replatting of the Nome Sandspit to reflect the changes from the Nome Harbor Improvements Project and to consolidate City ownership of this property into useful parcels. The portions of the platted ROW is described as follows: beginning between the southwest corner of Lot 15, Block 1 and the northwest corner of Lot 18, Block 2 and extending to between the southwest corner of Lot 1, Block 1 and the northwest corner of Lot 1, Block 2 of the Townsite of Nome, Alaska. The vacation of said property will be by ordinance enacted by the Nome City Council duly noticed by agenda and public notice. Further information may be obtained by contacting the office of the City Clerk.  
2/19, 2/26, 3/5, 3/12

### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA

#### SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME CASE NO: 2NO-08-00250CI

#### JUDGMENT FOR CHANGE OF NAME

In the Matter of

A Change of Name for:

Peter Onosa'i Curtis Ellanna,

Current Name of Minor Child

Notice of Judgment—Change of Name

A judgment has been issued by the Superior Court in Nome, Alaska, in Case Number: **2NO-08-00250CI**, ordering that the minor child's name be changed from **Peter Onosa'i Curtis Ellanna** to **Peter Onosa'i Ellanna**, effective upon issuance of the clerk's Certificate of Name Change.  
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#### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### In Accordance with Chapters 63.26 and 27.40, Revised Code of Washington NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF LOANS AND CLAIM OF ABANDONED PROPERTY

The Thomas Burke Memorial Washington State Museum, formerly known as the Washington State Museum and dba the Burke Museum of Natural History and Culture, hereby gives notice termination of the following loans and claim of the abandoned property:

Last known or resumed known names and addresses and description of loaned artifacts:  
Miss Frances Ross, Nome, AK  
-1 child's coat of fur, duck, ptarigam feathers, 1 pair of child's boots, 1 model fur parka

ANYONE KNOWING THE WHEREABOUTS OF ANY OF THE ABOVE LISTED OWNERS SHOULD PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTICE TO: MUSEUM REGISTRAR, THE THOMAS BURKE MEMORIAL WASHINGTON STATE MUSEUM, UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, BOX 353010, SEATTLE, WA 98195-3010.

IF WRITTEN ASSERTATION OF LEGAL TITLE IS NOT PRESENTED to the Thomas

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## Trooper Beat

On January 7, Nome Alaska Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Enforcement was contacted by AMCC in reference to David Moore, 25, of Nome, who attempted to introduce tobacco and marijuana into the prison and deliver it to his inmate brother, Matthew Moore, 24, of Nome. Nome ABADE completed the investigation on February 9, and filed charges on both in the Nome Court.

On February 4, Nome ABADE contacted Yvonne Aukon, 19, of Nome. Investigation revealed Aukon was intoxicated, in violation of her release conditions and without her third party. An arrest warrant was obtained for her third party, Karla Aukon, 40, of Nome. Both were arrested and transported to AMCC.

On February 4, Nome ABADE located a suspicious parcel at the Nome Postal Annex. Investigation revealed Keshia Ozenna, 27, of Seward, mailed Sheena Ozenna, 24, of Diomed, 162.3 grams of marijuana. Charges will be filed with the Nome District Court.

On February 7, Nome ABADE and Nome AST assisted Nome Police Department search a local residence on suspicion of Minor Consuming.

On February 9, Nome ABADE contacted Mabel K. Geary, 43, of Nome, at a local air carrier in Nome. Incident to contact, six 750ml bottles of alcohol were seized from her luggage. Charges will be forwarded to Office of Special Prosecutions and Appeals.

On February 10, at about 10:45 p.m., Savoonga VPOs responded to a residence for a complaint of a domestic dispute. Larry Kingekuk, 51, of Savoonga, was arrested for Disorderly Conduct, Resisting Arrest, and Assault IV and transported to Nome where he was lodged at AMCC. Alcohol was involved.

On February 11, Nome ABADE contacted Elias F. Milligrock, 22, of Shishmaref, at a local air carrier in Nome. Incident to contact, 2-750ml bottles of alcohol were removed from his jacket. Charges will be forwarded to OSPA.

On February 11, Nome ABADE contacted Sophie Tocktoo, 31, of Koyuk, at a local air carrier in Nome. Incident to contact, two 750ml bottles of alcohol were removed from her luggage. Charges will be forwarded to OSPA.

On February 16, Unalakleet AST received a report that a juvenile had been assaulted. Office of Children's Services has been notified and AST and the VPO are continuing the investigation.

On February 17, Nome ABADE discovered a suspicious parcel at the Nome Postal Annex. Investigation revealed that marijuana was concealed inside and it was headed to Diomed. Suspects have been identified and the investigation continues.

On February 19, at approximately 6:28 p.m., Nome AST was contacted by Frontier Alaska Station manager, Shannon Thrun, and advised of an overdue aircraft. The aircraft was being piloted by Frontier Flying Services Pilot Harland Hannan of Nome with five passengers from Brevig Mission: Johnee Seetot, Stewart Tocktoo, Rosie Ahnangnatoguk, Heidi Graber, and Vernon Ozenna. The aircraft was returning from Brevig Mission. Nome

Volunteer Fire Department Search and Rescue dispatched searchers immediately and AST also responded via snowmachine. Evergreen Aviation flew their helicopter for an aerial search with a medic and spotter, but deteriorating weather forced the helicopter to return to Nome. At approximately 8:30 p.m. ground searchers were advised by David Olsen a Dexter resident that he saw a light on the backside of Newton Peak approximately 8 miles north east of Nome. Searchers were guided to the light and located the aircraft, pilot and passengers. All were reported to be in good health with only minor injuries reported. Searchers transported the individuals to the Beam Road approximately 1 mile from the crash site to be taken to Norton Sound Hospital via ambulance for medical clearance. On February 20, investigation determined that poor weather contributed to the aircraft flying into the ground. No mechanical issues were reported prior to the incident. Alcohol was not involved. All passengers were transported to NSH. Two individuals were admitted for treatment of injuries sustained in the crash. All searchers returned and no injuries of searchers were reported. NVFD Engine 8, which responded to the area, became stuck off the shoulder of the road but was extricated by a bulldozer and loader. NTSB and the FAA were notified of the crash and investigators traveled to Nome. NVFD SAR, Nome Ambulance EMS crew and NSH staff were exceptional and instrumental in a fast and successful resolution to this event.

On February 8, at about 10:53 a.m., Nome AST received a report of an assault on a 17-year old girl in the Nome area. Investigation completed and charges forwarded to the Nome Youth Facility.

On February 10, at about 6:20 p.m., a 17-year old male was detained on a detention order for violating his conditions and subsequently transported to Nome where he was lodged at Nome Youth Facility

On February 20, at 11:41 p.m., the AST received a report of a residential structure fire in White Mountain. Subsequent investigation shows four people died in the fire: Josephine Lincoln, 71; Frank Oksotruk, 51; Dean Lincoln, 43; and Patrick Lincoln, 24; all from White Mountain. The White Mountain Volunteer Fire Department responded and controlled the blaze to prevent it from spreading to other homes. Entry into the residence was attempted, however, due to smoke and heat rescue was not possible. Next of kin have been notified. Alcohol is a factor in this case. Investigation continues.

On February 22, at 2:21 a.m., the AST received a report of a disturbance in Gambell. Douglas Henry, 30, of Gambell, was subsequently charged with Probation Violation and Misconduct Involving Weapons IV.

On February 22, Unalakleet AST received a report of an assault at the St. Michael School on February 16. Investigation revealed a student had assaulted a staff member. Charges are being referred to the Juvenile Probation office.

On February 22, Nome ABADE and Nome AST acted on an anonymous tip and contacted Karen Nguyen, 53, of Anchorage, at a local air carrier. Incident to contact, 3.1 grams of marijuana was seized from her jacket. Charges will be forwarded to the Nome DAO.

## Looking for a new buddy?

Your new best friend may be waiting for you at the Nome Animal Shelter!



Adopt a pet and get a **FREE** bag of dog/cat food from Doctor Leedy and the *Nome Kennel Club*. Dog food, cat food, cat litter and other donations are always welcome at the Nome Animal Shelter!

Nome Animal Control & Adopt-A-Pet • 443.5212 or 443.5262



Nome Eskimo Community

## Vacant Tribal Council Seat

Nome Eskimo Community currently has one (1) vacant Tribal Council seat. The seat would expire at the Annual Meeting 2009. Candidates must be a Tribal member of Nome Eskimo Community and 21 years or older to serve.

Applications will be accepted until Friday, March 27, 2009, 5 p.m.

Interested members may pick up an application at the NEC office building at **200 W. 5th Avenue**. If you have any questions, you may contact Linda at **443-2246** or email [nomeeskimo@gci.net](mailto:nomeeskimo@gci.net).

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ated by the Tlingits because it was good for trade. Then the fur trade became unprofitable, the United States bought Alaska from the Russians, and Manifest Destiny was extended beyond North America's contiguous continental borders.

That meant Native Alaskans soon would be forced to speak English, convert to Christianity and adopt European ways. A period of rapid and overwhelming loss began for Tlingits. When they lost their ancestral fishing rights, many lost wealth and status. Some were able to retain their language and traditional practices for another generation or two.

Beginning in the late 1800s and continuing through the 1960s, Tlingit children were removed from their homes to boarding schools where they lost their Native language, identity and history.

**Effects of trauma**

"The traumatic effect of these national policies of Manifest Destiny, removal, assimilation, and conversion is undeniable," Ernestine said. "When a seemingly endless and overpowering force of people confronts a group of people already in place with the articulated purpose of destroying their culture, the inescapable result is cultural trauma. The only question might be how long it will take.

"For cultures that were in existence for thousands and tens of thousands of years, it's reasonable to expect that when those cultures are dealt a killing blow—a killing blow

delivered over a span of 50 to 60 years—the death, even a speedy one, will take three or four generations," she continued. "When seen in that light, we can recognize that the symptoms we bemoan—high incarceration rates, suicide rates, alcoholism, high school drop-out, college drop-out, smoking, early pregnancy, depression, tuberculosis, poverty, removal of children, abuse, domestic violence, termination of parental rights, fetal alcohol—are symptoms of cultural trauma. We are witnessing the death throes of a culture. And as we do when we attend any death, we must do so with the constant knowledge that in spite of the agony, in spite of the great sorrow, in spite of the stink, we are witnessing something sacred."

Ernestine asked her audience to imagine what would happen if in the year 2010 the American culture is abruptly subdued by another culture that considers theirs far superior. She then described a series of losses, humiliations and resulting traumas ironically similar to those Native Americans have experienced in the past 250 years or so.

**Turning back the tide**

"I speak for a moment to my relatives," Ernestine said. She described a carved memorial pole at Saxman village near Ketchikan depicting a

young man with his arm caught by a giant clam. She said the pole was carved in memory of a youth who lost his life when his arm was caught by a giant clam and as a cautionary lesson to those who would reach into traps. Several teenage boys in the audience listened with rapt attention.

Ernestine explained how the pole symbolizes the willingness of Native Americans to adopt the ways of the dominant culture, for example to use alcohol and to see the land and its resources as exploitable for industrial purposes.

"Whether from curiosity, hunger or greed, or because we had no choice, we have reached into the unknown," she said. "We are caught in the grip of a giant trap, and now the tide is upon us. But it is not too late to free ourselves. We can take wisdom from the story of the man who was caught in a deathly grip and because of it lost his life. We can pause to consider the choices we make. We can be mindful of our own culture and own land and our own history. We can reach not into a trap but into the box of wisdom. By remembering who we are, we can turn back the tide."

**What can non-Natives do?**

Ernestine offered pointers to non-Native persons whose activities

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• More Legals

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Burke Memorial Washington State museum within 90 days of the second publication of this Notice, the property is deemed abandoned and becomes the property of the Thomas Burke Memorial Washington State Museum pursuant to Chapters 63.26 and 27.40, Revised Code of Washington.

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Second publication: March 5, 2009  
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**NOTICE OF SALE**

Trustee, Alaska Trustee, LLC will sell realty for cash to the highest bidder at the Main entrance to the Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street on March 26, 2009, at 10:00 AM with other sales that may be conducted. Proceeds will apply to the Debt of Trust naming Joseph Panigee and Bertha Panigee a/k/a Bertha L. Panigee, Trustor, Joseph Panigee and Bertha Panigee a/k/a Bertha L. Panigee, Record Owner, recorded on June 06, 2006 under Reception No. 2006-000548-0, Barrow Recording District, Second Judicial District, Alaska, describing: Lot 7, Block 2 of BROWERVILLE ADDITION NO. 2, according to the plat filed September 17, 1982 as Plat Number 82-7, records of the Barrow Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska

Excepting therefrom the Subsurface Estate and all rights, privileges, immunities and appurtenances of what so ever nature accruing unto said estate pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 12-18-71 (85 Stat 688, 704, 43 U.S.C. 1601, 1613 (F) (1976) as reserved by the United States of America), a/k/a 5382 S Laura Madison, Barrow, AK 99723. \$127,955.33 is due, plus interest, advances, etc. Go to [alaska-trustee.com](http://alaska-trustee.com) or [usa-foreclosure.com](http://usa-foreclosure.com) for status.

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**Happy Birthday  
BettyAnn — LX —**



**Did you get that  
million dollar  
shot?**

Sorry, no prizes awarded, but we will publish your name. You will be a published photographer! Send your photos (in jpeg format) to [photos@nomenugget.com](mailto:photos@nomenugget.com) or mail to your negs or photo print to **The Nome Nugget Pouch 610 Nome, AK 99762.** (Please give us a brief description of who, what, when and where your photo was taken.) If you have questions call **(907) 443-5235.**



**Arctic ICANS —  
A nonprofit cancer  
survivor support group.**

**1-800-478-9355**

**Arctic ICANS next meeting**

The Nome Cancer support group will meet at the XYZ Center on

**Thursday, Mar. 5 • 7:30 p.m.**

*Topic: Cancer Detection, Treatment  
and Research Center in Nome*

For more information call 443-5726.

**Public Hearing**

**CITY OF NOME**

The Nome Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing during the regular scheduled meeting held on:

- Tuesday March 3, 2009
- 7 p.m.
- Council Chambers

Re: Variance application By Mary M. Reader Block 43a, Lots 8b. The request is for a variance from lot Size and set back requirements.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

**FISHERIES SAFETY ORIENTATION CLASS**  
**April 5 - 15, 2009**

On behalf of the **Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation (NSEDC)** Board of Directors, the NSEDC Employment, Education & Training (EET) Department is happy to announce a fisheries safety orientation class at the Alaska Vocational Technical Center in Seward, Alaska on April 5 - 15, 2009. The class is limited to fifteen participants with a deadline of March 24, 2009, when the selection will happen in the evening. In compliance with the U.S. Coast Guard Zero Tolerance Law, each trainee must pass a drug screen urinalysis and stay off the alcohol during training and employment working on our trawlers, crabbers, and long-liner vessels in the Bering Sea. Required to work sixteen hours a day seven days a week upon successful completion of the training, each trainee must pass a physical examination and document a hearing test at the Norton Sound Regional Hospital. Applications can be received from your local NSEDC Community Liaison or by calling Jerry at **1-800-385-3190.**

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**Thank you**

The Davis and Ningeulook families say "thanks for all the support and prayers given to us during our time of need."

To the Shishmaref Health Aides, NSHC Medivac Staff, including Mike Owens and EMS Team and Bering Air for bringing us home, to Fairbanks Memorial Hospital Staff, to the wonderful staff at ANMC in caring for our Mom, to the relatives and friends just for being there (Gertie Ahne, Edna Iyatunguk, Skeeter and Queenie Davis, Geraldine Kiyutelluk, Alma Mullins, and Doreen Sanders) to give us love and support, to the Lutheran Church (Anchorage) ladies for their beautiful singing, also to Robin Kiyutelluk and her mom for singing, a special thank you to Pastor Karen Sonray, Lorena and Sheila Seetomona, Jennifer and Janelle Pootoogooluk, Bill Hendricks, Eva and Brittany Kiyutelluk, Gladys Hendricks and Marilyn Kuzuguk for bringing us food while in Anchorage, to Pastor Karen Sonray, Covenant Church Pastor and Pastor Lee Boleman for your prayers. In Anchorage to Gladys Hendricks and Harriet Cutshal; in Nome to Iva Ailak, Florence McComas, Dorcas and Wayne Walluk for preparing our Mom's casket, to Floyd Waluk Jr. for giving our brother a place to stay while in Anchorage, to Nora and Jennie Kuzuguk for their loving support waiting for us when we arrived in Anchorage, a special thank you to Anna Kuzuguk, the IRA and SDMA Staff for their donations and making it possible for our brother to go down to Anchorage, to Grace Minix for allowing us to use her car to make Mom's funeral arrangements, to Sheryl Nayokpuk for bringing food everyday, to Sharon F. Nayokpuk, Esther and Pauline Iyatunguk in preparing for the potluck after the funeral, to everyone that brought food for the potluck, to Carol Piscoya and the Miller family for the beautiful fresh flowers; also to Amelia "Pinky" Iyatunguk (Anchorage) for the flowers, to Sandra Tahbone for the food for the potluck, to Elmer Avesuk for the love and support and prayers, also Millie Kuzuguk for being with the rest of my family, to Kevin and Tony Cabinboy for driving to Anchorage to see mom, to Flora Weyiouanna, Ruby and Bill Jones, Rachel Stasenko, William "Boy-Boy" Keller for sending and bringing food to our home, a special thanks to Julie Renwick (NSHC Social Worker) for assisting us in arranging Mom's funeral preparations and paperwork, to all the grave diggers for their hard work in digging the ground, to Robert Iyatunguk, Harry Al Ningealook, and Ronald Davis for making the cross, to Johnson Eningowuk, Calvin Nayokpuk and Elmer Nayokpuk for making the box. To the community of Shishmaref thanks for the singspiration the day before our mother's funeral—it bought so much comfort to all of us. Last, thank you to Bess Miller (Augusta Georgia) for calling me, giving me love and support and prayers every day—once again "thank you" to all the people in the region for all the love, caring and prayers given to us during the loss of our dear Mother. God Bless You all.

Stella, Fred, Ronald and Pearl  
If we forgot anyone, please forgive us.

**Severe  
Weather  
School Day  
Guide**



**For our Nome Public Schools  
parents & guardians:**

**Safety First! – Check Outside!**  
Even if school is open or starting late and the walk to school or the bus stop looks unsafe to you keep your child home!

**Listen to NOME radio on AM or FM.** The announcements about school begin at 6 a.m. every school day morning the threat of severe weather is present.

**When you hear that SCHOOL IS DELAYED** it means your school start time will be one hour later that normal. Listen to the school announcements on Nome radio to be sure of your bus and school schedule.

**A one hour DELAY for school** means your bus will start one hour later than normal and your school will start one hour later than normal.

**Public Notice**

**CITY OF NOME**

The Nome Planning Commission has two seats up for re-appointment. If you are interested in serving on the Nome Planning Commission, please submit an application form.

Application forms are available at City Hall or on the City of Nome website at: **[www.nomealaska.org](http://www.nomealaska.org)**

All applications must be turned in to City Hall by Monday, February 27, 2009 5:00 p.m., at the following address:

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE  
CITY OF NOME  
PO BOX 281  
102 DIVISION STREET  
NOME, ALASKA 99762

Please call **907-443-6663** if you have further questions.

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# All Around the Sound

## New Arrivals

**Yowah Charles Saccheus** was born January 9 at Alaska Native Medical Center at 6:12 a.m. He weighed 9 lbs 2 oz., and was 21 1/2 inches long. His sister is Searaya Saccheus and his brother is Noah Saccheus.

His father is Charles Saccheus Jr., and his mother is Janelle Murray.

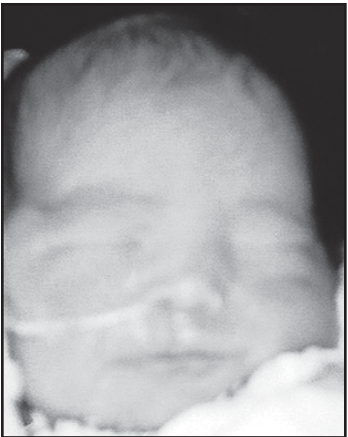
His paternal grandparents are



Jenna Reese Matthias



Aaron Raymond Rosales



Adrienne Jerri Ernestine Summer Okpealuk

Marjorie and Charles Saccheus, Sr. His maternal grandparents are Ida and Joseph Murray Jr.

Joan Nashoanak and Emmett Matthias of Stebbins announce the birth of their daughter **Jenna Reese Matthias**, born February 12, 2009 at 7:37 a.m. She weighed 9 pounds, 7 ounces, and was 20” in length. Her sisters are Allison and Madelyn. Maternal grandparents are Morris and Roselyn Nashoanak of Stebbins. Paternal grandparents are Clem and Emma Matthias of Kotlik.

Jacob Rosales is pleased to announce the birth of his brother, **Aaron Raymond Rosales**, born on January 18 at 6:21 p.m. in Potsdam, New York. Aaron was born weighing in at 7 pounds 1 ounce, and measured 19 inches in length. Proud grandparents are Carol and the late Raymond Rosales of Plymouth, Minnesota, and Jon and Angela Larson of Nome. Welcome Aaron!

Jamie Ahkinga and Lane Okpealuk of Little Diomedé are very excited to announce the birth of their daughter, **Adrienne Jerri Ernestine Summer Okpealuk**. Adrienne was the third baby born Jan. 1, 2009 at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. She was born at 12:56 p.m. weighing 5

lbs., 5.4 oz. and measured 19 inches in length. She joins her siblings, Alyssa Caitlin Renee Allison Ahkinga, 8, Natalie Alexandra Alice Opik Ahkinga, 4, Marcus Kobe Okpealuk, 3, and late baby brother Elijah Walter Okpealuk who died at birth Feb. 3, 2008. Proud maternal grandparents are Orville Sr. and Dora Ahkinga of Diomedé, and paternal grandparents Marie and Michael Lawlor of Nome and late grandpa Vincent Okpealuk.

## Wedding Bells

Terra Jade Abbott and Christopher Thomas Aningayou were joined in vows of holy matrimony on February 14, at River of Life Assembly of God Church in Nome with Rev. Henry Reiber officiating. The maid of honor was Nancy Ahnangnatoguk and the best man was Frank Johnson. Bridesmaids were Diana Ellana and Mary Ruud, groomsmen were Scott Aningayou and Christopher Ahl. The flower girl was Teri Ruud, the ring bearer was Teag Green-Johnson, and usheress was Edna Ruud.

Also in attendance were the parents of the bride, James and Marcis Abbott; parents of the groom, Robin Thomas and Audrey Aningayou; the groom’s grandparents, Perry and



VALENTINES—Terra Jade Abbott and Christopher Thomas Aningayou were wed on Valentine’s Day in Nome.

Nancy Mendenhall; groom’s sister Debbie Aningayou and her daughter Sierra, and many other relatives and friends. The floral arrangements featured purple iris; the corsages were salmon-pink carnations.

The wedding party entered to music by Dorcas Bloom. The mothers of the bride and the groom lighted special candles to symbolize the unity of the two families. The bride was then given away by her father. A double ring ceremony included special vows spoken by the couple to each other and a private communion service with the pastor.

The beautiful ceremony was fol-

lowed by a reception and wedding feast at the Pioneer’s Hall, with a great display of different dishes.

The blessing was given by Marie Malewotkuk, the groom’s great aunt.

The joyous evening was capped off with toasts of the bride and groom, cutting of the wedding cake, and live music by Louie Green’s band. This included a special solo with guitar, *Unchained Melody*, by the bride’s father and with the wedding party and many guests then dancing to old favorites.

# Obituary

## Elizabeth Marguerite “Betty” Walsh

Elizabeth “Betty” Marguerite Walsh was born September 11, 1921 in Rahway, New Jersey to Joseph Petry and Frances Olinger Petry. She died February 5 in Seattle. One of 10 children, she grew up in Floral Park on Long Island, New York. During World War II she came to Seattle to train and work for the Civil Aeronautics Board. She was stationed in British Columbia, and then in Anchorage, where she met, fell in love with, and married her husband, James “Jim” Minor Walsh in 1946. Betty’s life work centered around her family. She bore and raised 10 children and took care of many others. Having lost her father during the Great Depression, she learned early and well how to make do with little and to make a little go a long, long way. Betty’s hands were always busy.

In addition to being a full-time homemaker, Betty was active in her community. Her many civic activities were inspired by a deep belief in peace and justice. She was involved with, among others, Servas International, the Catholic Church, the League of Women Voters, Girl Scouts of America, The Irish-American Heritage Society, and she helped prepare meals at the Blessed Sacrament Feed-In early on Sunday mornings.

Betty’s paid work outside the home included work as a bank teller after her high school graduation; a teletype operator and air traffic controller for the CAB; a poll worker for elections in Ketchikan, and in Seattle; a clerk and teaching aide in the Seattle School District; and as late as 2002, a census taker. In her spare time, Betty loved to bake for friends and family; pick fruit and make jam; solve crossword and jigsaw puzzles; and read.

She was a Yankees and Mariners fan and an avid traveler to everywhere and anywhere, and loved keeping up correspondence with family and friends around the world. Her endless dedication to her family and her work was a wonderful gift that will not be soon forgotten.

Betty was well-loved and will be dearly missed by all especially, her loving husband of 62 years, James Minor Walsh and their children, Mary T. Jones, Elizabeth A., Nora L., J. Timothy (Diane), Eileen F. (Gee), C. Erin (Michael), James D. (Kathy), Michael B., Joan C. Campbell (Bruce), Thomas A. (David); her grandchildren, Jennifer (Dan), Matthew , Seamus, Andrea (Chris), Caitlin, Brigid, Kyle, and Christopher; six great-grandchildren plus one more on the way; her sisters, Dr. Mary Ann Petry and Sister Benedict de Saint Augustine, and her brother, Jim Petry. She was preceded in death by her grandson Jaron.

A funeral mass was celebrated Tuesday, February 10, at Blessed Sacrament Church in Seattle. Remembrances may be made to The Blessed Sacrament Feed-In, the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Blessed Sacrament, or your local Food Bank. Please sign the online guestbook at [www.legacy.com](http://www.legacy.com) Hoffner Fisher and Harvey.

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bring them into contact with Native issues.

“All Native cultures and world-views are as rich and complex as the land from which they emerged,” she noted. “If we truly learn about one another—if we are silent for an extra moment when we think and before we speak—if we remember that dominant is not a synonym for superior—then perhaps we can take some time to evaluate not the shortcomings of others but the limitations of our own ways of seeing.

“What shall we do with our histories?” she asked.

“We must confess our histories. We must acknowledge our histories. We must remember our histories. It is only after those things are done that we can begin to heal, and to communicate with one another as the equals that we are.

“Let us tell each other stories that underscore the parallel nature of our lives. Let us tell each other stories that value the evident relationship in our condition. Let recognition and respect and knowledge travel in both directions. It’s not only Native people who need to remember who we are.”

Ernestine then told the audience who she is, identifying herself in

both Tlingit and English by her names, tribe (Eagle), clan (Burnt House Clan) and the house to which she belongs (Wolf). “I am a grandchild of the Gunaxteidi,” she said. “Yan wa shaa: I am a Kaagwaantaan woman. *Sheetka Kwaan*: My clan springs from Sitka.”

**Hayes’ students comment**

“We had fun in her class!” said Denise Olin of the introductory course on memoir writing that Hayes taught last month in Nome. “Most of us laughed and cried through the four days we met. We did some very interesting exercises. For instance, she had us write three separate short sto-

ries and then look at our first and last short story to see if they were related. She said if they were related, this could very well be a theme for our memoir. She is a wonderful instructor, and she is good at keeping her student’s attention. She is very encouraging, which is sometimes hard to find in a classroom setting.

“I found the class extremely inspiring,” said Michele Murphy. “It really motivated me to get back to my writing and spend more time doing it. And I think Ernestine’s teaching style is fabulous because she gives concrete advice rather than esoteric criticism. I love the prompts and hope to use them on a regular

basis. They are a great way to get started writing on a new topic.”

Wilfred Anowlic said he took Hayes’ course because he wants to write a memoir about growing up on King Island. He began to jot his memories in journals years ago, noting how much his life had changed when he moved to Nome in 1959. For the course he wrote a short story about beginning his work life in Nome at the age of 16 and the pleasure of attending movies at the local theater. “When I turned in my story, Ernestine said, ‘You have a strong voice.’ I said, ‘Really, I do?’ She was a very good teacher, and it was hard work.”

# Court

## Week ending 2/20 Civil

Iyapana Jr., Ernest vs. Olanna, Alberta; DV: Both ExParte & Long Term Settlement Funding LLC vs. Gould, Anna M.; Structured Settlement - Superior Court Katchatag, Eric Murphy vs. Cannon, Marlene; Disestablishment of Paternity - Superior Court

Wilson, Katie vs. Komonaseak, Terry; DV: Both ExParte & Long Term Daniels, Judith F. vs. Daniels, Eric; DV: Both ExParte & Long Term

**Small Claims**

Alaska Airlines Inc vs. Baquerizo, Rocio; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Deft. Cert Mail Credit Union 1 vs. Jones, Joseph M.; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Deft. Cert Mail Credit Union 1 vs. Jones, Joseph M.; SC More Than \$2500: 1 Deft. Cert Mail Credit Union 1 vs. Cannon, Marlene A.; Small Claims \$2500 or Less

## Week ending 2/20

State of Alaska v. James K. Barr (5/8/91); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: 1st Minor Consuming Alcohol; Filed by the DAs Office 2/17/09.

State of Alaska v. Kathleen Herzner (4/13/89); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Operating Vehicle With Expired Registration; Charge 002: Operating Vehicle Without Insurance; Filed by the DAs Office 2/17/09.

State of Alaska v. Darryl Coffey (5/6/72); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault Fourth Degree; Filed by the DAs Office 2/18/09.

State of Alaska v. Thomas Sampson (1/4/89); Dismissal; Sexual Assault Second Degree; Date of offense: 12/20/08; Minute Order; On this date (2/18/09); in open court the Prosecuting Attorney for the State of Alaska gave notice that the State does not intend to proceed with a preliminary hearing in this matter; On motion of the defense, the Court hereby dismissed the above named case for failure to timely proceed with preliminary hearing pursuant to Rule 5/5.1.; Accordingly, it is ordered that the defendant shall be released from custody, any bond executed on behalf of defendant be exonerated, and any cash or other security posted as bail be refunded

to the depositors.

State of Alaska v. Janice Rookok (2/27/65); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110826765; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 10 days, remanded into custody; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Lincoln Lee (3/6/91); Minor Consuming or in Possession or Control of Alcoholic Beverage; Date of offense: 7/21/08; Fined \$300 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$200 to Nome Clerk of Court, or show proof of completing 66 hours of community work service, by 7/1/09; Shall attend Alcohol Information School at his own expense and show proof of completion to court within 90 days; Probation for 1 year; Shall not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages; Shall pay the fine or show proof of community work service, as ordered; Shall show proof of completing Alcohol Information School.

State of Alaska v. Thomas Asila (6/6/85); 2NO-08-165CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109526553; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 90 days, consecutive to the terms in Case No. 2NO-08-506CR and 2NO-08-931CR; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Thomas Asila (6/6/85); 2NO-08-506CR Judgment and Commitment; Count 002: Burglary 2; Date of offense: 7/21/08; The following charge was dismissed: Count 001: Robbery 2- Use Force To Prevent Resistnc; Date of offense: 7/21/08; Count 002: 2 years, 0 years suspended; Any unsuspended time is to be served consecutive to 2NO-08-165CR and 2NO-08-931CR; Credited for time already served in this case; Police Training Surcharge: \$100 within 10 days to Nome Trial Courts; Jail Surcharge: Immediately pay correctional facilities surcharge of \$100 to the Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage; Any appearance or performance bond in this case is exonerated.

State of Alaska v. Thomas Asila (6/6/85); 2NO-08-931CR Judgment; Crim trespass 1- In A Dwelling; Any appearance or performance bond in this case is exonerated; Jail

surcharge (state offenses only): \$50 (if no probation); Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; 30 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days are to be served consecutive to 2NO-08-165CR and 2NO-08-506CR; Comply with all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Defendant entitled to credit on this case for any time served since his arrest on 12/21/08.

State of Alaska v. Don McClain (7/1/49); 2NO-09-50CR Count 1: DUI; Date of offense: 1/27/09; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 20 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 20 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Fine: \$1,500 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$1,500 fine through Nome Trial Courts by 10/15/09; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$75 through this court within 10 days; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Cost of Imprisonment: Shall pay \$330 to the SOA at: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Shall be screened for treatment or education by NSBHS, ASAP, or an approved equivalent agency, complete the recommended program, and show proof of completion to the court; Driver’s license, privilege to obtain a license and to operate a motor vehicle are revoked for 90 days concurrent with DMV action; Any license or permit shall be immediately surrendered to the court; Comply with all court orders listed above by the deadlines stated.

State of Alaska v. Don McClain (7/1/49); 2NO-09-50CR Count 2: Driving While License Canceled, Suspended or Revoked, or in Violation of Limitation; Date of offense: 1/27/09; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 10 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 10 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated.

State of Alaska v. Don McClain (7/1/49); 2NO-09-51CR Count 3: Assault 4th; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 1 (001), count 2 (002); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 60 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days.



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THE VIEW FROM HIGH—An airplane flies over downtown Nome on a recent sunny March day.

Photo by Tyler Rhodes

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WHAT A RIDE!—Timothy Erickson, 4, of Nome blasts down a local sledding hill March 18.

## School board looks in house for new super

By Tyler Rhodes

Nome Public Schools is again on the search for a new superintendent.

In a letter to the school board March 23, Superintendent Rick Luthi asked that he be let out of his three-year contract at the end of the current school year. The school board granted his request, which will time his exit for June.

Luthi said his request to exit his contract after just one year was made for personal reasons. "I felt that this was the decision I needed to make," he said. He did not elaborate on the reasons for his departure.

In both his letter to the board and an interview, he stressed over and over that his leaving is not based on any rift between him and the board, nor dissatisfaction with the job or community. "I had every hope and desire to stay here for a few years," he said.

Luthi's resignation has put the Nome Board of Education into high gear to fill the soon-to-be open posi-

tion. The board met mid-day Monday to put a hiring plan in motion. Board President Gloria Karmun suggested initially opening the search for candidates both locally and outside the district. However, in the interest of time and financial considerations, most board members wanted to first attempt to find a replacement within the local ranks. "It's late in the game to do the type of search we did last year," board member Betsy Brennan said.

The board opted to advertise internally for the position from March 30 to the end of the business day April 6. The board plans to review the applicant pool during an executive session at an April 7 meeting which is primarily scheduled for taking public comment on the school budget.

Luthi was named as the board's choice for superintendent Feb. 29 last year after an extensive nationwide search for a replacement for

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## Survey: Western Alaskans shell out the most for fuel

By Laurie McNicholas

This winter western Alaska communities paid the highest average retail prices in the state for heating fuel at \$7 per gallon and gasoline at \$6.75 per gallon, according to findings of a survey of 100 communities by the Division of Community and Regional Affairs (DCRA).

Results of the survey are summarized in a recent report, *Current Community Conditions: Fuel Prices Across Alaska, February 2009 Update*.

North Slope region communities reported the lowest average heating fuel retail price of

\$1.77 per gallon. The seven North Slope communities are excluded from DCRA's statewide summary of heating fuel prices because the North Slope Borough provides free heating fuel for residential use through village corporations. The corporations distribute fuel to residents throughout the borough, charging only a delivery fee on a per gallon basis.

Many remote rural Alaskan communities took delivery of a year's supply of fuel at peak oil prices in the summer of 2008 due to transportation issues. Alaska North Slope crude soared to a record average monthly price of

\$133.78 per barrel in June 2008, notes the DCRA report. By December 2008 the price of North Slope crude had nose-dived to \$37.70 per barrel, and the drop continued in January 2009 to \$37.38.

The national average price of gasoline dropped 55 percent from its peak of \$4.05 per gallon in mid-July 2008 to \$1.84 at the end of January, reports the DCRA. National average heating fuel prices have dropped 36 percent since October 2008, from \$3.66 to \$2.36 per gallon. Alaska has not experienced the same level of decline.

The DCRA survey found statewide average prices of \$5.60 per gallon for heating fuel, excluding North Slope communities, and \$5.51 per gallon for gasoline. In 2008 the Alaska Legislature authorized a \$1,200 energy rebate to every Alaska resident eligible to receive a Permanent Fund Dividend.

Four Bering Strait communities—Brevig Mission, Gambell, Golovin and Koyuk—were among 20 western Alaska communities included in the DCRA survey. All except Golovin

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## Shelter from the cold

By Tyler Rhodes

In the early morning hours Sunday, the rumbling of snores reverberates throughout the normally silent meeting hall inside Nome's Nazarene Church.

Outside, a brisk wind is cutting its way through Nome's streets, blowing snow and driving the wind chill well below 0°F.

For the 15th night in a row the room is filled with cots that are occupied by those who—for whatever reason—would otherwise likely be taking shel-

ter in less hospitable environs.

Around 3 a.m., the eighth guest for the evening comes in from the cold.

The late-arriving gentleman, almost 50 years old, is talkative. He stumbles back and forth from his cot to the attendants monitoring the room. He gulps down an instant Cup of Noodles and tries to start a conversation from the other side of the room. The other guests stir. Finally, after several requests and the threat of having to leave, he plops onto his cot one last time and passes out.

The snoring again dominates the room and the 17th night of operation for Nome's emergency shelter would soon come to a close.

As warmer days approach, this incarnation of Nome's emergency shelter will also come to its end. The shelter, operated by a loosely organized group dubbed the Nome Emergency Shelter Team, or NEST, was designed as a band-aid approach to a problem that has plagued Nome probably since the

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FLYING THROUGH TOWN—Q Trucking hauls the wreckage of a Frontier Alaska plane that crashed in late February on Newton Peak.



Letters

Dear Editor,

I think the Barrick Gold Corporation should be repentant because of the tremendous amount of environmental damage and human suffering it has caused the people at the Porgera Mine in the highlands of Papua, New Guinea.

It is on the same size scale as the proposed Donlin Creek mine slated to operate 12 miles north of Crooked Creek in the very remote Middle Kuskokwim area of Alaska. The Donlin Creek Mine is a joint venture between Barrick and NovaGold Resources and they call the project the Donlin Creek LLC.

The ores from the Kuskokwim area are similar as the ores in PNG in that they have to be heated to around 500 F° in large autoclaves referred to as the ‘bomb.’ This heating process releases toxic elements such as sulfides, arsenic and mercury into the air.

In Papua they save money by the ‘riverine’ disposal system. That sounds pretty good but wait, it’s just a fancy way of saying that the toxic tailing are dumped directly into the river. The river downstream for 150 Km is called the “sacrifice zone.” *There are no regulations concerning chemicals such as arsenic dumping into this zone.* This “sacrifice zone” is like something out of the Twilight Zone. In Alaska we call these areas Mixing Zones where the contami-

nants are very controlled. The entire Kuskokwim River is already “mercury stressed.” Why add more when the people are already told not to eat the larger pike because their flesh contains toxic amounts of mercury?

In Papua there is a story about a person that ate the stomach of a pig that lived in the most toxic area, just downstream from the mine. He died of acute arsenic poisoning a few hours later. Many others have died of arsenic toxicity, according to an Adventist hospital spokesman.

Barrick Gold is such a godawful company with many documented human rights violations—like murder and rape.

The private security force of 500 guards has admitted to killing eight people when they trespassed —without any remorse. They just shot them down like rabid dogs. There is one guard per every four workers!

With what Barrick has done to the lands in Papua they need to be held accountable. Barrick is flying the peoples of the Middle Kuskokwim region to mines in Nevada and Fairbanks to show them how safe mining is.

I challenge Mr. Regent, the CEO of Barrick Gold and Donlin Creek’s President, Doug Nicholson to provide a tour of the Porgera Mine. Ask for it – *they won’t accept the challenge.*

airborne mercury emissions from gold mines.

I am asking The Kuskokwim Corporation and the Calista Corporation and the people of the Kuskokwim region to be careful whom you deal with. Corporations, just like people, are hard to change. In the long run it is not worth the jobs for 22 years being left with an environmental problem for many, many generations to come. Most important, why should you deal with such a predatory company that has no respect for human life?

Derrick Leedy  
Nome, Alaska

go without. The children are the future, not windmills and solar panels and corporate offices and constant capital expenditures. But you hide behind these expenditures with vast waste of overhead year after year. I just received hundreds of letters today from your children and shareholders talking about the benefits and future they hope for, but you don’t want that, do you?

A perfect example is from previous years when I complained that money I was bringing in to one of your villages was going to be stolen by the local IRA. I said I don’t get paid, you don’t get paid— so they refused the money. I sat there and watched them do fraud in paperwork claiming labor and material that did not exist, and their comment was, “We don’t need programs, we need drugs to medicate these people. That IRA wanted to keep their people medicated, addicted and ignorant so they could stay in control of the power, and the Native corporation in charge of handing out the money only cared about their cut of the money. However, since that time things have changed and the Native

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Letters to the editor must be signed and include an address and phone number. Thank yous and political endorsements are considered ads.

Editorial

The Check is in the Mail

Nome has been cut off from the rest of the world. Well, most of it, anyway. With Mt. Redoubt shaking its volcanic ash in the air, Mother Nature has given us a chance to practice our self-sufficiency and appreciate our isolation. We get no jets from Anchorage and beyond, thus we have no mail, no bills, and, “the check is in the mail” takes on a whole new meaning. Most credit card companies don’t have a clue when we say, “The volcano blew.”

Since we can’t get out of town (well, we could fly a small plane to Fairbanks and then drive or ride the rails to Anchorage, but then we’d be stuck in Anchorage), we can put aside our thoughts of sandy beaches at Maui or Mazatlan and settle for a sultry sauna at the Nome Rec Center or a relaxing swim at the Nome-Beltz pool. We can be glad we’re safe in our own homes instead of breathing volcanic ash and sulfur fumes in Anchorage or camping out at the Seattle airport. Our grocery stores are well stocked. We may run low on fresh milk but we seem to have a good supply of toilet paper, Pampers and beer.

The eruption of Mr. Redoubt makes us reflect upon how dependent we are on the rest of the world. Can we keep our lifelines open? Can we keep our communication links? How would we handle medical emergencies? Are we prepared? We can spend quality, uninterrupted time contemplating such controversial topics as: Should Nome stay on Daylight Savings Time, or should we stick with Standard Time? Should we shovel snow, or wait for it to melt? Should we go skiing, or snooze in front of the TV? Should we walk to the Post Office to see if our spring gardening and seed catalogs have arrived? Can we whistle the song “Where Were You When the Volcano Blew?” — N.L.M.—

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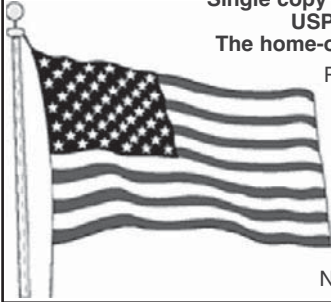
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How can a company like Barrick Gold pollute the rivers, land and Pacific Ocean in one part of the world and come to the US and claim to be able to do everything right? Why should Alaskans support the Barrick with their third-world, human rights violations of the indigenous people? I would be concerned that it may happen to you.

The next think I think is that the Donlin Creek LLC will be asking Alaska and the US for monies to build up the infrastructure such as roads, dock and new airport. I feel in light of all the human misery they caused around the world, why should we Alaskans offer them any help for building up the infrastructure at the Donlin Mine? They are the largest gold miner on earth; let them do it on their own.

Today, there are no standards, no regulations on airborne mercury emissions from gold mines in the US. The large gold companies want to keep it like it is today, with self-regulation. The Donlin Creek folks are telling the people in the villages they can remove 99.5 percent of the mercury. I don’t know if this is possible because they have not done it in the past, even at their showcase Goldstrike Mine in Nevada. By 2010 the EPA will establish standards for

Ulu News

By Senator Donald Olson

We are working hard as we are nearing the end of session - only 20 days to go. I will keep this short in the interest of getting some information to you quickly on the federal economic stimulus package

Much of our time and efforts have been with the federal economic stimulus package or as it is called, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Leadership of the Senate and House have partnered with the Denali Commission and the Federal Executive Association to open the “Alaskan Clearinghouse” on March 27. This office is dedicated to helping Alaskan communities and non-profit groups navigate the grant opportunities available through the ARRA. This will provide a needed service to those of you who are asking questions about what is available and who do not want to miss out on grant opportunities. “With all the confusion that exists around the stimulus money, Alaskans need a central location to call where they can learn what is available and how to apply for the funds,” said House Finance Co-Chair Mike Hawker. The office will be housed at the Denali Commission Offices at 510 L Street, Suite 410 in Anchorage, and they can be reached at 1-888-480-4321.

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities announced that it will put out to bid an economic stimulus construction project in Kotzebue that will begin this summer. The planned Shore Avenue project will construct erosion protection and roadway improvements from Lake Street to the Crowley Docks. One of the most important results we all expect is increased safety with better lighting, safer sidewalks for pedestrians, and reducing erosion that has been on the minds of Kotzebue’s residents for quite some time.

My Senate Bill 111 just passed the House, and changes the timeframe for state DOT Certificates of Compliance for intrastate commercial air carriers. Currently, certificates run from January through December each year, but air carriers initiate or renew their liability insurance policies throughout the year. Once the governor signs this legislation, a period of “any twelve months” will replace the calendar period in statute, thereby matching the renewal period to the policy period. This will save air carriers and the state DOT time, money, and the need for twice-yearly renewals in most cases.

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Rifleman charged with assault

**By Tyler Rhodes**  
A Nome man is facing assault and weapons charges after allegedly brandishing a loaded rifle in downtown Nome last Thursday. According to the Nome Police Department, Alvin Amaktoolik, 22, was seen around 11 a.m. March 26 walking southbound on Division Avenue carrying a rifle and a bottle of whiskey. Police responded and reported finding Amaktoolik on Front Street near Nome Liquor and Grocery. Amaktoolik was taken into custody after reportedly attempting to raise the muzzle of the .204-caliber rifle in the direction of the responding officers. According to a press release from Nome Police, a citizen assisting the officers discovered a live round in the chamber of the rifle after inspecting it to make sure it was safe. “There was just one round, but it was chambered and ready to rock and roll,” said

Nome Police Chief Dallas Massie. Police say their investigation concluded that Amaktoolik had also aimed the rifle at a passerby. He has been charged with two counts of third-degree felony assault and one count of fourth-degree weapons misconduct, a misdemeanor. Massie said the police investigation determined that the rifle Amaktoolik brandished was stolen. He said further charges against Amaktoolik in regard to the stolen weapon would be likely in the future. According to Massie, Amaktoolik was highly intoxicated at the time of the incident. Instead of being taken directly to Anvil Mountain Correctional Facility, police brought Amaktoolik to Norton Sound Regional Hospital. He spent several hours at the hospital in restraints due to his extremely high blood alcohol content, police said.

According to Massie, once in custody, Amaktoolik did not pose a problem for the officers. “He was pretty docile. I was amazed he wasn’t comatose,” Massie said. Amaktoolik made his first appearance in District Court March 27. During that appearance, District Attorney John Earthman requested that a significant bail be set for Amaktoolik, citing a prior conviction for sexual assault and having “spectacularly” failed to meet the terms of his probation for prior offenses. In court it was reported that Amaktoolik’s blood alcohol content was above 0.5 percent, a level that many consider lethal. Earthman got his wish. District Court Judge Bradley Gater set bail for Amaktoolik at \$20,000 along with the requirement for a third-party custodian. A preliminary hearing in the case is scheduled for April 6 at 1:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

April 2 - April 8, 2009

EVENT	PLACE	TIME
Thursday, April 2		
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Preschool Story Hour	Kegoayah Library	10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Kinderswim & Lap Swim	Pool	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	noon - 5:30 p.m.
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 8 p.m.
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	noon - 1 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 10 p.m.
*Meditation with Kelly Keyes	Lutheran Social Hall	12:15 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Healthy Journey Your Contemporary Guide to Pregnancy video	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Two to Get Ready video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
Supervised Open Climb	Nome Rec Center	4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
*City League Volleyball	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
*Overeaters Anonymous meeting	Baptist Comm Church	7 p.m. (across from KNOM)
*Swing Dancing	Nome Rec Center	7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
*Narcotics Anonymous	Behavioral Health Bldg.	7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Arctic ICANS Medical updates mtg	XYZ Center	7:30 p.m.
Friday, April 3		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	noon - 5:30 p.m.
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 6 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 4 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50
*Close to the Heart, Breastfeeding video	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Kids Soccer K - 3rd grade	Nome Rec Center	4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Newborn Care, the 1st 6 wks video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Cardio Kick Boxing	Nome Rec Center	4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
*Kids Soccer 4th - 7th grade	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 6 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Adult Drop-in Soccer	Nome Rec Center	8 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.
Saturday, April 4		
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*UMW Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	noon - 5:30 p.m.
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 6 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 8 p.m.
*H2O Aerobics	Pool	1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Contraception by PHN S. Breaker video	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*CPR for Infants & Children video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*AA Meeting	BHS Bldg. 2nd floor	8 p.m.
Sunday, April 5		
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*Pool		Closed
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Welcome to World 3 Birth Stories video	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Pilates	Nome Rec Center	2:30 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.
*The Joy of Stress video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Beginning Baton with Jay	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.
*AA: Big Book Study	HR Conf. Room, NSHC	6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Monday, April 6		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 8 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 10 p.m.
*Strength Training with Jennie	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.
*Yoga with Kelly Keyes	Lutheran Social Hall	12:15 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Comforting Your Fussy Baby video	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Beginning Yoga with Kari	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Look Who's Balking video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Cardio Kickboxing with Kelly S.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*H2O Aerobics	Pool	6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Drop-in Volleyball	Nome Rec Center	7:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.
Tuesday, April 7		
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 8 p.m.
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	noon - 1 p.m.
*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	noon - 5:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Feeding Your Child video	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	2:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*Wiffle Ball Grades 4-6	Nome Rec Center	3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Wiffle Ball Grades 7-8	Nome Rec Center	4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
*Things My Mom Never Told Me video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim & Adult Lessons	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*AA Teleconference: 1-800-914-3396 (CODE: 3534534#)		7 p.m.
*City League Volleyball	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
Wednesday, April 8		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Rotary Club	Airport Pizza	noon
*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	noon - 5:30 p.m.
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 8 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 3 p.m.
*Strength Training with Jennie	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.
*Tai Chi with Kelly Keyes	Lutheran Social Hall	12:15 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Sounds and Silence video	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Ping Pong Grades 4-6	Nome Rec Center	3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
*Ping Pong Grades 7-8	Nome Rec Center	4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
*Toddler Safety video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Step Box with Kelly S.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*H2O Aerobics	Pool	6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Hello Central (also on Channel 98)	Nome Visitors Center	7:30 p.m.
*AA Meeting	BHS Bldg. 2nd floor	8 p.m.



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# Stimulus funds bound for Nome public housing

## \$80,000 to be spent in Nome to repair doorways of units in the Beringview complex

By Tyler Rhodes

Residents of the Beringview housing units in Nome should be a little bit warmer next winter thanks to federal stimulus funds.

The Alaska Housing Finance Corp. is to receive more than \$3 million through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Among the projects to be funded is the weatherization of 33 units in the Beringview complex.

According to Jim Gurke, AHFC's public housing director, \$80,000 is allotted for the weatherization and replacement of entryway doors in the units. "We're going to try and do

something with the entryways themselves to make them more tight," Gurke said. "The way they're sitting, they get a lot of rain and weather driving against them."

Gurke said the Nome project is part of AHFC's five-year plan; however, no funding had previously been allotted for it.

Gurke said federal guidelines require that the funds be obligated for the project within 120 days. Despite some confusion over when the clock starts ticking on that 120-day timeline, he said work on the project should start relatively soon. "We expect the work to be

going on this summer and to complete the work this summer," he said.

Other communities in the state receiving funds are Anchorage, which will get \$700,000 for painting, driveway and parking lot paving, and boiler replacements at three sites. Fairbanks is to receive \$1.4 million to reconstruct a four-plex lost in a fire and the re-siding of a 30-unit public housing complex. Ketchikan will get \$102,600 for improvements at two public housing sites. Bethel will receive \$230,000 for flooring replacement and foundation stabilization of the 117 single-family

homes that make up the community's public housing inventory.

The \$3.3 million AHFC is receiving and distributing is funneled through the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development, which has nearly \$3 billion to disperse to 3,000 local housing authorities nationwide. This money is in addition to \$39 million going to 237 Native villages and tribal organizations in Alaska under the Native American Housing Block Grant for energy efficient modernization of and renovation of housing maintained by Native American housing programs.

## • Fuel costs

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reported much higher fuel and gasoline prices than statewide average prices. The retail selling price per gallon for heating fuel and gasoline, respectively, was \$7 and \$6.80 in Brevig Mission, \$7.88 and \$7.26 in Gambell, \$5.32 and \$5.30 in Golovin and \$8.06 and \$7.71 in Koyuk.

Last summer Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. arranged for shipments of heating fuel and gasoline to 22 entities in a number of Bering Strait communities through the company's Consolidated Bulk Fuel Program. Program participants received 929,802 gallons of heating fuel for prices ranging from \$4.02 to \$4.84 per gallon and 287,926 gallons of unleaded gasoline for \$4.02 to \$4.83 per gallon, NSEDC reports. The company charges no interest on fuel cost

loans to participants and no fees to administer the program.

This winter NSEDC also provided a \$500 electricity subsidy for residential use to each head of household in the company's 15 member communities who signed up for the program. The subsidy is applied as a direct credit to electric utility accounts.

Julie Raymond-Yakoubian, social scientist at Kawerak Inc., will describe impacts of high fuel prices on subsistence practices and diets among Bering Strait residents April 8 during the 2009 Western Alaskan Interdisciplinary Science Conference and Forum in Nome. Her report is based on information gathered from 60 subsistence users in the region. The University of Alaska Northwest Campus and the Bering Strait Development Council will host the conference.

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## • Shelter

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gold rush that established the town.

When this winter ends, the Nazarene Church will no longer host the emergency shelter. By the time the freezing temperatures return, NEST members hope to have a more permanent solution in place.

NEST was conceived in the fall of last year to address the issues of alcoholism and homelessness in Nome. Fuel was added to the fire when Lyle Okinello, a well-known individual in Nome, froze to death just off Front Street in early January.

A rushed shelter was put together for one night at the end of January at Nome Eskimo Community's facility. Concern over liability and the daunting task of taking on the issue alone stalled that effort after the first night. After that point, the members of NEST, who work for or represent several community organizations, stepped up their efforts.

Within weeks, the Nazarene Church was offered up as a space. Volunteers were lined up, a rough plan was formed and NEST established its name. By early March, it was decided that the first night the air temperature dropped to -10°F or if the wind chill measured -20°F, the NEST would open the doors to the church as a shelter from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m.

The temperature threshold was met for the first time March 5 and again the next night. Starting March 14, the conditions dictated the shelter be open every night until March 28. Each of those nights, the shelter has averaged 11 to 16 visitors, who are called "guests" here.

Business has been steady, which is a testament to both the previous lack of any sort of facility to shelter those who cannot provide it for themselves and the need for a more comprehensive program to address chronic homelessness in Nome. "This will show people that this is a need," said Linda Kimotoak, a NEST member who has volunteered and coordinated the shelter.

"There is definitely a consistent group," added Abby Huggins, another NEST member, volunteer and coordinator.

Many of the shelter guests end up there for reasons related to alcohol. Others, however, may simply be stuck in town en route to their village and not have the means to stay in a hotel nor do they know anyone in Nome. Guests have ranged in age from 25 to 60 years old. Men and women, Native and non-Native have all been guests.

Guests have come on their own accord. Others have been brought by family members. Some are dropped off by the police.

The 20 or so beds in the shelter line the walls of the hall and also form a line down the middle of the room. Yellow tape marks the area where three or four cots are reserved for women. Three or four stacks of cardboard boxes that hold blankets and bedding for the guests are lined up behind the table where the volunteers greet and sign in the guests for the evening. Each box bears a sticker with the name of a guest who has used the shelter before. Everyone gets their

own covers and blanket.

### A volunteer effort

The organization, staffing and supplying of the emergency shelter has been entirely a volunteer effort up to this point.

Approximately 40 people have volunteered to cover one of the two shifts each night monitoring the shelter. The shelter was open every night of the week as the Iditarod came to Nome, a week where most everyone in town is occupied well beyond their normal schedules. Even so, the NEST organizers said volunteers rallied to make sure the shelter was staffed.

Nome Nazarene Church Pastor Jeran Marchbanks said he even encountered some visitors to Nome who volunteered to help staff. "Some folks who came from New Zealand for Iditarod, and for them it was the highlight of their trip," he said.

The long, consistent run of nights of shelter openings had a multitude of effects for both those working and using the facility. "It definitely put some strain on volunteers and it motivated volunteers to come out of the woodwork," Marchbanks said. "We [also] built trust among shelter guests, that we're there."

Even with all the outpouring of support, NEST organizers say volunteers are still needed. The most critical need has been for those who can act as monitors, especially for the 2 a.m. to 7 a.m. shift. NEST organizers try to schedule volunteers for a maximum of two shifts a week, whether that be one full night at the shelter or shifts split over two different nights.

The monitors essentially make sure everything runs smooth at the shelter. They check guests in as they arrive, which is as simple as having the guest sign their name if they have been there before. For new guests, they review the rules and have them sign a few forms. Monitors also ensure the rules are followed, such as no alcohol on the premise.

All guests and monitors get tested for tuberculosis.

NEST organizers know that not all are comfortable with or have the time to volunteer as monitors. They also stress that there are other ways to help. Whether it is through the donation of food or cleaning supplies, or even a monetary donation. It costs the Nazarene Church more money to keep its hall heated at night.

Volunteers who are qualified to be third-party supervisors for people who are staying at the Seaside Center are also needed to direct crews to give the shelter a thorough cleaning.

Even something as simple as providing a hot meal to be served one night at the shelter goes a long way. "Throwing on a giant crock pot or making a soup, that's a huge gift," said Isaac Grody-Patinkin, a NEST organizer. "There's no expectation that it be there all the time."

In addition to individuals giving their time and energy to the shelter, a number of organizations have also participated. NEST organizers especially give credit to the public health department and laundry staff at Nor-

ton Sound Health Corp., the Nome Police Department, the Nome Community Center and the Nazarene Church, among others, for the support given. They also thank the guests for taking care of the shelter.

### Accolades

The gratitude has also flowed back to the NEST organizers.

On Sunday morning as the eight guests awake and start gathering themselves for the day, the "thank yous" start percolating about the room. "I always have lots of 'thank yous,'" said NEST organizer Huggins.

Guests also show their appreciation by helping take care of the shelter and cleaning up before they leave. "Everybody's been real appreciative of what we've been doing. Everyone's been respectful," said Colin Long, an employee at Nome Eskimo Community and NEST volunteer.

In addition to the guests, the shelter has received accolades from the Nome Police Department. Those who are too intoxicated to care for themselves are often picked up by police officers and either taken to the emergency room or the jail. "From our perspective it's not acceptable [that people freeze to death]. We don't want that to happen to anybody," said Nome Police Chief Dallas Massie. "It really gives us an option if we can take them to the shelter."

That option also frees up the police to respond to other calls.

Massie said often an officer will drive such an individual all the way out to Anvil Mountain Correctional Center to place an intoxicated person in protective hold only to find that he or she is too intoxicated to be taken in after a blood alcohol content test is performed. The trip—or trips, there are often more than one a night—takes one of the department's limited officers out

of service for other potential calls.

Those who end up in the emergency room can have the same effect on medical personnel, diverting their attention from others who may need help. "[The shelter] frees up the emergency room at the hospital for people with medical emergencies," Massie said. "All in all it's good for the community, it's good for everyone involved. I applaud it."

### What comes next

NEST organizers have known from the start that this winter's emergency shelter was only a temporary fix. With that in mind, the group has also focused on a more long-term solution.

According to Melanie Edwards, who works for Kawerak and is part of NEST's long-term focus group, that effort is still just getting underway. "It's all in its infancy stage," she said. "We're brainstorming right now."

Ideally, NEST organizers say, a three-pronged approach will be achieved. As currently envisioned, those three components would consist of a sleep-off room, a hostel or shelter and a long-term treatment center.

The sleep-off box or room would simply be a bare-bones room where highly intoxicated people could sober up in a safe location. NEST organizers said the room could consist of little more than four walls, a floor drain and a pad on the floor—the idea being that it is not a desirable place to go, but safer than being left outside.

The shelter is envisioned as a place run by those who use it. A sort of hostel, guests would pay a small amount to stay there and would not be allowed to use the facility when intoxicated. The facility could contain services like showers and a washer and dryer.

Finally, a long-term treatment center is seen as necessary to help combat the problem that leads to homeless-

ness. Such a center has been a long-standing goal for many organizations and agencies in Nome. NEST organizers realize that it will take a coordinated effort to allow such a center to be established here. With it members representing a broad array of organizations, members are hopeful they can make positive headway into establishing a long-term solution here in Nome.

### Time to go

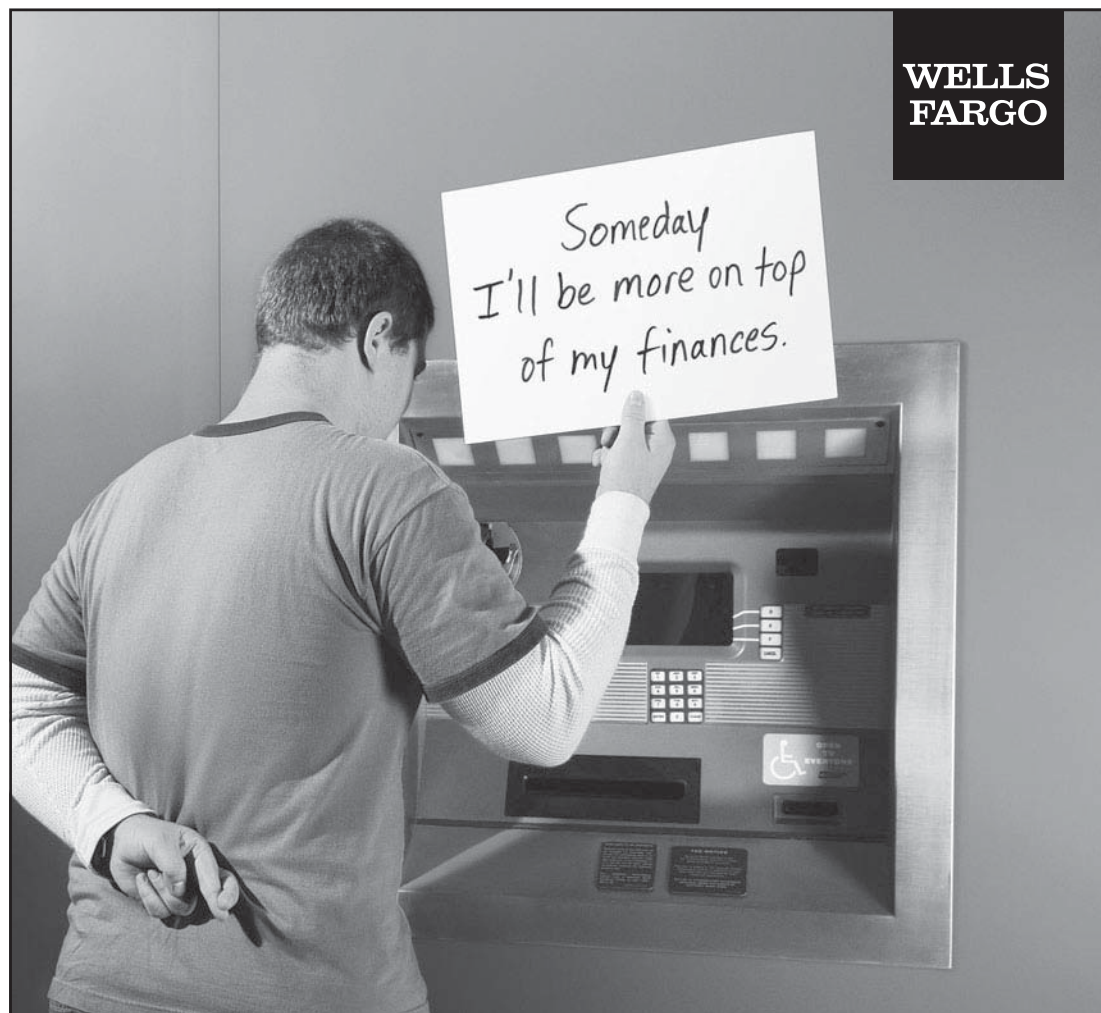
At 6 a.m. in the shelter the lights come on. On this particular morning, some eggs are boiled in addition to the breakfast bars that are normally available for guests. Coffee is brewed.

By 6:30 most everyone is up and moving. Guests fold their bedding and place it back in their box. Having all stayed here before, the guests know the routine. Cots are wiped down, disinfected and broken down. One guest grabs the vacuum cleaner and starts working on carpet. Almost everyone lends a hand. "They just have this real desire to contribute," Pastor Marchbanks said.

Other guests help wipe down the breakfast table and others give the bathrooms a quick cleaning.

By 7 a.m., the cots are all stored, the room is clean and the guests are all out the door to face the day. With the work to close the shelter for the day mostly accomplished by the guests, the volunteer monitors are out the door shortly after the guests.

On this particular Sunday morning the wind is still blowing strong, prompting those outside to turn their backs to the gusts to keep the driving snow out of their faces. Not long after 7 a.m. some of the previous night's guests can be seen pacing Front Street, presumably to keep warm. A half hour later a few have made their third lap of what is likely to be many more in a day that will largely be spent out in the cold.



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## Alaska Briefs

Compiled by Diana Haecker

### Energy department awards funds for energy efficiency

On March 26 the U.S. Department of Energy announced more stimulus dollars flowing from the nation's capital to Alaska. Out of the \$3.2 billion that the DoE releases nationwide to fund energy efficiency and conservation projects, \$26 million are energy efficiency block grants "to support jobs, cut energy bills and increase energy independence" for Alaska. The State of Alaska was allocated \$9,593,500, but Gov. Sarah Palin didn't include the money in her appropriations bill, which is in front of the Alaska Legislature now.

Cities and borough governments slated to get a piece of the \$26 million pie are Anchorage with more than \$2.6 million, Fairbanks with \$164,000; Juneau with \$131,400 and \$50,000 each for the cities of Bethel, Kenai, Ketchikan, Kodiak, Palmer, Sitka and Wasilla. The Fairbanks North Star Borough scored \$250,300, the Mat-Su Borough \$249,300 and Kenai Peninsula Borough \$192,200. The Denali, Haines, Ketchikan Gateway, North Slope and the Northwest Arctic boroughs will receive \$50,000 each.

None of the money is slated to go directly to the City of Nome or any of the Bering Strait, Norton Sound region villages.

An additional \$14 million were released by the Obama administration for a so-called "Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program," funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The program is slated to provide formula grants for projects that reduce total energy use and fossil fuel emissions, and improve energy efficiency and also includes transportation programs that conserve energy, projects to reduce and capture methane and other greenhouse gas emissions from landfills, renewable energy installations on government buildings, energy efficient traffic signals and street lights, deployment of combined heat and power and district

heating and cooling systems.

Bering Straits Native Corp. will receive \$35,400; King Island Native Community \$48,000; Native Village of Brevig Mission, \$43,500; Native Village of Buckland \$48,800; Native Village of Council, \$34,500; Native Village of Deering, \$39,200; Native Village of Diomed, \$35,600; Elim, \$42,800; Gambell, \$56,900; Koyuk, \$44,400; Savoonga \$56,600; St. Michael \$46,800; Shaktoolik, \$42,400; Shishmaref, \$53,400; Teller, \$43,500; Unalakleet, \$57,500; Wales, \$39,100; White Mountain, \$40,700; Nome Eskimo Community, \$101,800; and the Stebbins Community Association, \$52,400.

### Barrow receives environmental justice grant

Barrow was one of 40 communities nationwide to receive an environmental justice grant from the Environmental Protection Agency. The EPA is awarding \$800,000 in grants to organizations working with communities facing environmental justice challenges throughout the country. The grants, topping out at \$20,000, are to be used for community projects aimed at addressing environmental and public health issues. The grant for Barrow is intended to make sure that citizens of Barrow have a voice in the decision-making on local oil and gas development projects.

### Alaska exports reach \$3.6 billion in 2008

The U.S. Census Bureau last week released numbers of Alaska's export business, concluding that the value reached \$3.6 billion, marking 2008 as the fourth best year for exports—but also it declined 11 percent compared to the previous year.

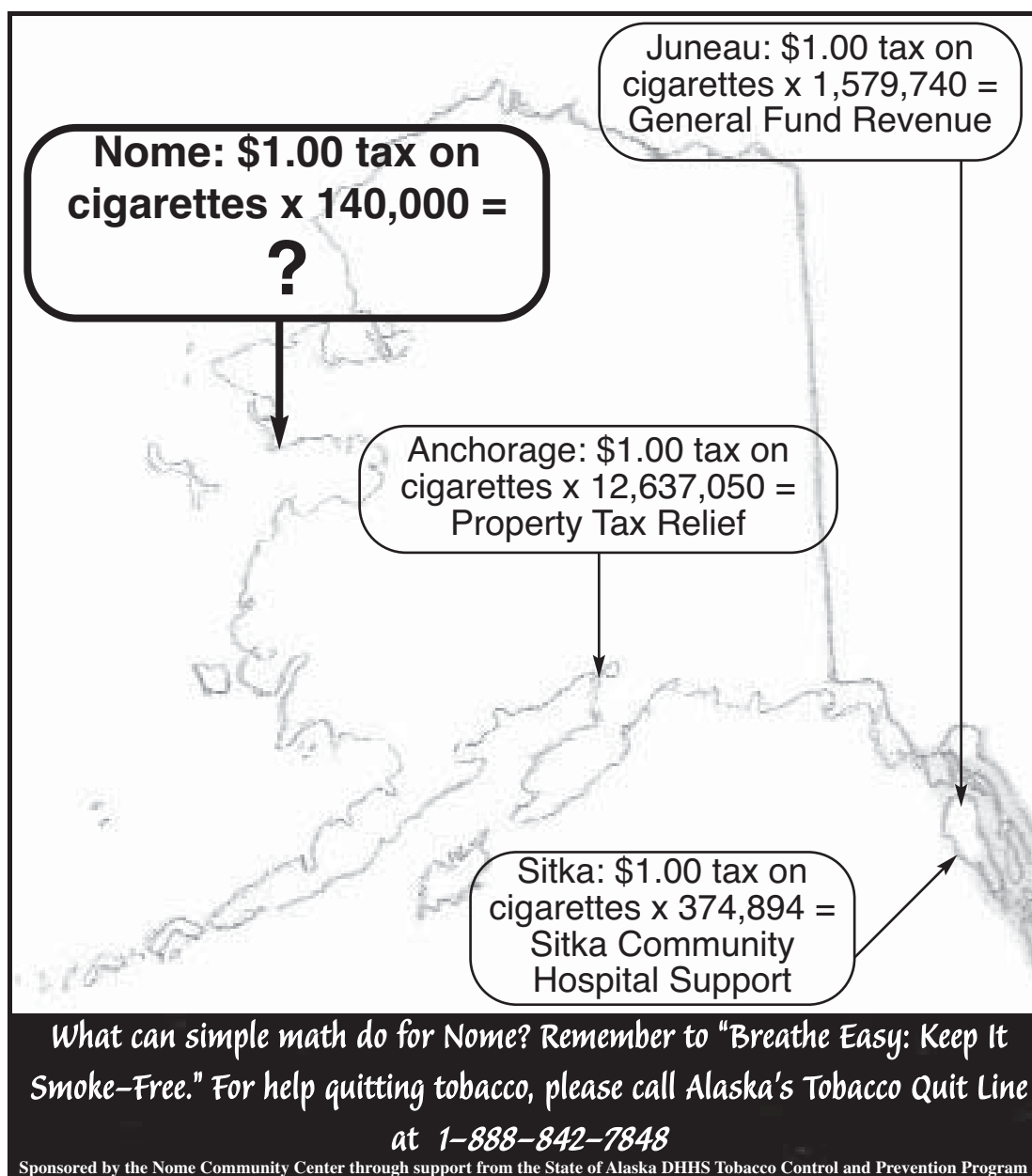
The largest export commodity was by far seafood, accounting for \$1.8 billion or more than 50 percent of all exported products. Japan leads the list of Alaska's seafood importers, buying \$553 million worth of the harvest of the sea. China spends \$404 million, Korea \$226 million, Germany \$168 million and other countries \$449 million on Alaska seafood.

Following seafood are mineral ex-

ports, which experienced a drop from \$1.269 billion in 2007 to \$691 million in 2008. Energy exports, including liquid natural gas, rose from \$259 million to \$501 million. Pre-

cious metals, gold, saw a slight rise from \$132 million to \$144 million in exports, mostly to Switzerland. Forest products account for \$83 million and fishmeal brought in \$28 million.

Alaska's top export partners are Japan (\$1.1 billion), China (\$733 million), Canada (\$370 million), Korea (\$366 million), Germany (\$208 million) and Switzerland (\$148 million).



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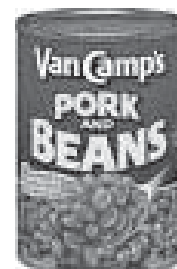
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# School board, city officials team to examine costs

By Janet Ahmasuk

The March 24 Nome Board of Education meeting saw the teaming of a couple Nome Common Council members as the two groups examined ways to save money.

Board members present at the work session were President Gloria Karmun, Albert McComas, Barb Nickels and Betsy Brennan. Nome Common Council members attending were Mary Knodel and Randy Pomeranz.

During the hearing of delegations parents and audience members responded. Margaret Thomas gave an impassioned plea to continue the Physical Education Program. She cited various authorities, stating it improved student physical health, resulted in better classroom brain focus, less brain and physical fatigue, and curbs childhood obesity. She mentioned there is a need for structured physical activity as opposed to unstructured physical activity at the play ground and school yard.

It was learned that PE coordinator Jeff Collins' contract will be presented at the April regular meeting. Luthi mentioned that the money is in the budget for the PE position.

Parent Dana Handeland would just as soon see the true dollar amount of the school lunch program charged rather than what appears to her to be a subsidized amount, reflecting dollars taken from other programs, including education.

McComas would also like to see lunch costs closer to actual costs.

School district business manager Jenny Martens mentioned that school lunches are going up this year.

During the end of meeting, Nome Common Council member Knodel expressed interest in NPS being a soda-pop-free environment.

The work session agenda was discussion on the FY/10 budget and information on the federal stimulus package.

A wide range of issues hit the table during the FY/10 budget discussions:

Board member Brennan wanted to make sure that the science curriculum was not being cut out of the budget. She also asked Robin Johnson from the Technical Department how many carts were at NES and out at Beltz. The answer was three and two, respectively. She also found out from Johnson that the \$32,000 spent on classroom computers were replacements for old and outdated computers.

The question was also asked about the impact of eliminating the Community Schools position.

Superintendent Luthi said grants may

help by reallocating/negotiating with the Boys and Girls Club. Assistant Superintendent Jon Wehde is working on this issue at the state level, and there is no clear answer at this point.

Board members Nickels and Brennan had questions about passing the grant through the Nome Community Center, and whether this maneuver would cause less Boys and Girls Club activity. The answer is yes and/or changed.

Board member McComas also wondered if NPS could legally charge for the activities bus used for basketball games as a way to defray costs in that area.

Superintendent Luthi answered that "Yes we can charge for the bus."

Board President Karmun worried that the disadvantaged might not be able to pay the activities bus fare if that were to happen.

Business Manager Martens explained the school lunch program bookkeeping is better solved from the expenditure side instead of the revenue side. She also recommended closing down the outside freezer and cycling the other freezers back to four weeks.

Common Council member Knodel questioned changing the junior high counselor position to half time. Superintendent Luthi answered that the social worker will take up some of the counseling responsibilities and Principal Janeen Sullivan will also take on some of those tasks.

Brennan wondered at this point if we/NPS are spreading ourselves too thin.

McComas stated that NPS has been flat funded by the City of Nome for the last three years. He also mentioned that NPS needs to keep the co-operation advantages with Bering Strait School District in mind.

Nome Common Councilman Pomeranz brought up the Northwestern Alaska Career and Technical Center (NACTEC) and wondered

what NPS could negotiate or share with space or teachers/staff there.

At that point NPS Board Member Brennan asked if NACTEC had a skills counselor only to be told by Superintendent Luthi that the skills counselor had resigned. He, however, told Brennan to hold on to that thought.

Board members and others voiced concerns about the price of fuel.

As was learned in meetings previously, 85 percent of the e-rate technol-

ogy budget will be reimbursed.

For the benefit of Nome Common Council members, the bookkeeping system whereby NPS saved money for capital projects was re-explained. Capital projects—meaning the fire alarm and boiler projects—have been on the agenda at previous board meetings. However, NPS still needs to worry about equipment purchases such as loaders that wear out.

Board member Brennan had a con-

cern about the special education position beyond two years. She agreed that it is working now as it is, but wondered about later. For now, at least, she was told that NPS is looking to combine services or part-time contract services.

The maintenance staff will increase over the summer due to summer help for projects such as gym floor replacement and flooring and

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Stan Lujan, who left the district after serving as superintendent for seven years. The board started advertising for Lujan's position approximately two months before hiring Luthi.

While many in the education field have solidified their job prospects by this time of year, Bruce Johnson of the Association of Alaska School Boards reassured the board Monday that they still have time. "It's not unusual for us to be hiring superintendents in late May or early June," Johnson told the board as he participated in the meeting via telephone.

Johnson will advise the board as it works through the process of selecting its next superintendent.

The job offering lists the salary at \$95,000 per year with fringe benefits, such as housing and the use of a district vehicle. Karmun and the board concurred that the offering specify a contract of three years. "I'm interested in longevity," she said.

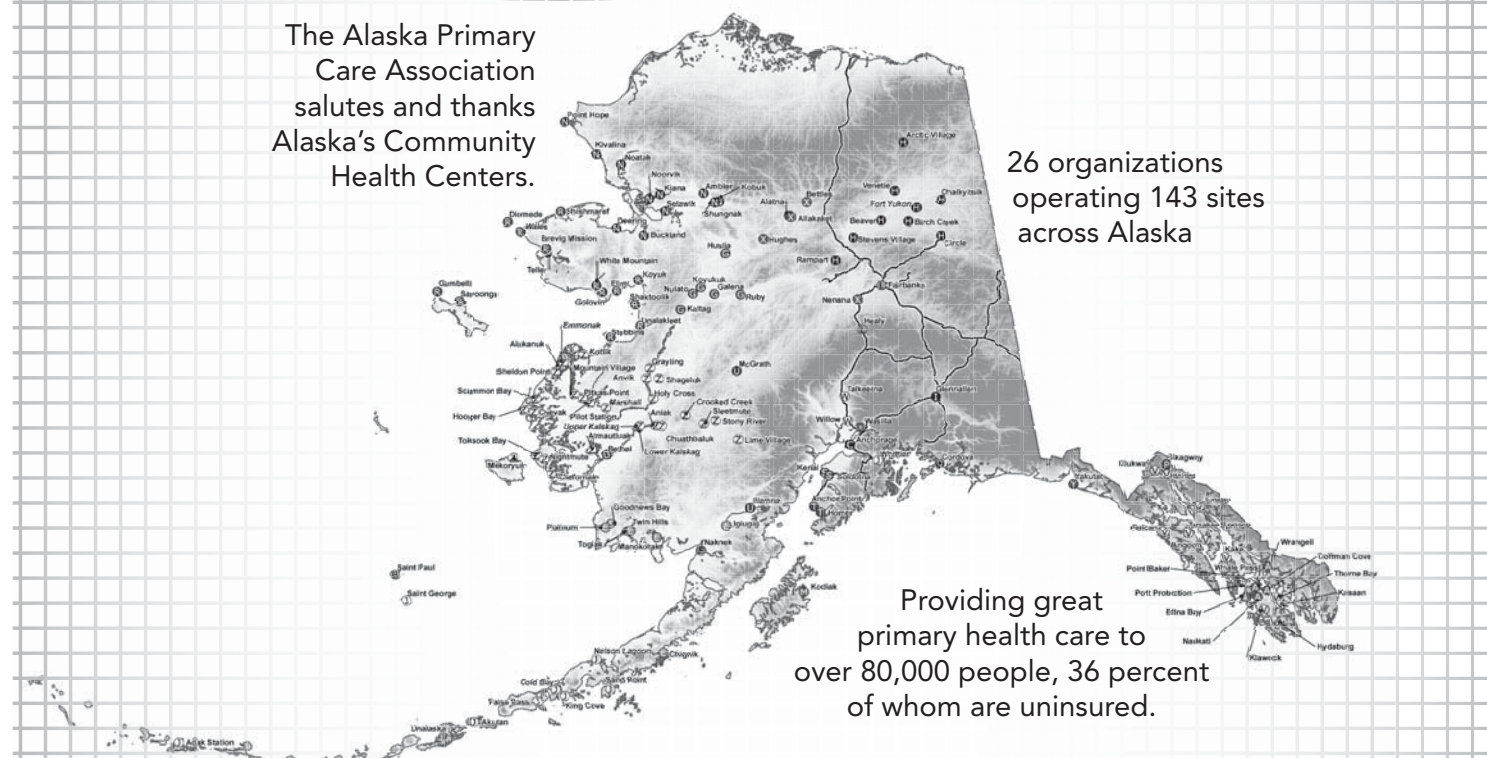
If no qualified candidates are determined by the local search, the board will be forced to turn its attention outside, a process that is more costly and time-consuming.

As for Luthi, he said his plans upon leaving Nome are not yet clear. He and his wife own a home in the Matanuska Valley where he last worked before coming to Nome. "I'm not sure what life is going to hold. We have a home in the Valley," he said. "I have no desire or intention to leave Alaska. I do hope to continue in the field of education in some capacity, though I'm not sure what role that will be."

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# Bergamaschi wins first ski title ski/biathlon championships

By Keith Conger

Asa Bergamaschi, a swift skier from White Mountain, burst on to the Western Region ski scene three years ago as the smallest junior high boy skier.

That year, as a fifth grader skiing in his first regional ski race, he stayed on the heels of a skier two years his elder. Bergamaschi finished just seconds behind the older skier, taking the runner-up honors in the race. In the two years following that race, the skier he had chased, Emerson Conger of Nome, would win two more ski titles, while Bergamaschi would begin a frustrating string of second place finishes.

Last Thursday, Bergamaschi, now an eighth grader, broke that string and delighted the large and loud crowd of hometown fans at the 31st annual Bering Strait School District Championships. Bergamaschi zipped around the familiar 5-kilometer ski course to earn that elusive first gold medal. His lightning fast time of 12 minutes, 53 seconds was a whopping 44 seconds ahead of eighth grader Shyler Johnson of Unalakleet. Johnson won the race last year.

Bergamaschi was equally impressive in the biathlon race on March 27, being the only racer to "shoot clean," by hitting all five targets on the rifle range. He was able to earn gold by outdistancing his Unalakleet rival for a second time. Johnson, who missed two shots, was forced to ski an equal number of time-consuming penalty laps. Bergamaschi's double gold performance would earn him the meet's highest honor of Skimeister, the award given to the outstanding performer for each age division.

Johnson's double silver medal performance, along with a fifth-place finish in the ski race by eighth grade teammate Chris Lockwood, and a fourth place finish by seventh grader Ben Currier in the biathlon were enough to ensure that the Unalakleet boys squad would take home a second consecutive junior high boys team trophy.

Another eighth grader, Tim Schmidt of Nome, earned double medals at the meet, beating Currier in the biathlon by one second. His two bronze finishes were his first medal performances. Thomas Amaktoolik and Kevin Ione from Golovin teamed up to take the third place trophy.

The junior high girls age division was easily the deepest and most competitive at the meet, featuring the return of all top 10 finishers from the 2008 meet. Precious Lincoln, an eighth grader from White Mountain, outdistanced her 29 competitors to win her second consecutive ski title. Lincoln's margin of victory was small, as she edged out Rosa Schmidt, a sixth grader from Nome, by a mere 11 seconds. Her result in the ski race helped Lincoln capture her second consecutive Skimeister award.

For the second year in a row, the powerhouse junior high girls squad from Unalakleet captured the team trophy. The Unalakleet girls needed someone to step up, as seventh grader Jonisha Wilson, the team's top skier, injured her knee in a fall on day one, and did not finish the ski race.

Unalakleet seventh grader Season Haugen turned out to be the girl responding to that call. Haugen, who was one of only five girls at the meet to shoot clean, won the biathlon race and earned her first-ever gold medal. Teammate Katie Daniels, a seventh grader, took the bronze medal in the biathlon



Photo by Angela Alston

**SKIMEISTER**—Asa Bergamaschi from White Mountain captures the gold medal in the junior high ski race on his home course March 26.

to help the Unalakleet girl's cause.

The most surprising result from the meet was provided by Nome's Ariana Horner, a seventh grader whose previous best finish was 10th place. Horner shot clean in the biathlon, which led to an identical time as Lincoln's, and helped her tie for silver, the first medal of her young ski career. She also posted the fifth best finish in the ski race the day before.

Horner used Rosa Schmidt's ski finish and teammate Miranda Murphy's fifth place finish in the biathlon to guide her squad to the second place team trophy. Nome's best finish ever in the junior high girl's age group. Teammate Hannah Tozier, a seventh grader and a first-year skier, finished 10th in the ski race, and ninth in the biathlon, to distinguish the Nome girls as the only junior high team with four top-10 finishers.

## High school results

Conger, now a sophomore, blazed the 10-kilometer high school course in 23 minutes, 9 seconds to capture his fourth straight regional ski title. That victory would lead to his third consecutive Skimeister Award as well. Conger's margin of victory in the ski race was 5 1/2 minutes over his nearest competitor, teammate and Nome freshman Brendan Wehde. Wehde followed Bergamaschi's lead by moving up a notch on the podium. Wehde earned his first silver medal after a string of recent bronze-medal finishes.

The most improved member of Nome's high school boys squad, sophomore Sam Schmidt, took 12 minutes off his previous best time to earn the bronze medal. Nome's medal sweep in the ski race, coupled with Conger and Wehde's gold and silver medals in the biathlon race the next day would help the Nome boys retain the high school boys team trophy. The team from St. Michael, lead by Alex Otten, and the team from Shishmaref, led by Zander Weyiouanna, took second and third place, respectively. Otten won the bronze in the biathlon.

Freshman Caitlin Tozier of Nome, also a first-year skier, won both of her races to earn the title of high school girl Skimeister. She led all the Nome skiers in earning the coveted Sportsmanship Award.

The Most Improved trophies were

## Most Improved

**Boys:** Jacob Okbaok, Teller  
**Girls:** Kaitlin Topkok

## Ski race individual results (Top 10)

**High School Boys (10 K):** 1. Emerson Conger, Nome, 23:09; 2. Brendan Wehde, Nome, 28:40; 3. Sam Schmidt, Nome, 30:00; 4. Zander Weyiouanna, Shishmaref, 34:43; 5. Garrett Kimoktoak, 35:41; 6. Alex Otten, St. Michael, 36:42; 7. Quinn Tozier, Nome, 47:59; 8. Jarad Billingsley St. Michael, 56:48; 9. Chad Geary, Shishmaref, 1:00:56; 10. Trevor Niksik, Savoonga, 1:02:56.

**High School Girls (5 K):** 1. Caitlin Tozier, Nome, 19:57; 2. Danita Douglas, Koyuk, 30:57; 3. Tiffany Immingan, Savoonga, 37:18.

**Junior High Boys (5 K):** 1. Asa Bergamaschi, White Mountain, 12:53; 2. Shyler Johnson, Unalakleet, 13:37; 3. Tim Schmidt, Nome, 16:24; 4. Thomas Amaktoolik, Golovin, 17:28; 5. Chris Lockwood, Unalakleet, 17:41; 6. Ben Currier, Unalakleet, 18:21; 7. Kevin Ione, Golovin, 18:29; 8. Corey Ningeulook, Shishmaref, 21:28; 9. Alan Kuzuguk, Shishmaref, 22:23; 10. Jacob Okbaok, Teller, 22:36.

**Junior High Girls (5 K):** 1. Precious Lincoln, White Mountain, 16:29; 2. Rosa Schmidt, Nome, 16:40; 3. Katie Daniels, Unalakleet, 16:55; 4. Season Haugen, Unalakleet, 17:28; 5. Ariana Horner, Nome, 18:06; 6. Rayna Buck-Nassuk, White Mountain, 18:23; 7. Aly Daniels, Unalakleet, 18:31; 8. Miranda Murphy, Nome, 19:07; 9. Renatta Olson, Golovin, 20:12; 10. Hannah Tozier, Nome, 21:00.

## Biathlon individual results (top 10)

(Parenthesis indicate number of shots made out of five. High school athletes shoot without a rest.)

**High School Boys (4 K):** 1. Emerson Conger, Nome, 10:36 (3); 2. Brendan Wehde, Nome, 13:33 (1); 3. Alex Otten, St. Michael, 13:59 (4); 4. Zander Weyiouanna, Shishmaref, 14:51 (1); 5. Garrett Kimoktoak, 15:31 (0); 6. Sam Schmidt, Nome, 16:04 (2); 7. Quinn Tozier, Nome, 16:28 (1); 8. Jarad Billingsley St. Michael, 19:53 (3); 9. Chad Geary, Shishmaref, 20:30 (3); 10. Davis Myomick, St. Michael, 23:24 (3).

**High School Girls (4 K):** 1. Caitlin Tozier, Nome, 17:30 (2); 2. Danita Douglas, Koyuk, 28:24 (2); 3. Tiffany Immingan, Savoonga, 33:16 (0).

**Junior High Boys (4 K):** 1. Asa Bergamaschi, White Mountain, 10:13 (5); 2. Shyler Johnson, Unalakleet, 11:33 (3); 3. Tim Schmidt, Nome, 15:15 (2); 4. Ben Currier, Unalakleet, 15:16 (4); 5. Kevin Ione, Golovin, 15:21 (2); 6. Thomas Amaktoolik, Golovin, 15:40 (3); 7. Chris Lockwood, Unalakleet (2), 16:22; 8. Corey Ningeulook, Shishmaref, 17:07 (3); 9. Alan Kuzuguk, Shishmaref, 18:32 (2); 10. Jacob Okbaok, Teller, 18:47 (2).

**Junior High Girls (4 K):** 1. Season Haugen, Unalakleet, 13:50 (5); 2. (tie) Ariana Horner, Nome, 14:14 (5); 2. (tie) Precious Lincoln, White Mountain, 14:14 (2); 4. Katie Daniels, Unalakleet, 14:48 (1); 5. Miranda Murphy, Nome, 15:23 (2); 6. Rayna Buck-Nassuk, White Mountain, 15:38 (4); 7. Rosa Schmidt, Nome, 15:49 (2); 8. Aly Daniels, Unalakleet, 16:27 (1); 9. Hannah Tozier, Nome, 17:14 (3); 10. Renatta Olson, Golovin, 17:39 (3).

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carpeting projects.

Board members came up with some creative suggestions to reduce costs of student travel. It was mentioned that the regional basketball tournament is in Unalaska next year, which is an added expense. Scholarships, local donations and shifting expenses were mentioned.

The Extension School contract needs to be re-evaluated to see if the NPS can include elementary students next year.

Superintendent Luthi brought a letter to the meeting that he had drafted to Gov. Sarah Palin to recon-

sider the \$170 million in education federal stimulus funds that she had rejected. The money won't be going to programs we can't sustain, he said, but will be spent to keep existing programs going.

Board Member Nickels added that she wants the words "strongly recommend and dollar amount" in the letter.

Brennan thanked Knodel and Pomeranz for attending the work session meeting.

McComas asked if NPS had ever had an energy audit for the elementary school. He agreed with a comment that some stimulus money could be used to replace loose and drafty window at the elementary.

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# Nome's Callahan named coach of the year

Story and photos by Jason Evans

After a basketball season that almost saw the Nanook boys go all the way, a few players and their coach are now soaking up some honors.

Nome teammates Jesse Blandford and Jeremy Head were named to the 3A Boys All State Team by the Anchorage Daily News/Alaska Media. Nanooks Head Coach Patrick Callahan was named 3A Boys Coach of the Year.

The Nanooks finished first for the second year in a row in the 3A Boys Western Conference and second in the 3A Boys State Championship.

Callahan has coached the boys team for the past six years. He grew up in Cordova and later in Seward, both 3A schools outside of Nome's region. When asked why he moved to Nome, he said, "I wanted to live somewhere, where taking my kids to McDonalds was a big deal, like it was for me growing up."

Callahan teaches history half time and activities the other half. He is raising three kids of his own in Nome and is also taking care of two foster children, both 2 years old, one from Gambell and one from Wales.

"He is a really, really good coach; he seem to get the most out of his kids. He works as hard as any coach out there, and commits so much time to the kids and studies the game. He does everything you are supposed to do to prepare your team," said Craig McConnell, a Kotzebue boys varsity coach for 11 seasons.

Blandford, a 5' 11" senior at Nome-Beltz High School has played for the Nanooks varsity team for the past four years. "Jesse is a good kid, as a referee we really get to know the Nome players, but also many of other kids in our region, and Jesse is one of

the best. We also see good players acting badly, and Jesse never talks bad to his teammates or to the referees. He is a hard working young man," said Nome referee Bobby Evans.

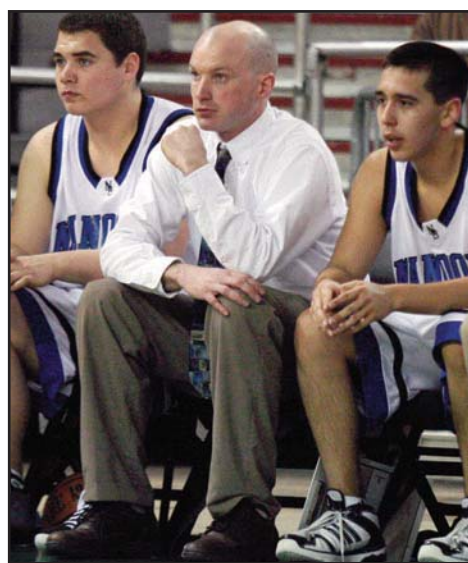
Blandford led the Nanooks in scoring, averaging 23 points per game this past season. "I remember watching Blandford when he was an eighth grader," McConnell added. "I got to thinking about all the great Nanooks in the years past and thought he would be in the top 10. He is so well rounded, he could hurt you in so many ways, he does everything, he passes, scores, rebounds, plays defense, pushes the ball up the floor. He is so smart, he is just such a smart player, and those kids are so rare."

Head, a 6' 1" junior at Nome-Beltz has played for the Nanooks for the past three years. Head was the second highest scoring player on the Nanooks, averaging 16.9 points per game and led the Nanooks in rebounding. "Jeremy plays harder than anyone else, and that's what other coaches around the state would say," Callahan said.

"Jeremy could easily play college basketball and he is going to be really good for Nome next year. He will be one of the best players in the state," McConnell said.

"Jesse and Jeremy represent everything that a coach would want in their players; they are hard working, polite young men who are the ultimate competitors," said Unalaska boys basketball coach Jim Wilson.

Kevin McHenry, head coach for North Pole added, "Both are excellent basketball players but even better teammates from what I can tell. That is a huge part of a team's success; leadership by example. Congratulations to Jesse



**TOP COACH (above)**—Patrick Callahan was named 3A Coach of the Year.

**ALL-STATE (left)**—Nome player Jesse Blandford (bottom) was named to the first team All-State Basketball Team. Jeremy Head (top) was named to the second team.

and Jeremy, but also the entire Nome team for their accomplishments."

When asking coaches around the state what they thought about Callahan and Blandford and Head, many had great things to say. They also lauded the entire Nanook team. "The Nanooks boys were a pleasure to watch, and their attitudes were really appreciated. It didn't matter what situation they were in, they were really a pleasure to watch, big time" said Steve Ivanoff, former boys basketball coach from Unalakleet.

A lot of credit was given to Mason

Evans, a junior and a starting point guard for the Nanooks. "Mason Evans should have been on the honorable mention list" Callahan said.

"While Jesse and Jeremy have produced lofty statistics night in and night out, I think Mason Evans is an unsung hero, as one of the best point guards in the state, at any level. I know that Jesse and Jeremy would quickly credit him for delivering the ball when and where it needs to be on a nightly basis," said North Pole coach Kevin McHenry.

"The other players on that team

really complement their two stars well. Nome has a well rounded team with the Wongittilins and Mason Evans. Mason does a great job of running the offence and is a great leader on the floor," said McConnell.

"I am very happy for all of the Nome kids and the coaching staff, their hard work has paid dividends this season. Nome must be very proud as well. Pat Callahan has created a special basketball program that is very well respected all over the state of Alaska," said Ketchikan boys basketball coach Eric Stockhausen.

## 2009 All-State Basketball players and coaches

### Class 3A Boys

**Player of the Year:** Leif Karlberg, Grace Christian

**Coach of the Year:** Patrick Callahan, Nome  
**First Team:** Leif Karlberg, Grace Christian; Jesse Blandford, Nome; Robert Perea, Seward; Michael Stepovich, Monroe Catholic; Kevin Rima, Hutchison.

**Second Team:** Jeremy Head, Nome; Jeremiah Ridgeway, Heritage Christian; Yuri Tibbs, Anchorage Christian; Jonathan Mazzella, Petersburg; Jordan Birchell, Petersburg.

**Honorable Mention:** Cole Daniels, Hutchison; Justin Sanders, Barrow; Keenen Mays, Hutchison; Colten Growden, Eielson; Dylan Beck, Seward; Jonathan Millar, Heritage Christian; Ben Snow, Hutchison; Tyler Adams, Barrow; Christian Osentoski, Bethel.

### Class 3A Girls

**Player of the Year:** Anna Simmers, Anchorage Christian

**Coach of the Year:** Daniel Skipworth, Anchorage Christian

**First Team:** Anna Simmers, Anchorage Christian; Chelsea Dyson, Anchorage; Nicole Smith, Barrow; Debby Simmers, Anchorage Christian; Charlea Kewan, Mt. Edgecumbe.

**Second Team:** Eliza Chadwick, Nikiski; Jubilee Sutherland, Glennallen; Lainey Beaver, Mt. Edgecumbe; Leisha Trani, Sitka; Adrienne Beans, Galena.

**Honorable Mention:** Sheree Miller, Eielson; Virginia Bobbit, Dillingham; Kira Polk, Bethel; Lexy Seifert, Barrow; Elena Bartman-Wallman, Dillingham; Heather Gallohorn, Kotzebue; Sydnee Falkner, Glennallen; Tricia Ivanoff, Mt. Edgecumbe; Kathryn Medinger,

Sitka; Rachel Romans, Nikiski.

### Class 1A Girls

**Player of the Year:** Marisa Atoruk, Kiana

**Coach of the Year:** Jason Copenhaver, Golovin

**First Team:** Marisa Atoruk, Kiana; Jo-Jo Nashookpuk, Alak; Alyssa Agnasagga, Alak; Jessica Schneider, Akiachak; Samantha Sam, Huslia.

**Second Team:** Stephanie Aguvluk, Alak; Julie Ann Reed, Kiana; Chelsea Kasayulie, Akiachak; Sheralyn Sockpealuk, Golovin; Cierra Robustellini, Port Lions.

**Third Team:** Francine Larsen, Napaskiak; Michelle Kavairlook, Koyuk; Molly Nassuk, Koyuk; Rachel Journey, Andreafski; Lois Vent, Huslia.

**Honorable Mention:** Julie Reed, Port Lions; Maggie Beans, Andreafski; Ashley Evan, Napaskiak; Lucienne Jackson, Akiachak; Billi Miller, Golovin; Sierra Sampson, Kiana; Katelyn Kinegak, Akiachak.

### Class 1A Boys

**Player of the Year:** Wayne Holmberg, Kalskag

**Coach of the Year:** Severin Gardner, Kalskag

**First Team:** Wayne Holmberg, Kalskag; DJ Dorris, Kalskag; Robert Clay, Newhalen; Jonny Samuelson, King Cove; Miles Walker, King Cove.

**Second Team:** Matt Westlake, Kiana; Moses Gibson, Minto; Nathan Koonook, Kivalina; Matt Takak, Elim; Travis Andrew, Napaskiak.

**Third Team:** George Okbaok, Teller; Swenson Tocktoo, Brevig Mission; Darrell Takak, Golovin; Gus Paukan, Andreafski; Matthew Askoak, Newhalen.

**Honorable Mention:** Joachim Maxie, Napaskiak; Dennis Aloysius, Kalskag; Oscar Takak

Jr., Elim; Amos Nashookpuk, Alak; Gabe Tinker, Andreafski; Tim Nick, Napaskiak.

### Class 2A Girls

**Player of the Year:** Rose Fraker, Yakutat

**Coach of the Year:** Lena Ferguson, Chevak

**First Team:** Rose Fraker, Yakutat; Tammy Burgess, Point Hope; Jessica Williams, Noorvik; Ellen Esbenshade, Yakutat; Kaylie O'Daniel, Skagway.

**Second Team:** Sam Lane, Point Hope; Mary Olson, Chevak; Jesse Ellis, Skagway; Grace Ehlers, Ninilchik; Misty Olson, Chevak.

**Third Team:** Kayli Hildebrand, Northway; Joanne Semaken, Unalakleet; Carrie Ann

Kowanna, Point Hope; Martha Ticket, Selawik; Katherine Albert, Northway.

**Honorable Mention:** Erin Zibell, Noorvik; Lindsey Wells, Noorvik; Brianna Kirk, Noatak; Marceline Lee, Selawik; Carmen Akerelrea, Scammon Bay; Lindsey Rohr, Ninilchik; Amie Smithwick, Cook Inlet Academy; Kira Eckenweiler, Unalakleet.

### Class 2A Boys

**Player of the Year:** Tim Field, Noorvik

**Coach of the Year:** Rex Rock Sr., Point Hope

**First Team:** Tim Field, Noorvik; Ryan Rock, Point Hope; Skylar Webb, Tok; Justin

Williams, Noorvik; Chuck Jones, Buckland.

**Second Team:** Kash Ferguson, Chevak; Randy Demit, Northway; Ebruilik Frankson, Point Hope; Stephen Adams, Yakutat; Jeremy Tooyak, Point Hope.

**Third Team:** John Ivanoff, Unalakleet; Sean Hall, Klawock; Matthew Shy, Noatak; Pete Katongan, Unalakleet; Lucas Nutting, Northway.

**Honorable Mention:** Jaxon Wassillie, Bristol Bay; Adam Sage, Point Hope; Ryan Doyle, Cook Inlet Academy; Brycin Pacheco, Bristol Bay; Shea Jackson, Yakutat; Scotty Litchfield, Cook Inlet Academy; Tyler Sutherland, Ninilchik; Clinton Ivers, Yakutat; James Barr, Shishmaref; Alvin Ashby Jr., Noatak.

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## Golovin's Copenhaver named top 1A girls basketball coach

*Western Alaska players given All-State honors*

Golovin girl's coach Jason Copenhaver was selected as the Coach of the year in the Alaska Newspapers Inc. State 1A Basketball year end awards.

Copenhaver led his six-girl team to two upset victories in the conference tournament and a first-round win at state before losing the semi-final game to Akiachak. The Lynx outplayed the team from the Kuskokwim after the second quarter, but couldn't recover from an extremely slow start. Copenhaver edged the coach of state champion Wainwright for the award.

The Bering Strait School District was also well represented among players led by senior Matt Takak (Elim) and spark plug Sheralyn Sockpealuk (Golovin), who were both named to the Second

Team All-State. Unalakleet's Joanne Semaken, John Ivanoff and Pete Katongan all were named to the 2A Third Team. Koyuk's Michelle Kavairlook and Molly Nassuk joined George Okbaok (Teller), Swenson Tocktoo (Brevig Mission) and Darrell Takak (Golovin) on the 1A 3rd Team. Additionally, Kira Eckenweiler (Unalakleet), Billi Miller (Golovin), Oscar Takak Jr. (Elim) and James Barr (Shishmaref) were named to their respective Honorable Mention lists.

The All-State Teams were sponsored by Alaska Newspapers Inc. and voted on by a statewide group of coaches, Activities Directors and media. Players and coaches from all teams in the 1A and 2A classifications were eligible for nominations.



Photo by Maj. John Grennon

**TAKING AIM**—Idit-A-Shooters (to r) Kyle Clark, Kyle Griemsmann, Kevin Rogers and Barnaby Longley fire for a placement in the Idit-A-Shoot March 18.

## Sharpshooters take aim at Idit-A-Shoot

**Results of the 2009 Idit-A-Shoot are as follows:**

**1st thru 6th grade:**  
1. Gold(G)-Gabe Smith; 2. Silver(S)-Leif Erikson; 3. Bronze(B)-Gareth Hansen

**7th thru 12th Grade:**  
1. G-Barnaby Longley; 2. S-Sharon Verdin; 3. B-Kyle Clark

**Graduate thru 49 years old:**  
1. G-Kevin Knowlton; 2. S-Steve Smith; 3. B-Kim Erikson

**Luthi Division (50 years and up)**  
1. G-Bruce Klein; 2. S-Rick Luthi; 3. B-Jim Hansen

**Team Trophies:**  
1st Place-V Squared; 2nd Place-OFA; 3rd Place -The Bombardiers



### Bering Strait School District 2009 Activity Calendar

**Apr. 3 - 4**  
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**Apr. 10 - 11**  
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Unalakleet: Unalakleet Native Store  
Valdez: Eagle Quality Center,

# HOROSCOPES

April 2 - 8, 2009

 <b>CAPRICORN</b> December 22 - January 19 Yahoo, Capricorn. You finally find the impetus to break out of your relationship rut this week. An employment opportunity may be too good to pass up.	 <b>ARIES</b> March 21 - April 19 Look within, Aries, and find the courage to forgive another. They truly are sorry, even though they haven't said so. This is one relationship you don't want to lose.	 <b>CANCER</b> June 22 - July 22 Mix it up at a party, Cancer, and you might just learn a thing or two. Communication dwindles at work. It's up to you to step in and play the link between parties.	 <b>LIBRA</b> September 23 - October 22 Talk is cheap these days at work. Pay no heed to the chatter around you, Libra. The answer to your dilemma is right in front of you. A mix-up at home strikes your funny bone.
 <b>AQUARIUS</b> January 20 - February 18 Your assumption about someone is correct, but don't pry too much, Aquarius, or you could end with more than you bargained for. Hope rises with a note.	 <b>TAURUS</b> April 20 - May 20 Cheer up, Taurus. All is not lost at home. Continue your efforts, and life will be rosy again. Time to tie up loose ends at work and get out of dodge for a while.	 <b>LEO</b> July 23 - August 22 Listen up, Leo. Your pride is getting in the way of a special relationship. Stop putting off what needs to be done. A financial mistake turns out in your favor.	 <b>SCORPIO</b> October 23 - November 21 Your wish for more me time is granted. Use it for pleasure, not work, Scorpio. Life will get hectic again before you know it. A young neighbor returns a favor.
 <b>PISCES</b> February 19 - March 20 Advice is golden. Listen to what your mentor has to say, Pisces, and you can't go wrong. A friend receives good news on the home front. Congratulate them.	 <b>GEMINI</b> May 21 - June 21 Play your cards right at work, Gemini, and you may just get that promotion you were hoping for. Your perfectionist tendencies at home are given their due.	 <b>VIRGO</b> August 23 - September 22 Dig deep, Virgo, and you will manage to pull off the impossible. Overlook a social faux pas at a business event. This is not the time for critique.	 <b>SAGITTARIUS</b> November 22 - December 21 Psst, Sagittarius. The tide is turning at home. Make the most of the opportunity. A furry friend tugs at your heart. Give in! An old friend has some startling news.

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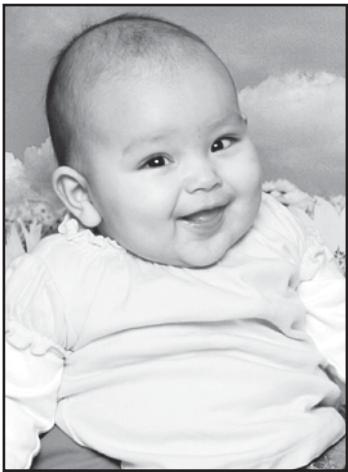
# All Around the Sound

Rachel L. and John D. Nattanguk of Nome announce the birth of their son **Kurt Nattanguk**, born March 12 at 1:39 p.m. He weighed 4 pounds, 8 ounces and was 17” in length. His sisters are Erica, 4, and Hattie, 2. Maternal grandparents are Steven and Lillian Kiyutelluk of Shishmaref. Paternal grandparents are Carmelita (and the late David) Nattanguk of Nome.

Carey R. and Garrett L. Adsuna of Nome announce the birth of their daughter **Trinity Jessie Amelia Adsuna**, born March 18, at 2:36 a.m. She weighed 9 pounds, 1 ounce and was 20” in length. Siblings are Trae, 10; Taylor, 8; and Trishelle, 2.5. Maternal grandparents are Amelia Amaktoolik and Merlin Koonooka of Nome, and Robert and Angelita Hays of Michigan. Paternal grandparents are Jessie Adsuna, and Danny, Jr. and Barb Aukon of Nome.

Juanita Joy Lyn and Collin Lee Noongwook of Savoonga announce the birth of their daughter **Janissa Rae Noongwook**, born March 22 at 6:27 a.m. She weighed 8 pounds, 0 ounces and was 21” in length.

Shannon Nayokpuk Akin of Shishmaref and Joseph Demientieff of Holy Cross are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, **Courtney Elizabeth Demientieff**. She was born Oct. 7, 2008 at 12 a.m. at the Fairbanks Memorial Hospital. She weighed 8 lbs., 9oz, and was 21 1/2 inches long. Maternal grandparents are John and Mary Akin. Great-grandparents are the late Herbert and



Courtney Elizabeth Demientieff

Elizabeth Nayokpuk. Paternal grandparents are Luke and Sandra Demientieff. Great-grandparents are Luke Sr. and Alice Demientieff, and Frank and Mary Jo Turner.

Jennifer R. and Julius Pepper Goslin III of Nome announce the birth of their son **Justus Parker Goslin** born March 25, at 6:59 a.m. He weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces, and was 20” in length. Siblings are Josiah Pierce Goslin, 4; Jude Preston Goslin, 3; and Joel Padrig Goslin, 22 months old. Maternal grandparents are John and Rhonda Schneider of Shermans Dale, PA; and paternal grandparents are Julius P. Goslin, Jr., and Diane Goslin of New Providence, PA.

### Award Winners

*The Nome Nugget* is proud to announce that Tyler Rhodes was awarded a first place in the Alaska Press Club competition for best sustained coverage with stories of the Rock Creek Mine. His stories connected global problems to a local crisis, while putting a human face on the ongoing story. Diana Haecker also won a first place award sports story for “Back to Back Mack Attack” where she tells the inside story of how Lance Mackey really won the 2008 Iditarod. It was a nicely crafted tale that was fun to read. She also won a second place award for a photo of Lance Mackey and his dogs.

## Saying it Sincerely

By Pastor David Elmore  
Nome Community United Methodist Church  
for the Nome Ministerial Association

### “It’s Never too Late”

God first appeared to Abram when he was 75 and told him to gather up his things and leave Haran; and Abram was a youthful 86 when God again appeared to him and told him that his descendants would be numerous, but would also be of “his very own issue.” And now yet again, God appears to Abram at the age of 99 and reminds him of this promise once again. Abram and Sarai’s response was not that much different than our own reactions might be. Indicating the apparent ridiculousness of this promise, God commanded that the name of this child would be Isaac — laughter.

This passage stands in stark contrast to the portrayals of the New Testament. Jesus was only about 30 when he began his ministry. Mary and Joseph were young — Joseph was still an apprentice, and Mary was what today we would consider just a child. In this week’s passage, we examine Genesis 17 where Abram and Sarai still had confidence in the promises that God made in the covenant with them — and scholars believe this portion of Genesis was not finalized until the Babylonian exile, a time when the Israelites had no land.

The point is this: God never gave up on Abram. God kept calling and calling out to Abram, until Abram finally responded and left his home in Haran. And God kept reaching out to Abram, just as God reaches out with us over and over. And even when Abram lost faith and committed a momentary act of indiscretion with Hagar, God kept reaching out to Abram (later known as Abraham), and even reiterated the promise that Abraham’s descendants would be many nations, and that his true heir would be of his own issue. And as further proof of God’s continuing to reach out, God promised that Hagar’s descendants through Ishmael would be numerous and prosper as well.

Just as God never gave up on Abram, God never gives up on us. And so, it is never too late for us to respond to God’s grace in our lives. No matter how we’ve failed to be aware of God’s presence in our lives, no matter how often we may have chosen not to listen to God’s voice calling out to us, it is never too late for us to respond. No matter our age, our health, our physical condition, God can still use us in ways that we have yet to imagine. During this time of Lent, when we are preparing for Christ to come among us once again, we should be sensitive to observe God’s presence among us in many ways — from neighbors providing unexpected hospitality, to young kids helping the pastor shovel the walkways to church. We should listen this Lenten season as God speaks to us in that still small voice.



Left to right: Janet, Walter, Marlene and Howard Sr.

Over 12 years ago you went home. Tears have been shed and God has been faithful in wiping them away as he promised. I just wanted to share this picture with all who shared in the ministry with him from whom all things come. We don’t say goodbye “just see you later.” Thank you all for supporting him, and Mom, you can weep a little and I can say “I love you!”



### Congratulations David!

Over 30 years ago you were born. This is VPSO Dave Slwooko born to the late Janet Slwooko enjoying dried fish years ago at the Unalakleet Covenant Church Parsonage. Just wanted to share it with you all at Koyuk. Our Native people need a lot of support these days.

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**Community Baptist Church-SBC**  
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**Small Group Bible Study** 10 a.m.  
**Sunday Morning Worship** 11 a.m.  
Pastor Bruce Landry

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**Friday:** Community Soup Kitchen 6 - 7 p.m.

**Our Savior Lutheran Church**  
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**Sunday School** 10:30 a.m./Morning Worship 11 a.m.

**River of Life Assembly of God, 443-5333**  
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**Sunday Worship Service** 11 a.m.  
**Wednesday Night Service** 6:30 p.m.

**St. Joseph Catholic Church, 443-5527**  
Corner of Steadman and Kings Place  
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**Seventh-Day Adventist (Icy View), 443-5137**  
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**Saturday Morning Worship** 11 a.m.

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**Closing Date:** April 23, 2009

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Deliver completed application to City Hall.

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**Kawerak Administration- Recruitment Notice**

**DIVISION:** Administration

**JOB TITLE:** Office Assistant

**POSITION STATUS:** Regular, Full Time

**LOCATION:** Nome, Alaska

**EXEMPT STATUS:** Non-Exempt

**PAY SCALE GRADE:** 6-7-8 (\$15.46 – 20.17) DOE

**REPORTS TO:** Executive Assistant

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

1) High school diploma or G.E.D. plus one year previous clerical experience.

2) Must type at least 40 wpm.

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4) Must possess strong verbal communication skills. Prioritization and organizational skills required.

5) Must possess the ability to maintain strict confidentiality.

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**DIVISION:** Community Services

**DEPARTMENT:**

Community Planning & Development

**JOB TITLE:** Energy Development Specialist

**LOCATION:** Nome, Alaska

**POSITION STATUS:** Regular, Full-Time

**EXEMPT STATUS:** Non-Exempt

**PAY SCALE GRADE:** 12-13-14 (\$22.04 – 28.75)

**DOE**

**REPORTS TO:** CPD Program Director

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

1. Bachelors Degree in Rural Development, Public Administration, Business Management or related field. Work experience in related fields may be substituted for the degree requirement on a year for year basis.

2. Prefer two years experience in community development, project management and/or grant development.

3. Experience in providing technical assistance or training programs.

4. Must have strong oral and written communication skills, organizational and budgeting skills.

5. Ability to work effectively with people from a variety of backgrounds and effectively relate with IRA/Traditional Councils and various funding agencies in a multi-cultural setting.

6. Must be dependable, self-motivated and able to work with minimum supervision.

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10. Prefer federal and state grants management experience.

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**DEPARTMENT:**

Administration

**JOB TITLE:** Tribal Coordinator- King Island

**Native Community**

**POSITION STATUS:** Regular, Full Time

**LOCATION:** Nome, Alaska

**EXEMPT STATUS:** Non-Exempt

**PAY SCALE GRADE:** 9-10-11 (18.45 – 24.08)

**DOE**

**REPORTS TO:** Tribal Affairs Director

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

1) High school diploma or G.E.D. equivalent.

2) Two years previous secretarial, administrative, or supervisory experience.

3) Must be able to type. Computer experience highly desirable.

4) Strong organizational, oral and written communication skills.

5) Must be able to work well with the public.

Native Preference per Public Law 93-638.

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**POSITION OPENING**

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**IS RECRUITING FOR THE POSITION OF:**

**Tutor**

**STATUS:** Seasonal, Part-time, Mon-Wed, 3

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**CLOSING DATE:** UNTIL FILLED

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P.O. BOX 1090

200 W 5th Ave

NOME, AK 99762

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[nomeeskimo@gci.net](mailto:nomeeskimo@gci.net)

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## Seawall

**3/24**

A Nome male was transported to the hospital on a Title 47 Protective Custody Hold.

**3/25**

Larry Custer, DOB: 4/21/76, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violation of Conditions of Probation.

Daniel Ahmasuak, DOB: 3/25/83, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Disorderly Conduct.

Dale Okpealuk, DOB: 1/23/64, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.

John Erlich, Jr., DOB: 2/2/85, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.

**3/26**

Thomas Soolook, DOB: 10/12/67, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault in the Fourth Degree and Violating Conditions of Probation.

Lionel Winkle, DOB: 11/11/82, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Theft in the Third Degree and Violating Conditions of Probation.

A Nome juvenile received a citation for Minor in Possession of Tobacco.

A Nome male was transported to the hospital on a Title 47 Protective Custody Hold.

Alvin Amakttoolik, DOB: 1/29/87, was arrested and booked into AMCC for two counts of Assault in the Third Degree and Misconduct Involving Weapons in the Fourth Degree.

**3/27**

A White Mountain female was transported to the hospital on a Title 47 Protective Custody Hold.

**3/28**

Jenna Toolie, DOB: 5/3/89, was issued a citation for Minor Consuming Alcohol.

Courtney Amakttoolik, DOB: 12/5/90, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Habitual Minor Consuming Alcohol.

A Nome female was transported to the hospital on a Title 47 Protective Custody Hold.

Jake Sherman, DOB: 11/14/51, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Driving Under the Influence and Leaving the Scene of an Accident.

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## Trooper Beat

On March 17, Nome AST received an anonymous tip that Casey Iyakitan, 26, of Gambell, was on local airline flying home to Gambell with alcohol. VPO Robert Apatiki and VPO Rudy Oozevasuk contacted Iyakitan and removed four 750ml bottles of alcohol from his luggage. Charges will be referred to Office of Special Prosecutions and Appeals.

On March 18, at approximately 3:00 p.m., AST received information that Frank Kavairlook, 29, of

Koyuk, was intoxicated in violation of his conditions of probation. Investigation determined that Kavairlook was intoxicated and a summons was requested.

Between March 18 and March 21, Alaska Wildlife Troopers from Nome and Kotzebue conducted a patrol of the crabbing activities in the Nome / Norton Sound area. As a result of the patrol, nine pots were seized and several violations were discovered. Those issued citations were Johnnie Noyakuk, of Nome, for Employing Unlicensed Crewmembers and Commercially Fishing With Unmarked Pot(s); Robert Noyakuk and Isaac Ozenna, both of Nome, for Commercially Fishing Without a Crewmembers License; James Nguyen, of Nome, for No Biodegradable Escape Mechanism on five subsistence pots; Charles Reader, of Nome, for Failure to Properly Mark Subsistence Pots; and Robin Thomas, of Nome, for Commercially Fishing With Unmarked Pot(s).

On March 21, Nome AST received a report that someone had attempted to break into the Stebbins Post Office. A suspect has been identified and the investigation is continuing.

On March 21, Nome Alaska Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Enforcement contacted Serena Toolie, 21, of Savoonga, at a local air carrier in Nome. Incident to contact, one 750ml bottle of alcohol was removed from her luggage. Charges will be forwarded to Office of Special Prosecutions and Appeals.

On March 22, at approximately 8:56 a.m., Nome AST received a report that Yvonne Pete, 18, of Stebbins, was walking on foot from the village of St. Michael to Stebbins and become disoriented and lost. A hasty team was authorized and Pete was located in good condition.

On March 22, at 11:51 a.m., the AST received a report of alcohol importation at a Nome airline terminal. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Kellen Katcheak, 25, of Stebbins, for Pro-

bation Violation. Katcheak was remanded to AMCC.

On March 22, Unalakleet AST received a report of a probation violation occurring in Stebbins on March 19. AST is continuing to investigate and will forward the information to the Nome Adult Probation officer.

On March 23, at 1:30 a.m., VPSO John Peratrovich received a report of an intoxicated person passed out in a Gambell residence. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Sharla Aningayou, 26, of Gambell, for Probation Violation. Aningayou was remanded to the AMCC.

On March 23, at 6:00 a.m., VPSO John Peratrovich received a report of a domestic disturbance in Gambell. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Garrett Oozevasuk, 28, of Gambell, for Assault IV. Oozevasuk was remanded to AMCC.

On March 23, at 4:00 p.m., VPSO David Sliwoko received a report of an assault in a Koyuk residence. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Matthew Hadley, 25, of Koyuk, for assaulting his girlfriend. Hadley was remanded to AMCC.

On March 24, Unalakleet AST learned of a possible assault in St. Michael. Initial information provided to AST was very limited. AST is continuing to investigate the incident surrounding the reported information. Alcohol was involved.

On March 25, VPSO Lucas Stotts in Shaktoolik received reports of stolen fuel oil from fuel tanks at a couple residences. Investigation is continuing.

On March 26, at approximately 8:00 a.m., VPSO Gerald Otto in Elim contacted and arrested Wade Daniels, 27, of Elim, on an outstanding Nome court arrest warrant for failure to appear. Daniels was transported and remanded at AMCC without incident.

## Legals

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DELBERT ENINGOWUK, Deceased Case No. 2NO-09-06PR**

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given Kelly Eningowuk has been appointed personal representative of the above entitled estate. All persons having claims against said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to Kelly Eningowuk, PO Box 242851 Anchorage, AK 99524 or filed with this court at PO Box 1110, Nome, Alaska 99762.

DATED this 13th day of March 2009.

Kelly Eningowuk, Personal Representative, Box 242851, Anchorage, AK 99524

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME**

CASE NO: 2NO-09-0085CI

ORDER FOR HEARING, PUBLICATION AND POSTING

In the Matter of Change of Name for:

Soo Sakata,



• More Letters

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corporation in this area in charge of handing out money has had its funding removed by 90 percent.

You and your corporation are no different. You want to maintain ignorance and addiction so you can maintain control for your self and your family members. This behavior is world wide with every tribal organization. The children remain abused and impoverished while a few adults steal wealth for themselves.

I have \$6 million in grants ready for the villages of the BSSD School district starting in 2010 for this program, but you refuse to support it for 2009 so we can survive until the congressional funds kick in. You have insulted many important people in the State and National association that have pledged money and time to your children, and the Korean University that pledged long-term time and expense on behalf of the children of this region for over five years to all 15 villages with future funding for fellowship grants, higher education and also cultural grants for Native dance groups to Korea. The

money it would take to support our efforts and a state tournament for 300 children who have been granted the state tournament for the first time in history, is very small compared to your huge wasteful expenditures, regardless of your weak corporate standard line. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for your communities and children and it will not return ever again in history. Korea and others are horrified that you would not care about your own children and communities.

The Bering Straits Tae Kwon Do program amounts to the complete change of students' testing and graduation levels in the villages schools and going on to higher education so they can replace the current outside people running the schools and school district. It would also substantially reduce poverty in the villages, but that would also mean being smart enough to question BSNC board decisions, policies and investments? Gee, I guess you don't want that, do you?

The letters talk of children who have never before taken part in any activity and now have a vision of wanting to do better in school and

helping at home with their chores. They talk of hope for the future. They talk of going to school to take part in Tae Kwon Do training (even in bad storms) for the hope of becoming something they had not had an opportunity to have before. These are not just 5 or 6 kids on a basketball team, but as many as 50 to 190 per village. This amounts to 30-40 percent of the population in some villages. Our previous programs proved that 5-10 percent of the population could have substantial impact on academic, behavior health, health care and law enforcement costs in the villages.

I have people from as far away as California coming to support the tournament and children here, but I have to go through the embarrassment of telling them no, it is shut down due to selfish people that represent these communities. I have been threatened to keep quiet and considered it until the mail delivered the hand written letters of the children and parents.

I have watched for years since the early 90s— people with money and power come into this area with millions of dollars to help kids in this area. I was offered \$1.5 million to help the kids of the 15 villages if I would go and complete a pilot project for two villages. We told Norton Sound it would cost \$70,000 to do that and we were given \$3,000. I raised another \$15,000 on my own and we were successful. I gave up my job, lived in a Connex without heat and water, on food stamps and when I got back to Nome the CEO had quite thrown up his hands in disgust. The person in charge of the NSHC division to fund grants for the villages was so insecure to spend the funds on hand, they had to give back \$350,000 that year to the grant agencies. Hank and I went bankrupt. For years I have watched other people come here and leave in 3 to 6 months thinking they were unable to cope with the culture, but in fact they were smarter than I (who has wasted 14 years of work to get to this point on behalf of this region). I continue to get emails from important people nationally that think they can write letters to the BSNC and its division corporate leaders to help, but I have told them they cannot change thousands of years of culture and corruption.

I am officially going to have the congressional office cancel the grants and shut down the entire project. I doubt that my family will continue to even stay in Nome. I have many other areas that have asked for me to teach and assist them with non-profit programs for children. This is just one more sad story of the people and children who have the least being used by those who have the most.

I may be beaten, but I will release these letters and your story to every state, national and international news media outlet I can to show you for what you are and how you abuse these children and communities. People are very upset over AIG and their bonuses; it is nothing compared to what you do to your own people. Sincerely, Master Dan Scholten Nome, Alaska 99762

Obituary

Daniel Sinakok Iyatunguk

Daniel Sinakok Iyatunguk was born October 9, 1932 at Shishmaref, Alaska to Frank and Florence Iyatunguk. He died March 20 at home sitting next to the one he loved most.

Daniel and Florence Iyatunguk were married on July 17, 1972. They had six children, four girls and two boys; Pauline, Esther, Nora, Verne, Gilford and Inez.

Daniel was the youngest of ten children. When he was two years old his family moved to Deering, and he attended the Deering School up until the fifth grade.

As a youth during the summer at Deering, Daniel started working at the corral owned by his brother-in-

through parachute training and jumped off a plane once a day.

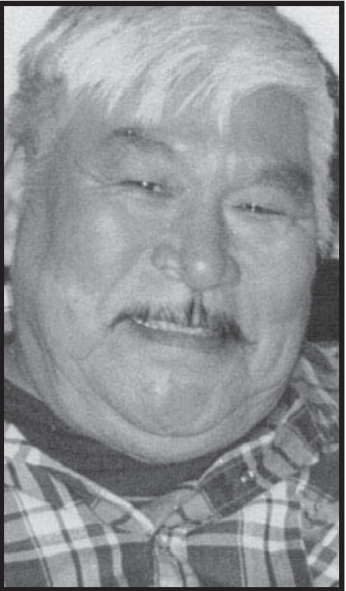
Daniel sang and played in a group with his older brother Laban Iyatunguk, who played the guitar, long time friends Wilbur Karmun, the accordion, Jimmy Knox, tub-bass, and Frank Tiepelman, the mandolin.

Daniel and Florence were known for horn doll carving. Daniel learned from his father-in-law, Sergie Obruk, and brothers-in-law Tommy and Delbert Obruk.

Daniel was a past member of the Deering and Shishmaref IRA Councils, Shishmaref Lutheran Church Council, Mayor on the Shishmaref City Council, and most recently was the chairman of the Elders Committee. He honored serving the community and was willing to help anyone when they needed help, especially when someone was in need of prayers.

Daniel is survived by his loving wife Florence; daughters Pauline-Matthew, Elsie, Sharla, Dylon, Kelsi, Esther-Mamie, Daniel, Vivian, Aaron, Nora—companion Timothy Nayokpuk-Kenny, Corben and Inez; sons Verne-companion Jessie Hadley-Colten, and Gilford Iyatunguk. He also considered Sharon F. Nayokpuk, Frances "Alook" Eutuk, and Sandi Keller as his daughters. He is also survived by his brother Laban and Irene Iyatunguk Sr.; brothers-in-law Stewart Davis, Winfred, Delbert, and Tommy and Vivian Obruk; sisters-in-law Grace and John Pullock, and Lucy Obruk and numerous nieces, nephews and grandchildren.

Daniel was preceded in death by his father Frank Iyatunguk, mother Florence Iyatunguk, step-father (who he called Dad) Johnny Taft; brothers Robert, Rudolph and Frank Iyatunguk Jr.; sisters Bertha Iyatunguk, Alice Karmun, Gladys Iyatunguk, Emma Davis, Dorothy and Clarence Bartholomew and an infant sibling; nieces Rebecca Olanna, Elsa Adams, Florence and Gwendolyn Iyatunguk and Johanna Hickerson; nephews Bobby and Roger Iyatunguk, Paul Nickolson, Kevin Pullock; father- and mother-in-law Sergie and Esther Obruk.



Daniel Sinakok Iyatunguk

law, Edward Karmun, who was married to his older sister Alice. He would go seining for fish in the river.

Daniel joined the Army in his early twenties and received his GED. He went to Basic Training at Fort Rich for six months. He was drafted in 1957, traveled to Germany and was stationed there for two years from 1957 to 1959. While he was there he and Elmer Avessuk went

• More Legals

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Second Judicial District, Alaska, describing: Lot 5, Block 12, BROWERVILLE ADDITION NO. 3, according to the plat filed August 8, 1983 as Plat Number 83-6; Records of the Barrow Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska.

EXCEPTING THEREFROM the Subsurface Estate and all rights, privileges, immunities and appurtenances of what so ever nature, accruing unto said estate pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of December 18, 1971 ( 85 Stat. 688,704; 43 U.S.C. 1601, 1613(f) (1976) as reserved by the United States of America), a/k/a 6028 Boxer Street, Barrow, AK 99723. \$179,836.84 is due, plus interest, advances, etc. Go to [alaskatrustee.com](http://alaskatrustee.com) or [usa-foreclosure.com](http://usa-foreclosure.com) for status. 4/2-9-16-23

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The City of Nome is requesting proposals for:

ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING and WELDING INSPECTION CONTRACTORS FOR THE NOME PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING PROJECT

A proposal sheet and copies of the request for proposals may be obtained at City Hall. For more information contact Randy Romenesko at 304-2240. **This bid closes on FRIDAY April 17, 2009 – 3:00p.m.**

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The City of Nome is requesting proposals for:

**DRY RENTAL OF CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT FOR THE NOME PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING PROJECT**

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Notice Correction

**STANLEY SOBOCIENSKI, d/b/a WALLACE LIQUOR STORE located at 311 Front Street, Nome, Alaska is applying for a transfer of a PACKAGE LIQUOR STORE ISSUED UNDER AS 04.11.150 liquor license to NOME COMMERCIAL COMPANY d/b/a WALLACE LIQUOR STORE located at 311 FRONT STREET, NOME, AK.**

**Interested persons should submit written comment to their local governing body, the applicant and to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board at 5848 E.Tudor Rd., Anchorage, AK 99507.**

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DETOX/RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTER

Planning Meeting

**April 9th at the Pioneer Hall 2:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.**

This is a chance for the community to: Learn more about residential treatment and detox alternatives, provide input and make recommendations on substance abuse services. Questions? call Melissa Boeckmann, NSHC at **907-443-3241.**



**Congratulations to the Unalakleet Wolfpack basketball teams for a job well done this year! We are proud of your awesome representation and sportsmanship at the regional tournament in Noorvik. Also, a huge congrats to John Ivanoff, Pete Kattongan, Joanne Semaken and Kira Eckenweiler for making the all-tournament team!**

**Gary and Willa Eckenweiler  
POB 231  
Unalakleet, AK. 99684**

Breakers Thank You

By Cussy Kauer

And so, Iditarod XXXVII passes into history, as I listen to John Handeland at the banquet announcing the awards for this year's race. Who would have thought some 84 years after our diphtheria epidemic Nome would be commemorating that event, and one young cancer survivor would capture our hearts and our respect as he marks his place in Alaskan racing history as a dog mushing legend. The honor is yours, Lance Mackey, for another stunning achievement.

I would like to take this time to thank and recognize the efforts of those who contributed to our own entertainment and events held during Iditarod week at the Breakers Bar. George Halas, K & L Distributors, hosted our kick-off party with gifts and goodies from sponsors Jack Daniels and Alaskan Amber. A gentleman from Kenai, Jeff Sutton, won the prized pool cue. Melissa Ford co-hosted the party with George, and with her quick wit and Kelly Blevins superior service, the pace was set for the days to come. We had lucky leprechauns and Irish O'Nomes St. Patrick's Day, with lots of green boppers and necklaces to go around. Monica Rose did a wonderful job MC-ing and refereeing both the men's and women's arm wrestling contests. Winners of the 2009 contests are as follows in order of first, second or third place: Men's heavyweight: Doug Buchanan and John Nieves (draw for 1st place), Joe Federman. Men's middleweight: Donny Gun, David Morgan, Dan Ahmasuk. Men's lightweight: Lance Mackey, Dale Ellanna, Jessie Ripley. Women's heavyweight: Heidi Kenny, Tamra Reynolds, Ruby Booshu. Women's middleweight: Kristy Berington, Maggie Stang, Sara Okleasik. Women's light weight: Stacey Smith, Dora Ahwinona, Brandy Adams. Monica's husband Joel helped with the weigh-ins and other logistics, and Kevin Albert, Odom Corporation, assisted keeping brackets and provided trophies and t-shirts which advertise the contest. The shirts are sharp looking, and we have a few left for sale if anyone is interested. Don Hansen, Northland Services, contributed toward the prizes, and donated hats and vests which were used in the next evening's foos ball tournament. Weezer Walcott put together the second annual tourney which was well attended, and other prizes were provided by K & L Distributors. One old hula gal introduced Breakers beauties, as they mushed their way across Bering Strait, bringing fresh pineapple from Sledge Island. Our Wiggly Jigglys served up the fresh fruit, beach hats and flower lei's, and gave a special performance to crowd favorite Wipe Out. Adorned in flower headpieces, coconut bras and grass skirts, Melissa Ford, Jennifer Ford, Dan Ahmasuk, Krysta Kauer and Kelly Blevins wow'd us with their dance. Cowboys brought cowgirls to Friday evening's Husky Hoe Down, donning straw hats, sheriff badges and bandanas, and special striped tiger hats for the law! We crooned to the tunes of Toby Keith as we hoisted our glass, belting out the words to "I Love this Bar." Thank heaven Benny Piscoya helped me pack and set up for cooking Saturday's meal of corned beef and cabbage provided in support of the Lions Club's Elliot Staples Golf Classic, the worlds most northern. It was the wee hours of the morning, and I was running out of gas. Tony Burdick, Patrice Shook and Krysta Kauer kept all the golfers and friends happy with a nice, good hot meal when they finished out on the Bering Sea ice course. Our mixologists Cherie Liston, Liz Duncan, and two of our newest stars, Tony Villegas and Benny Piscoya, fantastically worked above and beyond, and kept everyone in their refreshment of choice. In addition to serving, Benny was the perfect protector and guard at the entry, welcoming all and passing out lighted necklaces and trinkets. These two young men earned the notch they have now carved on their Iditarod belt buckle, as they ran in stride behind the plank with Melissa and Kelly and Jennifer and Cherie. Early every morning as this old building sat silent and waiting, our janitor/building maintenance specialist, David O'Connor, cleaned up after all of us, kept our coolers full and our paper dispensers at the ready. I would be remiss if I didn't recognize our Nome patrons and friends who support the Breakers all year long. Thank you for bringing in your Iditarod guests, and we hope they enjoyed their Nome adventure in your favorite place.

There are a lot of moving parts to Iditarod week at the Breakers Bar, and the staff continues to amaze me, as we are tasked with the extraordinary job of serving extraordinary crowds. We go out of our way to provide good, clean, entertaining fun. With watchful eyes, and on our toes, keeping all our patrons safe and happy, Iditarod or not, is what we do best. I couldn't be prouder to work with, along side of, and in support of each and every co-worker. When you see them, tell them what a great job they are doing! They are Cherie Liston, Kelly Blevins, Liz Duncan, Weez Walcott, Tony Burdick, Melissa Ford, Tony Villegas, Patrice Shook, Jennifer Ford, Benny Piscoya, Krysta Kauer, Jackie Olanna, Barb Fagerstrom and David O'Connor. I know how Lance must feel about his team. Team Breakers dug in and lined out, reaching down deep, synchronized and smooth, like they are every day of the week.

Winter winds still whisper Iditarod, but in a flurry of far flung dog booties and the blowing snow and exhaust of jet engines, Iditarod XXXVII is now committed to memory. We look forward to longer, spring days, Stagger Lee's crab feed, and the arrival of our snow bird Susan McClintock. We have made many new friends, and I got to see two old friends over coffee one day...Rudy Demoski and Kenney Chase. Thirty some years ago when these two handsome devils raced, it was willow bush to willow bush, no assistance with the high tech GPS tracking and other navigational aides now in use to find your way across Alaska! Ah, yes, memories, it's what fun and friends are for. Stop in and see us. We're at the Breakers, in Nome.



More stimulus funds headed for Norton Sound Health Corp.

In addition to the \$152 million it will receive for a new hospital, Norton Sound Health Corp. is in line for another \$180,000 through the federal stimulus package.

Members of Alaska’s congressional delegation announced Friday that \$3.6 million would be flowing to

the state to expand services at 26 community health centers statewide. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced that \$338 million would be available nationwide for community health center service expansion under the American Recovery and Reinvest-

ment Act, or stimulus law.

Health centers deliver preventive and primary care services to patients regardless of their ability to pay; charges for services are set according to income. Health centers served more than 16 million patients in 2007, about 40 percent of whom had

no health insurance, according to HHS.

Messages left with administrators at Norton Sound Health Corp. asking how the funds would be used were not returned by press time.

The Department of Health and Human Services estimated that,

statewide, the funds would result in 87 new or retained jobs and affect an estimated 16,629 new patients and 7,446 new uninsured patients.

Court

Week ending 3/27 Civil
Settlement Funding LLC vs. Joe, Bernadette M.; Structured Settlement - Superior Court
Small Claims
Credit Union 1 vs. Koweluk, Raymond G.; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Deft. Cert Mail

Week ending 3/27
State of Alaska v. Sharla J. Aningayou (3/24/83); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110064969; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to 3/23/10; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.
State of Alaska v. Kellen Katcheak (6/10/83); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110826657; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 30 days, remanded into custody; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.
State of Alaska v. Elmer Campbell (10/24/87); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110698947; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: Time Served (overnight); Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.
State of Alaska v. William Alvanna (6/3/88); 2NO-08-2CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110062476; Violated conditions of probation; No action taken; Probation extended to 9/11/11; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.
State of Alaska v. William Alvanna (6/3/88); 2NO-08-38CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110062728; Violated conditions of probation; No action taken; Probation extended to 9/11/11; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.
State of Alaska v. William Alvanna (6/3/88); 2NO-08-305CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109525401; Violated conditions of probation; No action taken; Probation extended to 9/11/11; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.
State of Alaska v. William Alvanna (6/3/88); 2NO-08-809CR Dismissal; Habitual Minor Consuming; Filed by the DAs Office 3/25/09.
State of Alaska v. William Alvanna (6/3/88); 2NO-08-925CR Count 1: Attempted Burglary 2°; Date of offense: 11/10/08; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 9 months, 9 months suspended; Consecutive to Count 2 of this case; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 9/11/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer for alcohol; Mental Health Assessment by 5/1/09; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare; Other: Shall take medication as prescribed; Shall be evaluated for treatment; Shall contact his clinician once each week; Shall abide by a curfew of 12 midnight to 6AM; may be out after hours with his Grandfather, Grandmother, Mother, or persons designated by his Grandfather, Grandmother, or Mother.
State of Alaska v. William Alvanna (6/3/88); 2NO-08-925CR Count 2: Theft 3°; Date of offense: 11/10/08; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 9 months, 9 months suspended; Consecutive to Count 1 of this case; Probation until 9/11/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer for alcohol; Alcohol/Mental Health Assessment by 5/1/09; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare; Other: Shall take medication as prescribed; Shall be evaluated for treatment; Shall contact his clinician once each week; Shall abide by a curfew of 12 midnight to 6AM; may be out after hours with his Grandfather, Grandmother, Mother, or persons designated by his Grandfather, Grandmother, or Mother.
State of Alaska v. Walter Rose (4/7/62); Reckless Driving; Date of offense: 10/27/08; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 30 days suspended; Fine: \$500 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 fine through Nome Trial

Courts by 12/31/09; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$50 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Driver's License, privilege to obtain a license and to operate a motor vehicle are revoked for 30 days concurrent with DMV action; Any license or permit shall be immediately surrendered to the court; probation until 3/20/09; Comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for violation of probation; No violations of law; Shall not consume alcohol to excess.
State of Alaska v. Cory Wells (8/15/79); Assault 4°; Date of offense: 1/24/09; Partial Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 360 days, 90 days suspended; Unsuspended 270 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC—recommend CRC Seaside if appropriate to enroll in assessment or treatment; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 3/19/12; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not contact, directly or indirectly, or return to the residence of Amelia Amaktoolik; Shall not possess or consume alcohol or controlled substances without prescription, nor have alcohol in his residence, nor enter or remain where alcohol is sold, served or present; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol; Alcohol Assessment within 10 days of release; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare.
State of Alaska v. Aaron Oseuk Jr. (10/24/69); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110064546; Defendant refusing probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time; Remanded into custody.
State of Alaska v. Brendan Oseuk (7/28/74); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110698011; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 30 days, remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain if effect.
State of Alaska v. Benjamin Charles (1/4/81); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110698812; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 20 days, remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain if effect.
State of Alaska v. Wilson Oozeva (6/18/53); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110823561; Defendant refusing probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time; Remanded into custody.
State of Alaska v. Beza Daniel (9/19/76); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Violation of Custodian Duty; Filed by the DAs Office 3/23/09.
State of Alaska v. Roger Siwooko (8/14/85); 2NO-09-26CR Harassment 1°; Peace Officer; Date of offense: 1/16/09; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 120 days, 60 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC consecutive to 2NO-09-53CR; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 3/20/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer for alcohol.
State of Alaska v. Roger Siwooko (8/14/85); 2NO-09-53CR Count 1: Assault 4°; Date of offense: 1/29/09; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 2 (002); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 240 days, 120 days suspended; Unsuspended 120 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC consecutive to 2NO-09-26CR; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 3/20/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not contact, directly or indirectly, Tyler Campbell without consent; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer for alcohol.
State of Alaska v. Alfred Kakoona (6/30/78); Count 1: Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 10/16/06; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 2 (002); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 180 days, 120 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$150

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State of Alaska v. Jordon Lockwood (6/17/85); 2NO-08-934CR Count 1: Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 12/20/09; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 2 (002); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 30 days suspended; (Consecutive to 2NO-09-145CR); Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 3/23/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence.
State of Alaska v. Jordon Lockwood (6/17/85); 2NO-09-145CR Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 3/17/09; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 15 days, 15 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 3/23/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law.
State of Alaska v. Daniel Ahmasuk (3/25/83); Disorderly Conduct; Date of offense: 3/25/09; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 10 days, 10 days suspended; Fine: \$500 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$500 fine through Nome Trial Courts by 7/1/09; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 9/25/09; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law pertaining to alcoholic beverages; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer for alcohol; Not be where alcohol is present; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation.
State of Alaska v. Gerry Trevor Koonooka (11/30/67); Dismissal; Count 1: Liquor Importation Into Local Option Area; Filed by the Office of Special Prosecutions and Appeals 3/23/09.
State of Alaska v. Rhonda Konahok (4/30/72); Dismissal; Count 1: Liquor Importation Into Local Option Area; Filed by the Office of Special Prosecutions and Appeals 3/23/09.
State of Alaska v. Nimeron G. Mike (5/17/76); 2NO-07-913CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110126241; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 15 days, time has been served; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage.
State of Alaska v. Nimeron Mike (5/17/76); 2UT-08-58CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault Fourth Degree; Filed by the DAs Office 3/24/09.
State of Alaska v. David Booshu (10/9/68); 2NO-08-229CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109526976; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, remanded into custody.
State of Alaska v. David Booshu (10/9/68); 2NO-09-146CR Count 1: Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 3/22/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: 2 (002); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 220 days, 220 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 3/25/12; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in his residence, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol; Not be where alcohol is present.
State of Alaska v. Sheena C. Ozenna (4/13/84); Dismissal; Count I: Fourth Degree Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance; Filed by the DAs Office 3/27/09.
State of Alaska v. Asta Ilene Koonooka (8/4/83); Dismissal; Count I: Fourth Degree Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance; Filed by the DAs Office 3/27/09.

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**Environmental Health Care Toolkit: Promoting Environmental Health & Justice**  
Tuesday, April 7 • 2:20p-4p • Pioneer Hall  
Learn about a toolkit designed to help health aides diagnose, treat and prevent health problems linked to contaminants. Presented by Alaska Community Action on Toxics.

**Applied Fisheries and Marine Research in the Bering Strait**  
Tuesday, April 7 • 2:40p-5p • Northwest Campus  
Heidi Herter, Alaska Sea Grant Marine Advisory Program, will lead a discussion to identify regional fisheries and marine research priorities and improve interagency collaboration.

**Science Education for Rural Alaska**  
Wednesday, April 8 • 4p-5p • Northwest Campus  
Learn about programs and curriculum development for science education in rural Alaska. Ray Barnhardt, director of UAF's Center for Cross-Cultural Studies, will discuss a new PhD program in indigenous studies, and other advanced graduate study opportunities in science fields applicable to Alaska Native issues and rural contexts.

**Reindeer Meat-Cutting Workshop**  
Wednesday, April 8 • 6p-9p • Nome Eskimo Community Trigg Hall  
Learn to get the most from a reindeer carcass with this workshop from Greg Finstad, range ecologist and Reindeer Research Program director. Limited to 25. Register at 443-2201.

**Roundtable: Bering Strait Research Consortium**  
Wednesday, April 8 • 7p-9p • Pioneer Hall  
Our region needs a central forum to convey cultural, health, economic, and scientific research to the public, and to facilitate data exchange, research synthesis, and research support. Representatives of local and statewide organizations will discuss the organization, mission, and planning of the Bering Strait Research Consortium.

**COASST Seabird Monitoring Workshop**  
Saturday, April 11 • 9a-4p • Northwest Campus  
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8a-9p		Registration (all day April 6-9)
6:30p-9:30p	Workshop: Retrofit of Existing Homes to Improve Energy Efficiency (register at 443-2320)	
Tuesday, April 7		
8a-9a	Opening session: The North Pacific Research Board and the Bering Sea Project	
9a-12p	Fisheries Session	Ecology & Wildlife Session
11a-12p	Fisheries Session	Anthropology Session
1p-2:20p	Public Health Session	Subsistence Session
2:20p-4p	Workshop: Environmental Health Toolkit	
2:40p-5p		Workshop: Applied Fisheries
7p-8:30p		Film: "Eating Alaska"
7:30p-9:30p	Community Barn Dance (\$3; Old St. Joe's)	
Wednesday, April 8		
8a-8:30a	Opening session: Is Your Research Reaching Your Rural Audience?	
8:30a-9:20a	Opening session: Climate Change and the People of Northwest Alaska	
9a-12p	Water Resources, Climate & People in the Arctic	Reindeer Herding Session
1p-4p	Watershed Session	Science Education Session
4p-5p		Workshop: Science Education Opportunities for Rural Alaska
6p-9p	Reindeer Meat-Cutting Workshop (Nome Eskimo Community Trigg Hall. Register at 443-2201; limited to 25)	
7p-9p	Roundtable: Bering Strait Research Consortium	Film: "Eating Alaska"
Thursday, April 9		
9a-12p	Energy & Small Business	Mining in Western Alaska
1p-2p	Energy & Small Business	
2p-3:30p	Panel: Local Pioneers in Sustainable Energy	
3:30p-5:30p	Field Trip: Solar Panels & Windmills of Nome	
6p-9p	Conference Banquet. Keynote speaker George Noongwook, Savoonga whaling captain. Entertainment by the King Island Dancers (\$15. Buy tickets at NWC; limited to 100. Mini Convention Center)	







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**READY TO RUMBLE**—Racers make final preparations before the Archie Ferguson/Willie Goodwin Memorial Snowmachine Race in Kotzebue Saturday as Nome's Stan Morgan flies over.

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**OUT OF THE GATE**—Sidney Mitchell of Selawik flies out of the start on his Polaris Dragon 600cc snowmachine at the Archie Ferguson/Willie Goodwin Memorial race in Kotzebue Saturday. For more, see page 8.

## Fuel tanks run dry in Teller

*Teller Native Corp. looks to AVEC for help*

By Tyler Rhodes

Teller resident Susan Omiak is scared to see her next electric bill.

"It's going to be outrageous. It's going to be big," she said. With her heating fuel tank empty and western Alaska still caught in the grip of a cold winter, Omiak has had to rely

on three small electric heaters to keep her house warm for nearly two weeks. "We're just getting by with electric heaters," she said.

It's likely Omiak is not alone in her predicament. As of Monday,

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## Council caps Chinook bycatch at 60,000 fish

By Laurie McNicholas

The North Pacific Fisheries Management Council unanimously decided Monday night to cap the number of Chinook salmon the rich Bering Sea pollock fishery can

catch at 60,000 fish annually beginning in 2011.

If the bycatch cap is reached, the fishery will cease. The action was

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## Church bankruptcy plan decried by sexual abuse victims

*KNOM, Pilgrim Hot Springs on the block as security for financing or sale*

By Diana Haecker

A reorganization plan submitted by the Catholic Bishop of Northern Alaska to the U.S. Federal Bankruptcy court last week shook up victims of clergy child sexual abuse as

well as leaving employees of church-owned organizations like Nome's radio station KNOM second-guessing what the future may bring.

According to the 87-page disclosure statement filed with the 80-page reorganization plan, CBNA hopes that sales or financing of its real estate holdings would generate \$8.6 million to go into the fund to pay out victims of clergy sexual abuse.

The plan proposes to refinance or sell real estate and an airplane hangar CBNA owns in Fairbanks, raffle off an airplane and conduct fundraisers.

However, the plan does not include liquidation of endowments or the schools, because they "are either restricted by the donor or essential to the mission and ministry of the Diocese," according to a press release announcing the reorganization plan.

The victims' lawyers already decried the plan as unworkable, adding to the uncertainty of the future of Nome's radio station KNOM and the Pilgrim Hot Springs property owned by CBNA.

The diocese filed for bankruptcy protection in March 2008 when faced

with over 140 claims of child sexual abuse at the hands of Catholic priests and lay workers employed by the

Fairbanks Diocese. As part of the

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## Net metering snares no utility support

By Sandra L. Medearis

A lukewarm measure in the Legislature to require Alaska's electric utilities to provide net metering and cost savings for alternative energy producers came up big time at a recent Nome Joint Utility System board meeting when a Nome consumer asked the board what they planned to do to put the shine on the heavy investment in alternative energy he has a twirling over his house.

First, what is net metering again? That is a plan by which individuals and

businesses have an opportunity to realize financial benefits from installing renewable energy systems—mostly likely solar collection and wind generation in Nome. Money off electric costs could come from selling excess renewable electrical power back to NJUS or receiving a credit on light bills. That means a customer's meter could spin backward and forward during the same month, depending on generosity of wind and sun as well as level of consumption; the customer would get a bill for the net power used: net metering.

Just getting a break on his bill sounds good, Jim Adams told the board. Adams has invested in excess of \$20,000 in his alternative system to help offset high energy costs where heating fuel is just under \$6 per gallon and electricity has a high cost per kilowatt plus a tacked-on fuel surcharge.

"I didn't start this thing to make any money from it. What I don't use goes back to the grid. I don't care what you do with it as long as I get credit," Adams

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**GOLDEN**—Nome 8th-grader Miranda Murphy skis as part of her first-place effort at the rural state ski championships. See page 10 for more.

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Letters

To the editor,

Head of the Alaskan Republican Party Randy Ruedrich and Gov. Sarah Palin have called for Sen. Mark Begich to step down and for Alaska to hold a special election to fill the Senate seat he currently holds. Such statements are ridiculously partisan at best and ultimately destructive at worst.

Whether the prosecution bungled the case or not, enough evidence existed to indict Sen. Ted Stevens for doing something illegal. Mark Begich was ahead in the polls long before there were any indictments against Stevens, and he has done a great job since being elected, working in a bipartisan manner whenever possible.

Sen. Stevens did many things for the state of Alaska, but Alaska voters decided it was time for him to retire. Upon announcement of his guilty verdict, Gov. Palin said "The verdict shines a light on the corrupting influence of the big oil service company that was allowed to control too much of our state. It was part of the culture of corruption I was elected to fight. And that fight must always move forward regardless of party or seniority or even past service." "I'm confident Senator Stevens will do what's right for the people of Alaska." (Fairbanks Daily News-

Miner, Oct. 27, 2008) I fear the same cannot be said for the Governor and Republican Party Chairman.

Sincerely,  
Dinah Jelinek

Fairbanks  
Dear Editor,

I am writing in support of Sen. Mark Begich. I am encouraged by the job that our former mayor is doing and believe he was and is

clearly the better candidate to represent our state. Sen. Begich has worked across party lines to bring support to the state of Alaska and

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Letters to the editor must be signed and include an address and phone number. Thank yous and political endorsements are considered ads.

Editorial

Sour Grapes (Again)

Isn't it ridiculous? Don't ya just want to laugh? Or maybe cry? What a bunch of grasping at straws crybabies we have in the Alaska Republican Party. Now that the Obama administration's Justice Department has dropped the charges against Sen. Ted Stevens on a technicality, the Alaska Republicans are riding to Stevens' defense on their mighty white chargers. It was the Bush (a Republican, lest we forget) administration's Justice Department that brought (and bungled) charges against Stevens. President Bush refused to pardon Stevens. Remember how Governor and former Vice Presidential candidate Sarah Palin refused to ride to Stevens' defense and made statements about fighting corruption? Now we hear a different tune, "Oh, woe is we. Let's have a new fair election."

Oh, give us a break, Sarah. You ought to know better. Does the Alaska Republican Party realize how desperate and foolish they sound? What a bunch of sore losers. They should get on with it. Sen. Mark Begich won his election fair and square. He is doing a good job. There is no reason to have a special election. Then there is the issue of Palin's blatant refusal to appoint the Democrats' pick for the replacement for a Democratic seat for Juneau. She ignored the suggested replacement and appointed a Republican who pretends to be a Democrat. The Republicans ought to be ashamed of themselves for being such sore losers.

When Alaskans hear such mean-spirited partisan political desperation and tomfoolery, it makes those of us who are rational thinking folks sit back and have a huge belly laugh. It seems we have a whole vineyard of sour grapes growing in the backyard of the governor's mansion.

— N.L.M. —

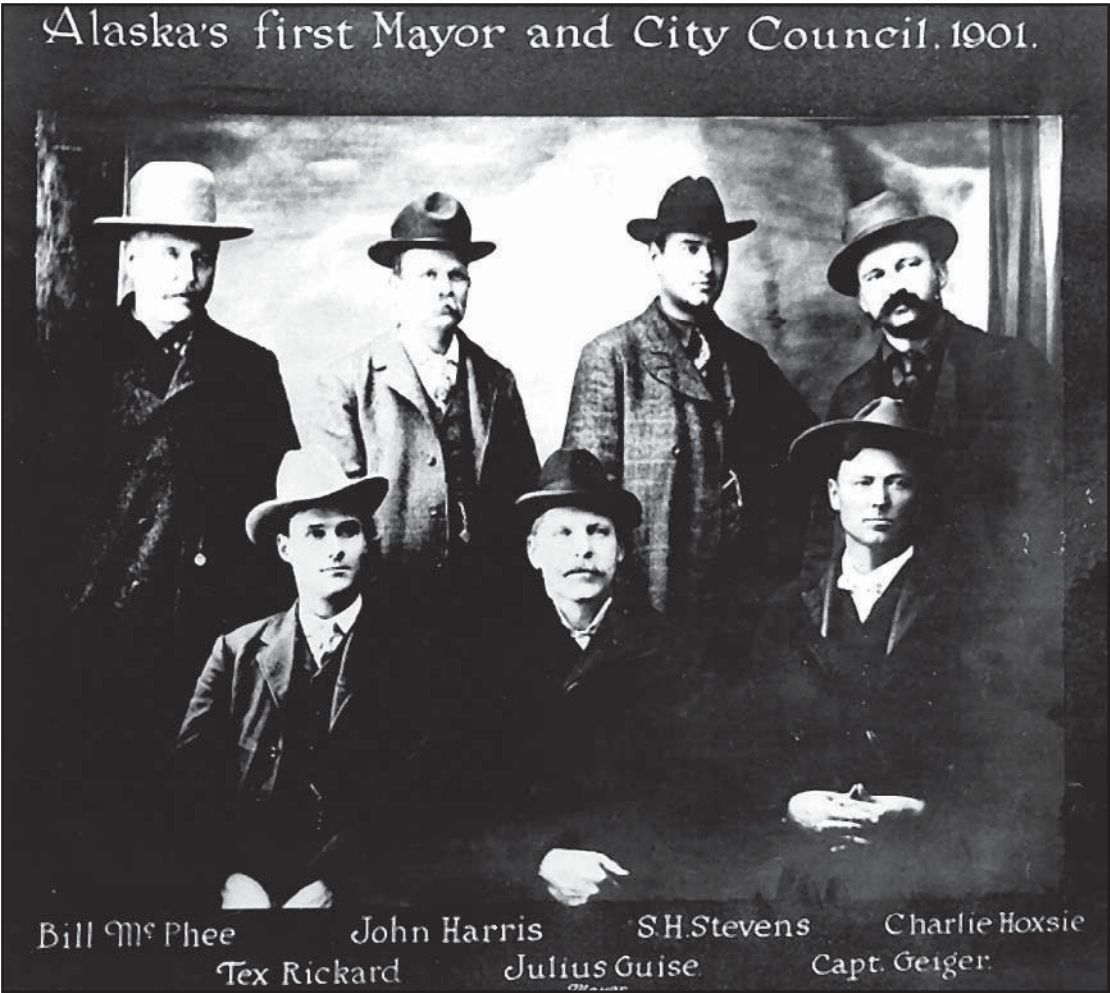


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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY NOME!** – The City of Nome was incorporated as a First Class City 108 years ago today on April 9, 1901. We elected Alaska's First Mayor and City Council. Mayor Julius Giese (sic) owned a hardware store; S.H. Stevens was owner of *The Nome Gold Digger* Newspaper; Charlie Hoxsie owned the Dexter Saloon with partner Wyatt Earp; Tex Rickard owned The Northern Saloon and later built Madison Square Garden in New York City; and Capt. Geiger built a toll bridge over the Snake and Nome Rivers.

City celebrates birthday:

The fight for incorporation of the City of Nome

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By Laura Samuelson

In 1899 there were no laws in place to enable Nome to operate as a city which could collect taxes and provide services to its citizens. In order to address the issues of sanitation, law enforcement and fire protection, the people of Nome organized a consent form of government in September 1899. The min-

ers' candidate, Ted Cashel, was elected mayor. Since this form of government had no real authority, the people of Nome lost respect for it as the winter wore on. Little tax was collected and criminals ignored the police.

Attorney Hume had lost the election to Cashel. Mr. Hubbard from the law firm of Hubbard, Beeman and Hume traveled to Washington, D.C., in the fall of 1899. This was also the Nome law firm that repre-

sented one of the Spoilers, Alexander McKenzie. His work resulted in the June 6, 1900 Act of Congress enabling, among other things, the formation of municipalities in Alaska.

The newly appointed federal judge, Arthur Noyes, arrived in Nome on July 19, 1900. His cohort Alexander McKenzie was the court appointed receiver who set about the work of illegally taking over the rich

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ALASKA  
News Briefs

U.S. attorney general dis-  
misses charges against Ted  
Stevens

After allegations of prosecutorial misconduct in the trial against former US Senator Ted Stevens solidified, Eric Holder, U.S. attorney general last Wednesday dropped the case. The prosecution team failed to turn over notes to Stevens’ lawyers as required by law. "After careful review, I have concluded that certain information should have been provided to the defense for use at trial," Holder said in a statement. "In light of this conclusion, and in consideration of the totality of the circumstances of this particular case, I have determined that it is in the interest of justice to dismiss the indictment and not proceed with a new trial."

U.S. District Court Judge Emmett Sullivan set an April 7 hearing on the motion to dismiss the case.

Stevens was tried and found guilty of seven counts of failing to disclose gifts and services from former oil field company VECO boss Bill Allen on his Senate disclosure forms. In reactions to the dismissal, Stevens issued a short statement, saying, “I am grateful that the new team of responsible prosecutors at the Department of Justice has acknowledged that I did not receive a fair trial and has dismissed all the charges against me... I always knew that there would be a day when the cloud that surrounded me would be removed. That day has finally come.”

U.S. and State of Alaska sue  
BP over 2006 oil spill

The Alaska Department of Law and the US Justice Department filed civil lawsuits against BP on March 31, relating to the March and August 2006 crude oil pipeline spills at Prudhoe Bay. Corroded pipelines were to blame for both spills, resulting in the release of an estimated 212,252 gallons of crude oil in March and was the more than 900 gallons in August.

The state’s lawsuit seeks compensation for nearly two years of lost revenue due to the reduced oil production and penalties for violations of environmental laws.

The US Justice Department filed a civil complaint against BP Exploration Inc. on behalf of the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Transportation, alleging that BP violated the spill prevention measures of the Clean Water Act and violated the Clean Air Act by improperly removing asbestos from its pipelines.

The lawsuit asks the court to order BP to take all appropriate action to prevent spills in the future, including systematically inspecting its pipelines and associated facilities for corrosion. BP pleaded guilty on Nov. 29, 2007, to one count of criminal negligent discharge of oil to the waters of the United States in violation of the Clean Water Act.

NOAA sued over failing to  
list ribbon seals as endangered

The Center for Biological Diversity and Greenpeace last week notified the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of their intent to file suit against NOAA for denying protections under the En-

dangered Species Act for the ribbon seal. The Center contends that the ribbon seal, an ice-dependent species of the Bering, Chukchi, and Okhotsk seas off Alaska and Russia, is threatened by global warming and the consequent loss of its sea-ice habitat.

NOAA concluded in response to a legal petition to list ribbon seals as endangered, that they aren’t because sufficient sea ice would remain in the seal’s habitat for the species to survive at least until mid-century.

The Center has also filed petitions to list three other ice seal species – the ringed, bearded and spotted seals–to the endangered species list. NOAA is required to make a determination by May 28. The polar bear was listed as a threatened species in May 2008, and the Pacific walrus is currently under review for listing as well.

Secretary of Interior to visit  
Dillingham

An important visitor will descend on Dillingham next week as U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar is scheduled to hold a town hall meeting there on Monday, April 13. U.S Senator Mark Begich will accompany Salazar to Dillingham. “I am very pleased Secretary Salazar has agreed to go to Dillingham to get more information and the perspective of rural Alaska on many issues important to our state,” Begich said. “I know the secretary’s time is limited and Alaskans are fortunate he is able to spend two days listening to our views as our country looks at the future of energy resources.” Salazar is hosting a series of regional public meetings including in Anchorage, Atlantic City and New Orleans to gather information and public comment to help build a comprehensive energy strategy for the Outer Continental Shelf.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR  
April 9 - April 15, 2009

EVENT	PLACE	TIME
<b>Thursday, April 9</b>		
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Preschool Story Hour	Kegoayah Library	10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Kinderswim & Lap Swim	Pool	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	noon - 5:30 p.m.
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 8 p.m.
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	noon - 1 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 10 p.m.
*Meditation with Kelly Keyes	Lutheran Social Hall	12:15 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Celebrate Birth video	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Tried & True Labor Techniques vid	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
*City League Volleyball	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
*Overeaters Anonymous meeting	Baptist Comm Church	7 p.m. (across from KNOM)
*Swing Dancing	Nome Rec Center	7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
*Narcotics Anonymous	Behavioral Health Bldg.	7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

**Friday, April 10**

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	noon - 5:30 p.m.
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 6 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 4 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50
*Medicaid class	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Kids Soccer K - 3rd grade	Nome Rec Center	4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Cardio Kick Boxing	Nome Rec Center	4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
*Single Parenting video	Prematernal Home	5 p.m.
*Kids Soccer 4th - 7th grade	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 6 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Adult Drop-in Soccer	Nome Rec Center	8 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.

**Saturday, April 11**

*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*UMW Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	noon - 5:30 p.m.
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 6 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 8 p.m.
*H2O Aerobics	Pool	1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Great Expectations Preg Program video	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Pregnancy-9 Special Months video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*AA Meeting	BHS Bldg. 2nd floor	8 p.m.

**Sunday, April 12**

*Pool		Closed
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*After Childbirth Postpartum video	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Pilates	Nome Rec Center	2:30 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.
*Pathways to a Healthy Life video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Beginning Baton with Jay	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.
*AA: Big Book Study	HR Conf. Room, NSHC	6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

**Monday, April 13**

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 8 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 10 p.m.
*Strength Training with Jennie	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.
*Yoga with Kelly Keyes	Lutheran Social Hall	12:15 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Audiology class	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Beginning Yoga with Kari	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Birth Control Myth Methods video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Cardio Kickboxing with Kelly S.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*H2O Aerobics	Pool	6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Drop-in Volleyball	Nome Rec Center	7:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.
<b>Nome Common Council reg mtg</b>	<b>Council Chambers</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.

**Tuesday, April 14**

*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 8 p.m.
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	noon - 1 p.m.
*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	noon - 5:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Social Services class	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	2:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*Wiffle Ball Grades 4-6	Nome Rec Center	3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Wiffle Ball Grades 7-8	Nome Rec Center	4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
*Labor and Delivery for Teens video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim & Adult Lessons	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*AA Teleconference: 1-800-914-3396 (CODE: 3534534#)		7 p.m.
*City League Volleyball	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
<b>Nome Planning Commission mtg</b>	<b>Council Chambers</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>

**Wednesday, April 15**

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Rotary Club	Airport Pizza	noon
*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	noon - 5:30 p.m.
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 8 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 3 p.m.
*Strength Training with Jennie	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.
*Tai Chi with Kelly Keyes	Lutheran Social Hall	12:15 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Injury & Prevention class	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Ping Pong Grades 4-6	Nome Rec Center	3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
*Ping Pong Grades 7-8	Nome Rec Center	4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
*FAS Life Sentence video	Prematernal Home	5 p.m.
*Step Box with Kelly S.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*H2O Aerobics	Pool	6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Hello Central (also on Channel 98)	Nome Visitors Center	7:30 p.m.
*AA Meeting	BHS Bldg. 2nd floor	8 p.m.



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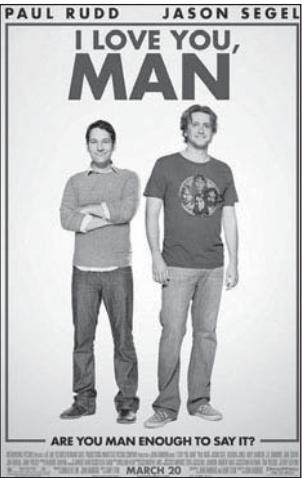
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## • Net metering

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told the board March 31. "All I am trying to do is cut my costs." He said based on monitoring his Skystream wind generator so far, he didn't think was going to bring electric costs down to zero.

The aspect of net-metering looming has local and statewide utility administrators, well, scared. But they concede without relief in the cost of generation and hefty fuel surcharges—not likely—that net metering or some equitable consideration for alternative energy is inevitable. Forty-two other states and Washington, D.C., already have laws requiring utilities to credit or buy back homemade energy. What if many ratepayers started generating their own power and resulting revenue losses left NJUS without means to cover fixed standby and investment costs? they ask. The power companies might have to raise rates on conventional power sales to pick up the slack. That would come out of the pockets of those who could least afford it, they say.

That could happen, Carl Emmons said, when the alternative energy systems become efficient and cost effective.

"It works fine as long as a few people are doing it. As these get more reliable, the utility will have to raise rates to be able to buy the power," he said.

Board member Fred Moody just votes "no."

"No one in this world is going to convince

me you should buy electricity for less than I do just because you go out and buy an alternative energy system," he said. "Net-metering is just a deferred cost of fuel. Why should you pay 10 cents when I pay 31 cents?"

NJUS has to pay for power plant operators, fuel, office staff, linemen and the like to keep power at ready when the sun doesn't shine on photovoltaic cells and the wind doesn't turn turbines, Moody added. "Only people it's going to hurt are people with no money for [wind generators and solar panels] or no room for them."

And another thing, Emmons said: the Banner Wind farm above Nome probably costs the utility money when it was feeding back into the grid because "it drives the load of the engine down so it's less efficient, so we are not getting the maximum kWh per gallon of fuel."

Alternative energy producers who favor net metering say the practice makes sense, but there are other ways to go to disconnect automatically while the wind and sun are strong. They say programs limited to small systems would not impact the utilities. They argue that there are benefits for the utility with one meter going both ways as the utility would not have keep separate accounts for customer-generated electricity. Generally, according to the federal Department of Energy, net metering customers do not generate more electricity than they use during billing periods, mean-

ing they just pay a reduced bill.

Also, net metering users monitor energy use and keep consumption beneath what they generate.

In some states where net metering has been adopted—Pennsylvania, for example—the law allows utilities to avoid passing unpaid fixed costs to regular customers by having small business or industrial alternative energy producers pay a share of such stranded costs via an annual recovery fee when they have saved 10 percent or more on their light bill compared to the previous year via net metering.

Board members conceded they needed to work something out to make it right with alternative energy producers, but having the state require net metering was not a good idea at all. Emmons conceded the board needs to study alternatives. Not to worry—for now. The utility companies, including Alaska Village Electric Cooperative, have persuaded the Legislature to shelve SB 66. House Bill 33, still in the hopper, appears to be dead this session.

"My guess is nothing's going to happen," said alternative energy crusader Jim Stimpfle Monday.

"At some point we are going to have to make ourselves as intelligent as possible [about alternative energy systems]," Emmons said. "It is coming whether we like it or not."

Could be. Nome's early adopters of solar and wind energy take on a glow when they talk

about the accomplishments of their wind or solar outfits. "My water was 151 degrees last night, and my boiler didn't turn on once," a delighted Mitch Erickson reported at Airport Pizza one evening last week. Erickson has an array of solar tubes—metal rods enclosed in vacuum cylinders he figures cost him around \$7,000. He is counting on them to supplement his purchased power from April until about October while Nome's latitude enjoys sunlight.

While an energy meeting or demonstration is likely to draw at least 40 with plans for energy innovation, only four or five people in Nome have installations so far.

Meanwhile, NJUS is seeking money to implement its own wind farm under its jurisdiction and has received \$4 million from the state renewable energy fund against a request for \$16 million for wind energy development. The utility's manager, John H. Handeland, told the board staff he was working with engineers to see if a more modest project would be submitted to Alaska Energy Administration and what other financing options were available. Additionally, NJUS has an attorney working out a power purchase agreement with Banner Wind, a wind generation company owned by Sitnasuak and Bering Strait Native corporations.

Wind energy projects are in progress in six surrounding villages: Brevig Mission, St. Michael, Shaktoolik, Savoonga, Wales and Unalakleet.

## • Chinook cap

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driven by a steep rise in numbers of Chinook salmon incidentally taken as bycatch that began in 2002 in the pollock fishery and totaled nearly 122,000 fish in 2007. Bycatch numbers declined steeply in 2008 and 2009.

Chinook salmon are a prohibited species in the pollock fishery. When they are taken as bycatch they must be counted but cannot be retained, and most of them are returned dead to the sea. That deeply disturbs residents of western Alaska who have faced drastically reduced returns of Chinook salmon to their rivers in this decade.

The program adopted by the council includes complex and untried industry incentive plans to reduce Chinook salmon bycatch to or below 47,591 fish annually. The plans include rewards for participating pollock fishermen who avoid Chinook salmon bycatch and penalties for those who don't. An opt-out provision is provided for pollock harvesters who choose not to participate in an incentive plan, but they are subject to low annual backstop bycatch cap of 28,496 Chinook salmon. Chinook salmon taken under the backstop cap are counted against the 60,000-fish cap.

The council's unanimous approval of a plan to manage Chinook bycatch in the pollock fishery belies conflicting views of the plan's merit among the 11 voting members of the body.

"It is very difficult for me to accept this package," said council chair Eric Olson, an Alaska Native and salmon fisherman from Dillingham. "It pushes the envelope." His comments reflected those of many individuals and groups representing

communities and organizations in the Yukon River, Bristol Bay and Norton Sound regions who recommended simple bycatch hard caps as low as 30,000 Chinook salmon in written and oral testimony.

"The performance standard is the piece that helps me support [the plan]," Olson said. The council included in the plan a performance standard based on "annual scenario 2," which calls for an overall bycatch cap level of 47,591 Chinook salmon.

The performance standard stipulates: "Each sector will be annually evaluated against a performance standard. If the sector's annual Chinook salmon bycatch exceeds the sector's portion of the annual scenario-2 cap level in any three years within a consecutive seven-year period; all vessels within that sector will operate under annual scenario-2 in all subsequent years. Any vessel or CDQ group that fishes under the opt-out backstop pool will not be evaluated or included in annual calculations of a sector's performance standard."

The council heard in-person public testimony on the Chinook bycatch issue from about 200 individuals last weekend and Monday morning, about half of whom represented the Coastal Villages Region Fund, one of six entities in the Western Alaska Community Development Program that receive annual allocations of Bering Sea pollock. Speakers from CVRF's 20 member communities in the Kuskokwin region emphasized economic benefits that royalties from pollock harvests and investments have brought to their villages and said they are able to meet their needs for traditional subsistence foods.

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## • Teller

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Teller residents had not been able to purchase heating oil in town for at least two weeks.

As has happened in previous years, the community's heating fuel tanks have run dry. "We just don't have the capacity to sustain the village all winter long," said Tanya Ablowaluk, general manager of Teller Native Corp., the entity now managing the community's tank farm.

That doesn't mean there is no heating fuel at all in town. Both the school and the city's electric provider, Alaska Village Electric Cooperative, have remaining supplies. AVEC has enough that it can spare a stopgap supply of 3,000 gallons to ease the situation for Teller residents. The infusion could be supplied as early as this week.

For that to happen, however, AVEC President and Chief Executive Officer Meera Kohler said the state needed to open the door. "We're constrained by our policies, so we have to have some sort of local emergency declared," Kohler said.

The state did its part Monday, clearing the way for action. A letter from Division of Community and Regional Affairs Director Tara Jollie landed on Kohler's desk Tuesday requesting that AVEC offer assistance if possible.

The situation is a tricky one for AVEC. Kohler said the electric provider should be able to spare the 3,000 gallons of fuel and have enough to last it until the next barge arrives in the summer. However, she does not want the cooperative, which supplies power to 53 villages in interior and western Alaska, to be seen as a fallback supply line for villages. "We are not in the fuel supply business. We don't want to compete with the local barge companies," she said. "We are not licensed to do that. Our fuel is not designated for that."

Kohler said AVEC is prepared to provide the 3,000 gallons at its cost plus storage costs. She said the price should come close to the \$6.75 that was being charged for the fuel in the community tank farm. "Hopefully it would be a pretty comparable number," she said.

On Monday, Isaac Okleasik, president of Teller Native Corp., was hopeful that the transfer would be able to take place on Wednesday. It was still to be determined Monday just how the fuel would be transferred from AVEC's facilities to the Teller tank farm. "Another thing holding us up is the actual transfer from their tank to ours," Ablowaluk said.

Meanwhile, many in Teller have been travelling the approximately seven miles west over the ice and along the coast to purchase heating oil in Brevig Mission. Brevig Native Store manager Elmer Kakaruk said he sells heating oil for \$7. That's 25 cents more per gallon than the fuel was selling in Teller when it had some in its tanks. The cost of the oil is even more when you consider the gas used to get there and back by four-wheeler or snowma-

chine. Gasoline, which is still in supply, sells for \$6.45 a gallon in Teller.

Kakaruk said he figures his supply of heating oil could withstand the extra pressure from Teller for a few weeks. That pressure could even help make room for what is expected to be cheaper fuel when deliveries are made by barge this summer. "I will be able to hold up until they get a transfer hose. I'm trying to sell my excess so I won't be stuck with that \$7 fuel when the new fuel comes in June or July," he said.

Most communities in western Alaska that filled their tanks last summer paid for fuel at the worst possible moment, when oil prices worldwide had spiked to all-time highs. With fuel prices currently well below that high mark and expected to still be cheaper come summer, those holding that high-priced inventory are anxious to clear it out to make more room for cheaper fuel.

Just because heating oil has been available in Brevig Mission hasn't meant everyone in need in Teller has been able to go and get it. Omiak said her four-wheeler has remained parked with a dead battery. The situation has forced her to make some hard choices. A small stockpile of frozen fish lost out in one of those decisions. "I unplugged my freezer so I can run my heaters," she said. "I'm down to my last four bags of fish, so I'll just do without the fish and use the electric heater."

Relying so heavily on electric heaters has also made her nervous. "It's kind of scary, sometimes. I don't think these houses were made for the amount of electricity it takes to keep these heaters going," she said. Omiak said she's been told that the wiring in her house could pose a fire hazard. She has had some repairs made, but still is not comfortable with the amount of power the heaters are drawing.

Before the tanks ran dry, Teller Native Corp. Manager Ablowaluk said the corporation tried to warn as many people as they could that supplies were running low. "Before we ran out we tried to contact the majority of the community to let them know we are running low and to come get your fuel now so nobody would be running out," she said.

Corporation President Okleasik said once more fuel is obtained, deliveries will first be made to those houses that are completely out of fuel. He said 60 houses in Teller rely on the fuel as well as various businesses and organizations.

### Demand continually outpaces supply

It appears that dry fuel tanks are almost a perennial problem in Teller.

Okleasik said that approximately a dozen years ago there was another fuel distribution business in town run by the Blodgett family. Back then, between the private business and the city tanks, which were managed by the Teller Traditional Council and then the City of Teller before this year, there was enough fuel to make it through the winter. The fuel supply business

closed down, and Ablowaluk said its tanks are now storage tanks for AVEC.

Some years, Okleasik said a fuel supplier from Nome has driven to Teller before the road is snowed over to top off the tanks. That additional fuel, he said, only seems to give the community an extra month before the tanks run dry.

The village tank farm can hold approximately 28,000 gallons of heating oil and 26,000 gallons of gasoline. Okleasik estimates an additional storage capacity of 10,000 to 20,000 gal-

lons would allow the community to maintain a fuel supply between summer barge shipments. "We've got to get more tanks," Okleasik said.

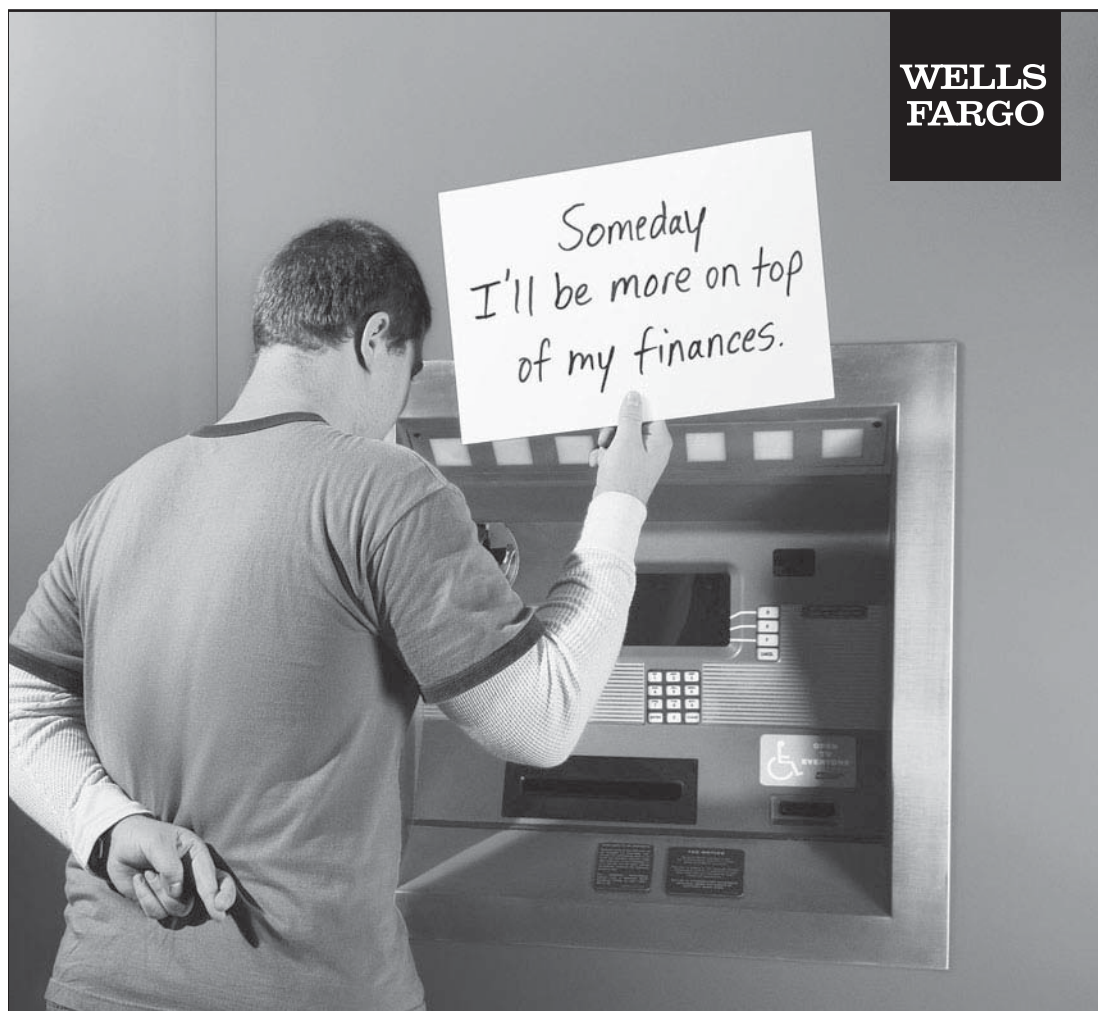
Okleasik is hoping that within five years an expansion of the tank farm could become a reality. "We've got to fill out a grant. We got our tank farm through the Denali Commission. Hopefully we'll get somebody to do a grant and do a phase two," he said.

Once the highway between Teller and Nome is clear and dry, fuel could again be delivered by truck. With the

heavy snows experienced this winter, it's unlikely that the road will be passable any time soon. In any case, by the time the road is dried out to that extent, Okleasik said most households are using very little oil.

Even so, Okleasik says favorable weather will help. "We're looking forward to a nice warm spring," he said.

By then, hopefully, Omiak's house will again be nice and toasty with her electric heaters stored in the closet. "It's hard living up here. Especially with no heat; it makes it harder," she said.

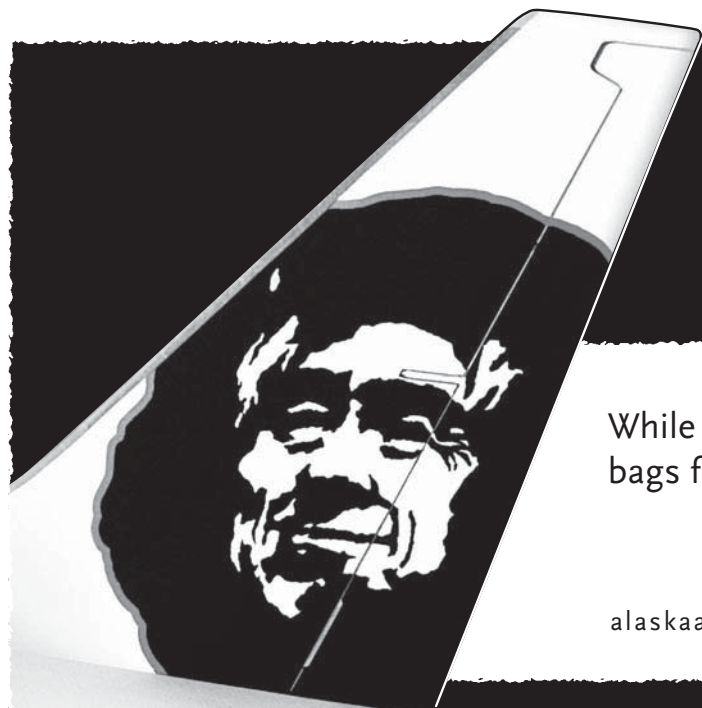


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## • Abuse

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bankruptcy proceedings, a definitive numbers of sex abuse victims needed to be established and a wide call to come forward if sexually abused by Catholic clergy was answered by more victims as their number rose to 294 after a Dec. 2, 2008 deadline. An avalanche of claims hit the diocese following a settlement reached with Elsie Boudreau in 2003 who first filed a civil suit against James Poole, CBNA and the Jesuits for having been sexually abused by Poole in Nome.

### KNOM looking for non-profit

According to court documents, CBNA wants to “transfer” KNOM radio station to a non-profit entity—which has yet to be formed—for \$380,000. “Under the plan, a newly formed non-profit corporation will acquire the assets of KNOM in exchange for \$255,000 cash at closing plus \$125,000 paid in three annual installments due on December 15, 2009,” reads the document.

KNOM’s founding father was Rev. James Poole, ironically also one of the worst sex offenders among the 14 lay workers and priests accused of child sex abuse in Alaska, who brought the station on air in 1971.

According to the station’s general manager, Ric Schmidt, the formation of a non-profit entity would be desirable but is nothing but a thought put on paper right now. “In the best-case scenario, a non-profit, non-commercial entity ruled by a board of directors would take over and let us continue our work,” Schmidt said. He added that CBNA owns the property and buildings, but KNOM is funded by donors in the Lower 48 and overseas. Just to put a price tag on the property is nearly impossible as the buildings are wired and built for the purpose of a radio station and it would be useless for any other use, said Schmidt. He added that it would be impossible for a commercial radio station to come in and take over.

Operating costs are sky high—Schmidt said, the electricity bill alone is \$11,000 a month—and not enough income could be generated by advertisers.

The worst-case scenario, Schmidt said, would be if KNOM is liquidated, shut down and taken off the air.

“How do I feel about it?”

“It’s a rough ride,” he said. “We’ve been rocked by the news for four years now, but we have to remain focused on our mission and to serve our listeners. My main concern is for our listeners, the people we serve and our staff who work so hard to do the best job for the community they can.” According to Schmidt, KNOM’s staff is comprised of four full-time and two part-time employees, as well as four full-time and eight part-time volunteers.

### Geothermal proposed for Pilgrim Hot Springs

With high energy prices slamming rural Alaska, the potential of geothermal development has made the hot springs oasis look attractive for more than just potato growing.

While the plan calls for “development, use lease or sale of the Pilgrim Hot Springs property,” CBNA business administrator Tom Buzek told *The Nome Nugget* that the intent is to tap its geothermal potential. “We’re not really looking to sell Pilgrim Hot Springs but to find a partner to develop a geothermal power plant.” Buzek envisions a green project that would benefit Nome with cheap and renewable power. Court documents say that CBNA is presently soliciting bids from interested parties to pay a minimum up front fee of \$1 million followed by annual payments “in an amount to be determined.”

Buzek said that the amount slated for the victims’ fund from Pilgrim Hot Springs is \$3 million. The plan says that if there are no proceeds from the sale or use of the Pilgrim property five years after the effective date of an approved reorganization plan, the property is slated to be sold “and the proceeds, net of all costs of sale, will be paid to the Fund up to the amount of the Pilgrim Springs Property Allo-

cation [or \$3 million, Ed.], the balance will be retained by the reorganized debtor.” Buzek explained that this gives the diocese time to pursue grants to further study the water flow and the feasibility of developing the property as a geothermal power source for Nome. Buzek last week attended a geothermal conference in San Francisco and said, “I met a lot of interested people and folks who could potentially be partners. But for now, I can’t mention names, they need to pencil out things on their end.” A big component to determine its feasibility also lies in the cost of transmitting power to the consumer in Nome.

In an e-mail to *The Nome Nugget*, Nome Joint Utility System manager John Handeland wrote that the rough cost of building a power transmission line to Pilgrim Hot Springs would run upward of \$250,000 per mile. In comparison, he wrote, the Rock Creek Mine transmission line was over eight miles long and cost more than \$3 million, including switchgear. “This was all good ground, no drilling required, and only small sections underground. I’d go no lower than the \$250K/mile, and expect it would be more. Jack up the price a little more based on lost time due to crew travel back and forth every day,” Handeland wrote.

### Victims outraged by plan

In a first reaction to the bankruptcy plan, lawyers for clergy sexual abuse victims are crying foul over the plan, saying it is not specific enough in dollar amounts, it doesn’t put the diocese’s millions in trusts and endowments on the table, and that it does not actively pursue a source where the real money is: the diocese’s insurance companies. “They unilaterally propose an unworkable plan,” said Anchorage attorney Ken Roosa, who represents 240 of the 292 Alaska sex abuse victims. Roosa said in a phone interview with *The Nome Nugget* that the plan offers no pastoral outreach, bullies the victims and that he disagrees with the tiered system of classifying the level of abuse to come up with compensation categories.

The bankruptcy plan proposes a tier system, the level of abuse suffered and gives the victims a choice to either use money out of a litigation fund—meaning that a victim has to present his or her case in court, and a judge or jury decides on how much should be paid out in compensation, explained CBNA bankruptcy lawyer Kasey Nye in a phone interview from Tucson, Ariz. Or the victim chooses the settlement fund, where according to the level of abuse, a special arbitrator will evaluate the settlement amount, said Nye.

Jim Stang, a Los Angeles attorney representing the committee of victims in the bankruptcy proceedings sent out a press release criticizing the tier system. “Victims are also put into compensation ‘categories’ in the plan, which do not account for the damage done to the child or consult with any supporting psychological or other scientific evidence,” Stang’s statement said.

“These victims, who have fought so long and hard for justice, need this settlement to pay for therapy, treatment and services to help them heal,” Stang said. “To add insult to injury, there is no pastoral outreach and no abuse prevention plan. How do we tell these victims that nothing has changed?”

Roosa vowed to advise his clients to vote “no” on the plan. As part of the bankruptcy proceedings, the creditors, in this case the abuse victims, get to vote on the plan before it gets final approval by the bankruptcy court. Stang said that the plan is a publicity stunt. “Our victims’ committee gladly gave them an extension once and would have gladly granted another one if the diocese had simply asked,” Stang said. “Instead, they chose to act unilaterally and posture for the public, rather than work cooperatively and make real efforts toward compromise and resolution.”

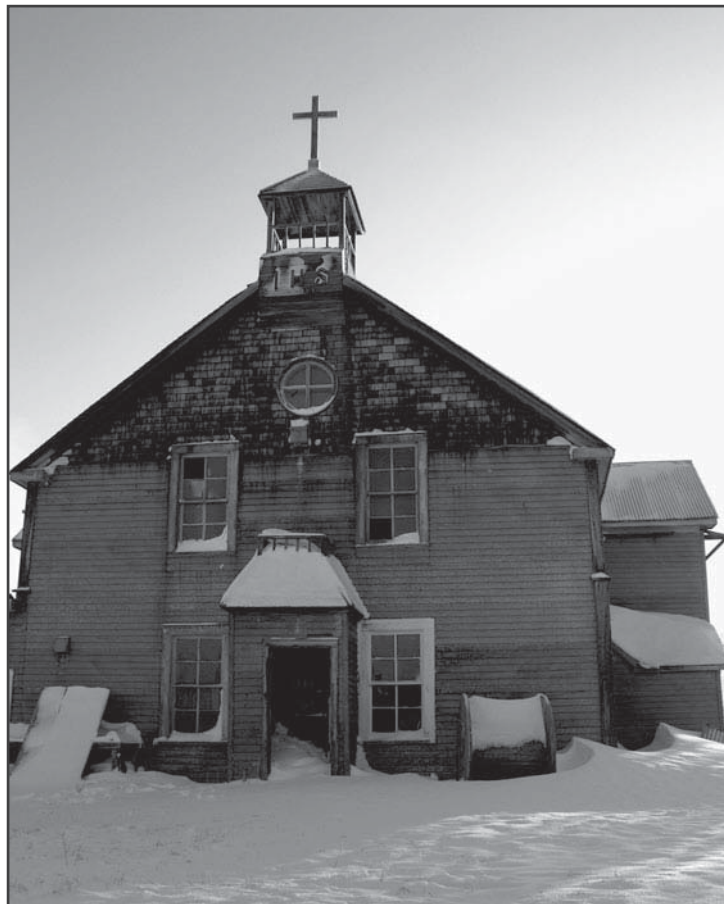
In the plan’s defense, CBNA’s lawyer Kasey Nye said that the plan and especially the tier system is just an initial proposal. “We fully intent to listen to the committee and how

we could make it work,” Nye said. He added that a system of tiers exists throughout the U.S. and that the vast majority of the Alaska cases ended up in the highest tier for the greatest degree of abuse.

The 10,000-pound gorilla in the ring is not necessarily the diocese’s assets but its insurance companies who dodged their obligation to pay. Nye said that four insurance carriers—Continental Inc., Alaska National, Catholic Mutual and Etna—provided general liability insurance to the diocese at various times. In court paper work, the potential payout from these insurers is quoted to be as much as \$27 million. During the phone interview with *The Nome Nugget*, Nye, however, said there is a possibility that Continental alone could owe \$40 million. “Continental disputes their obligation,” explained Nye. “They say they have records that CBNA paid its premiums, but that they couldn’t find the policy in their paperwork that spells out the terms of the insurance.”

According to Nye, CBNA was insured with Continental from October 1971 until April 1979.

The bankruptcy judge Donald MacDonald had ordered the parties—the diocese, the claimants and the insurance carriers—to the mediation table in Seattle. William Bettinelli, a retired judge from California, who brokered the settlement between the Jesuits and its claimants, and Frank Kurtz, a sitting bankruptcy judge from Washington, are the mediators tasked to find a way to settle.



*Archive photo by Tyler Rhodes*

**RELIC OF THE PAST, UNCERTAIN FUTURE**—The Our Lady of Lourdes church is seen last winter at Pilgrim Hot Springs north of Nome. As the Catholic Bishop of Northern Alaska works to secure its finances to satisfy a bankruptcy judge and claimants, the church-owned Pilgrim Hot Springs is being looked to as a revenue source in one manner or another.

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# In the long run...

*Hewitt races to Nome on foot for fourth time*

**By Tyler Rhodes**

Shortly after midnight Friday, Tim Hewitt of Pennsylvania walked under a makeshift arch created by the outstretched arms of a handful of Nomeites.

It was the end of an incredible journey started more than 25 days earlier on the frozen surface of Knik Lake. Hewitt, a competitor in the 2009 Iditarod Trail Invitational, completed the 1,100-mile Iditarod Trail for an astounding fourth time. And just as he had the previous three times, Hewitt made the journey on foot.

Along with nearly 50 other hardy souls on skis, bikes and foot, Hewitt started the race March 1. Hewitt and eight others, however, stood out from the majority of the 47 competitors who were "only" attempting to race the 350 miles to McGrath. Only 28 would make it to McGrath and, from there, only four would attempt to continue to Nome. Keeping with the "survival of the fittest" philosophy, only two would ultimately walk down Front Street with more than 1,000 miles behind them.

The other competitor to finish the full course from Knik Lake to Nome, Italian Marco Berni, completed his journey around 3 a.m. April 1. Berni's arrival was perhaps even less ceremonious than Hewitt's. Tired and cold, the Italian was escorted at 4:30 a.m. by Nome Police to the emergency shelter set up at the Nazarene Church. Berni was reportedly able to later connect with a local bed and breakfast where he was finally able to put his feet up for some extended rest.

Hewitt's finish in 25 days, nine hours and 29 minutes set a race record time for traveling the Iditarod Trail's southern route on foot. As a comparison, it took this year's red lantern musher in the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race 15 1/2 days to complete the route. The invitational racers hit the trail one week before the Iditarod's start.

That head start meant nearly all the invitational racers plodded through the deep snows surrounding Rainy Pass before any Iditarod musher came through—or the additional trail-breaking that would precede them. Conditions there were so bad that the first bikers through had to take turns wallowing through the waist-deep snow while pushing their bikes. They would take turns breaking trail in a 16-hour push that proceeded at times at the snail's pace of a tenth of a mile per hour.

The wallowing ended just outside of Rohn. With the deep snow largely behind them once they departed McGrath, those journeying to Nome would soon encounter a new foe—the wind.

Hewitt said the battering winds began on the Yukon River. They really didn't stop all the way to Nome.

Hewitt said as he approached the Yukon village of Grayling, the

headwind was so fierce that he felt as if it was going to deny him entry into the village.

The battle continued on to the coast.

Across Norton Bay between Shaktoolik and Koyuk, a section of trail where the violent gusts and blowing snow stalled more than a few mushers and teams in the sled dog race, Hewitt simply put his head down and pushed on. In a post on the invitational's website, that leg of the journey was described as the "toughest thing he has ever done." That phrase takes on added weight when considering he's now walked to Nome four times in the winter.

Through Topkok and Solomon the gales were strong enough to lift the 50-pound sled Hewitt was pulling right off the ground. He said it would hover behind him in the wind as if it were levitating. Hewitt said the wind flipped the sled hundreds of times, spinning him around like a weather vane. At one point through Topkok, the wind ripped Hewitt's goggles right from his face, never to be seen again.

While one might envision bunny boots or other bulky, cold-weather footwear for a race that traverses deep snow, overflow and temperatures dipping to -30 F, Hewitt finished the race in an over-sized pair of running shoes. He would wear several pairs of socks to keep his feet warm. Competitors' feet often swell in the race. As that phenomenon occurred with Hewitt, he would simply lose a layer of socks to maintain a comfortable fit in his shoes.

Those shoes were often strapped to a pair of snowshoes, devices he was forced to wear for hundreds of miles this year. In his previous races, Hewitt said the snowshoes came on for just a fraction of the time spent in them this year.

While his reddened face showed the effects of nearly a month spent out in the brutal elements that make up an Alaska winter, Hewitt reported no frostbite from the trip.

After completing what he summed up as his most difficult race yet, while still in town, Hewitt sounded doubtful that he would be back for another stab at the full race to Nome any time soon. However, along with the T-shirt, the satisfaction of finishing and setting a record, as the winner of the race to Nome, he also receives a free entry into next year's invitational.

It appears that with a few days of reflection, Hewitt couldn't turn down the offer. According to the Iditarod Trail Invitational website, he's already signed up for the 2010 race. Although it looks like he'll be taking a bit easier on himself, he's signed up for the 350-miler to McGrath.

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**ON FOOT AND OVER THE HILL**—Tim Hewitt just outside of Cape Nome after a journey along the Iditarod trail.

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**KING OF HIS CLASS** (above)—Nome's Mike Morgan roars through the finish chute Saturday as he wins the A-Class race in the Archie Ferguson/Willie Goodwin Memorial Snowmachine Race on the sea ice in front of Kotzebue. Morgan, riding a Polaris 800cc, finished fourth overall.

**ONE MORE PULL** (left)—Silvano "Pookie" Viveiros starts his machine before leaving the finish area after winning the 2009 Archie Ferguson race. By winning B-Class and the overall race, Viveiros netted more than \$10,000.

## Viveiros screams to Archie Ferguson/Willie Goodwin win

### *Nome racers make a strong showing in Kotzebue's annual snowmachine race*

By Tyler Rhodes

KOTZEBUE—If you measured the reward versus the time on the course it took to earn it, hometown racer Silvano "Pookie" Viveiros made a killing Saturday at Kotzebue's Archie Ferguson/Willie Goodwin Sr. Memorial Snowmachine Race.

With a total payout of \$10,250 for winning the overall race and his class, Viveiros netted nearly \$3,900 an hour for the two hours, 38 minutes and 7 seconds he spent racing.

Viveiros' finish was nearly 1:30 faster than second-place racer Tre West from Nome. Both were racing Arctic Cat F6 machines in the B-Class.

While waiting for the trophies to be handed out at Kotzebue's Bayside Restaurant, Viveiros reflected on the race. "After they told me I was in the lead, I rode a little more cautiously," he said. "But there really wasn't much difference." The racers were started in 10-second intervals, meaning the first machine and rider across the finish line weren't necessarily the winners.

The racer who started approximately one minute after Viveiros, West, was working his hardest to close that gap. West, the winner of this year's Nome-Golovin race, said the course was alternately smooth and rough. Another 20 miles of rough, West said, and he probably could have overtaken Viveiros. On smooth ground, he said, the Kotzebue

racer just had more top end.

Viveiros figured between Selawik and Noorvik he was hitting between 110 and 111 mph. "I spent more time in the air than on the ground," he said.

The fastest three racers of the day were all in the B-Class, which covered liquid-cooled machines up to 600cc, with Kotzebue's Jared Walker taking third with a time of 2:43:30. Just a bit slower, but winning the A-Class which featured the bigger machines, was Nome's Mike Morgan who covered the course in 2:43:33. The A-Class top three was rounded out by Norman Sheldon and Charlie Riley Jr., both of Selawik.

In the fan-cooled C-Class, which featured racers solely from Kotzebue, Roandy Toshavik, Tommy Jones and Wally Carter Sr. placed first through third, respectively. Toshavik also won the C-Class last year.

A total of 65 racers lined up on the sea ice in front of Kotzebue on the cold and clear Saturday morning to race the more than 200 miles from Kotzebue to Selawik passing through Noorvik and Kiana, before its return to Kotzebue. Nearly half of those who started would scratch before the race was over.

The majority of racers hailed from Kotzebue and surrounding villages, however, Nome competitors also made a strong showing.

Nome's Morgan is no stranger to the race. He was in the hunt last year

when he ran out of fuel just outside of Noorvik. This year, with a first-place trophy in hand, he had no complaints. "I was looking for a little redemption, I guess," Morgan said.

Morgan has had a strong season, placing a highly respectable fifth place for his first run in the Iron Dog with teammate Tyler Huntington of Fairbanks. He was knocked out of the Nome-Golovin race this year when he blew a pipe.

Other Nome racers marking strong finishes included Jason West, who finished fourth in the B-Class. Reese Madden, who reportedly was able to cross the finish line for the first time without

having crashed, took sixth place in the B-Class. Gerald Hughes, who reported some troubles with getting his fuel out on the course, finished ninth in the B-Class. Jade Greene took 15th.

Nome racer Joe Fullwood was out in front of the pack early in the race when a piece of his exhaust pipe broke loose and fell into his track. The broken piece pinched between the tunnel and the track, stripping out the studs and tearing the track. He was able to limp the machine into Noorvik, but his race was already over.

Nome's Buddy Okleasik also had to scratch when the connection to his reserve gas tank failed causing his ma-

chine to run out of gas on the course.

Besides handsome stacks of cash, the top three placers in each race class took home trophies that will likely stand out against the others on the mantle. Crafted by Drake Construction in Kotzebue, the awards were more metal sculpture than trophy as they were crafted out of miscellaneous snowmachine parts fused together.

**'09 Archie Ferguson/Willie Goodwin Sr. Memorial Snowmachine Race Prize money:**  
Overall winner: Silvano Viveiros, \$2,000.  
A-Class: 1. Mike Morgan, \$6,450; 2. Norman

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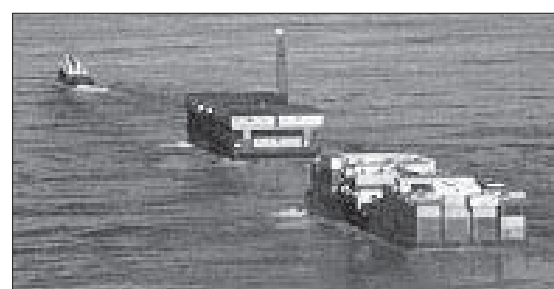
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**READY TO RUN (above)**—Two of Terry Streeper's dogs strain against their harnesses in the starting chute Saturday during the second day of the Arctic Circle Championships in Kotzebue. Streeper, of Fort Nelson, British Columbia, and his team won each day's race and the overall event.

**TO THE START (right)**—Paul Hansen of Kotzebue leads his team to the chute before taking the trail Saturday. Hansen, of Kotzebue, finished third overall.



## Sprint mushers dash for cash at Arctic Circle Championships

**KOTZEBUE**—In the midst of the longer Kobuk 440 Sled Dog Race and the noisier Archie Ferguson/Willie Goodwin Memorial Snowmachine Race, a more subdued but no-less competitive competition was taking place on the sea ice in front of Kotzebue last weekend.

Six mushers and their teams staged three days of fast and furious racing during the 2009 Kotzebue Dog Mushers Association Arctic Circle Championships in Kotzebue. Each day mushers raced for prize money while competing for an overall title and cash based on their cumulative times.

Canadian musher Terry Streeper burned up the trail each day with his 18 dogs, winning each daily event and the overall title with an elapsed time of three hours, 26 minutes and 47 seconds. On his tail each of those days was Bill Kornmuller from Willow, whose total time was 3:29:53. Local Kotzebue musher Paul Hansen

rounded out the top three overall with a combined time of 3:43:16. Hansen placed fifth the first day, but was able to pick up the pace in subsequent races to take third on days two and three.

Rounding out the field were John Gallahron, Luke Sampson and Cyrus Harris, all of Kotzebue.

### 2009 Arctic Circle Championship Results

**Overall results (three-day elapsed times):** 1. Terry Streeper, 3:26:47, \$6,400; 2. Bill Kornmuller, 3:29:53, \$5,200; 3. Paul Hansen, 3:43:16, \$4,160; 4. John Gallahron, 3:47:07, \$3,120; 5. Luke Sampson, 3:47:38, \$2,080; 6. Cyrus Harris, 3:54:51, \$1,040.

**Day 1:** 1. Terry Streeper, 18 dogs, 1:06:46, \$250; 2. Bill Kornmuller, 18 dogs, 1:07:47, \$200; 3. John Gallahron, 16 dogs, 1:12:00, \$150; 4. Luke Sampson, 14 dogs, 1:12:00,

\$100; 5. Paul Hansen, 13 dogs, 1:12:44, \$50; 6. Cyrus Harris, 13 dogs, 1:15:04, \$25.

**Day 2:** 1. Terry Streeper, 18 dogs, 1:09:45, \$350; 2. Bill Kornmuller, 18 dogs, 1:10:26, \$300; 3. Paul Hansen,

16 dogs, 1:13:57, \$250; 4. Luke Sampson, 14 dogs, 1:17:09, \$200; 5. John Gallahron, 13 dogs, 1:17:13, \$150; 6. Cyrus Harris, 13 dogs, 1:18:59, \$75.

**Day 3.** 1. Terry Streeper, 18 dogs,

1:10:16, \$450; 2. Bill Kornmuller, 18 dogs, 1:11:40, \$400; 3. Paul Hansen, 16 dogs, 1:16:35, \$350; 4. John Gallahron, 14 dogs, 1:17:54, \$300; 5. Luke Sampson, 13 dogs, 1:18:29, \$250; 6. Cyrus Harris, 13 dogs, 1:20:48, \$155.

## Baker scores Kobuk 440 win

While a Canadian musher came to town to steal the show at Kotzebue's sprint races last weekend, it was a familiar face who crossed the line first in the Kobuk 440 Sunday morning.

At 7:54 a.m. John Baker came across the finish line in Kotzebue with 11 dogs to win the race that travels from Kotzebue through Noorvik, Kiana, Ambler and Shugnak to Kobuk. The race returns to Kotzebue via Shugnak, Ambler, Selawik and Noorvik again. Baker's total time in the race was 63 hours, 14 minutes and 40 seconds.

Almost exactly one hour behind

Baker in elapsed time was Kotzebue's Heath Coro who finished with a total time of 64:14:05. Coro crossed the line with eight dogs.

Third place went to Pete Kaiser, a Bethel musher, who finished with seven dogs in 67:46:41.

Kotzebue musher Ed Iten rounded out the top four, finishing just before 2 p.m. Sunday with a total time of 69:10:18. He finished with 8 dogs.

Other racers finishing included Kotzebue mushers Robert Nelson and Rainer Lorenz, Dempsey Woods from Nome, Jerry Riley from Nenana, Gerald Sousa from Talkeetna,

Mike Williams Jr. from Akiak, and Middy Johnson from Unalakleet.

### 2009 Kobuk 440 Results

1. John Baker, 11 dogs, 63:14:40; 2. Heath Coro, 8 dogs, 61:14:05; 3. Pete Kaiser, 7 dogs, 67:46:41; 4. Ed Iten, 8 dogs, 69:12:23; 5. Robert Nelson, 11 dogs, 69:12:23; 6. Jerry Riley, 9 dogs, 70:00:01; 7. Gerald Sousa, 8 dogs, 70:57:30; 8. Mike Williams Jr., 9 dogs, 72:55:19; 9. Rainer Lorenz, 8 dogs, 82:23:45; 10. Middy Johnson, 8 dogs, 85:41:40; 11. Dempsey Woods, 9 dogs, finished (no time available).

## • Snowmachine

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Sheldon, \$4,170; 3. Charlie Riley Jr., \$2,880. **B-Class:** 1. Silvano Viveiros, \$8,250; 2. Tre West, \$5,250; 3. Jared Walker, \$3,600.

**C-Class:** 1. Randy Toshavik, \$5,100; 2. Tommy Jones, \$3,360; 3. Wally Carter Sr., \$2,340.

### Race results:

**A-Class (Open):** 1. Mike Morgan, 2:43:33; 2. Norman Sheldon, 2:53:08; 3. Charlie Riley Jr., 2:54:09; 4. Ray Schaeffer, 2:58:04; 5. Robert Richards, 2:59:37; 6. Franklin Richards, 3:13:07; 7. Peter Reich, 3:30:59; 8. Clifford Sampson, 3:31:14. Scratched: Anthony Richards, Frank Edenshaw, Enoch Stalker, Elmer Armstrong Jr., George Lambert, Byron Nelson, Buddy Okleasik, Jim Baldwin, John Schaeffer IV, Patrick Savok, Ross Jones, Henry Sherman, Brad Reich.

**B-Class (0-600cc liquid-cooled):** 1. Silvano Viveiros, 2:38:07; 2. Tre West, 2:39:31; 3. Jared Walker, 2:43:30; 4. Jason West, 2:51:25; 5.

Micah Huss, 2:53:18; 6. Reese Madden, 2:55:31; 7. Jason Mills, 2:57:40; 8. Robert Hingsbergen, 2:59:43; 9. Gerald Hughes, 3:01:34; 10. Ess Scott Sr., 3:06:06; 11. Alan Jessup Jr., 3:08:25; 12. Michael Hensley, 3:08:36; 13. Justin Morris, 3:14:11; 14. Vance Schaeffer, 3:20:49; 15. Jade Greene, 3:30:07; 16. Sidney Mitchell, 3:44:53. Scratched: Gary Nanouk, Steven Williamson, Joe Fullwood, Calvin Barger Jr., Travis Eveland, Charlie Meyers, Thor Lie, Chester Skin, Quinn Schaeffer, Myles Wilson, Arvid Nelson, Troy Miller, Connell Thomas, Jan Westlake.

**C-Class (Fan-cooled):** 1. Randy Toshavik, 3:12:58; 2. Tommy Jones, 3:14:34; 3. Wally Carter Sr., 3:14:53; 4. Edwin Viglione, 3:15:37; 5. Chris Collins, 3:17:06; 6. Chuck Mitchell, 3:18:14; 7. Calvin Schaeffer, 3:20:38; 8. Stephen Schaeffer, 3:22:10; 9. Robert Nelson, 3:27:19; 10. Tommy Reed, 3:31:06. Scratched: Daniel Henry, Andrew Greene, Dwight Richards, August Viveiros, Derek Nelson.



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# Murphy sports a golden trigger finger at championships

By Keith Conger

In a ski biathlon race, hitting a 4 1/2-inch target at 50 meters using a .22-caliber rifle, with a heart hammering from skiing at a race pace, has been likened to threading a needle while riding on the back of a snowmachine.

This correlation rang true April 3 for virtually all of the participants during the second event of the 22nd annual Western Interior Ski/Biathlon State Championships held at Fairbanks' Birch Hill Ski Area. While the other 40 competitors were averaging slightly better than four out of 10 targets hit, Nome's straight-aiming eighth grader Miranda Murphy shot clean. Hitting 10 of 10 targets vaulted Murphy up in the rankings in the most hotly contested age division at the meet.

After the biathlon results were posted, Murphy, who has yet to miss a target in two years competing at the state level, not only took the podium for the first time ever, but also headed to the top step reserved for gold medalists. Murphy, who has worked hard to get her skiing ability to match that of her shooting, backed up her biathlon victory by posting the fifth fastest split on the 3.5-kilometer team relay course in the junior high girls division.

Nome sixth grader Rosa Schmidt skied the anchor leg of the relay behind Murphy, turning in the fastest junior high girl's split. The pair was not only rewarded with the silver medal for the event, but their efforts helped maintain second place in the overall team trophy standings. By taking the bronze medal in both the 5-kilometer ski race and the biathlon, the diminutive, but fiercely

determined Schmidt distinguished herself as one of only two junior high girl triple medalists. The pair from Nome was helped out in the team competition by seventh grader Ariana Horner, who posted fifth and sixth place finishes in the ski race and biathlon, respectively, and by seventh grade ski rookie Hanna Tozier, who cracked the top 10 in her first state-level ski race.

The Nome girls came up 17 seconds short in their quest for relay victory, as they could not quite track down the formidable pair of seventh grade Unalakleet skiers, Katie Daniels and Season Haugen. The duo posted the second and third fastest relay splits, respectively, to capture relay gold. White Mountain eighth grader Precious Lincoln teamed up with seventh grader Rayna Buck-Nassuk to take the third place team trophy.

Haugen also found herself on the top podium spot after the 5-kilometer ski race April 2, as she edged her rival Lincoln by a mere one second. That single tick of the clock would prove doubly important as it became the difference Haugen would eventually need to wrestle the Skimeister Trophy (earned by the outstanding skier in each age category for each multi-race ski event) from Schmidt.

## High school results

Emerson Conger, a sophomore on the Nome Ski and Biathlon Team, would run his consecutive victory total in individual races at state-level meets to six. Conger followed a victory in the 10-kilometer ski race, one that he won by nearly four minutes, with the

best shooting performance of the high school boys in the biathlon. In the biathlon, the high school racers had to shoot without the aid of a rifle-rest.

By posting the fastest relay split of the day on the 3.5-kilometer course, and nearly breaking the eight-minute mark at 8:02, Conger opened up nearly a one minute lead for his team. A strong anchor leg from freshman teammate Brendan Wehde, who took a silver in the ski race on day one, helped the duo win team relay gold.

Conger's meet results netted him his third Skimeister trophy in as many years. Tanana sophomore Cy Conrad was the runner up for Skimeister with a bronze medal in the ski race and a silver in the biathlon. Ian Witter, a rookie skier from Nenana, made an impressive showing with a pair of fourth-place finishes in the individual events.

Galena freshman Jenna Buchanan used a victory in the five-kilometer high school girl's race, along with the only high school girl's sub 10-minute time in the relays, to extend her Skimeister trophy string to two. She teamed up with fellow Galena skier Kimberly Greenway to take first place in the team relays.

Sophomore Sierra Corsetti from Unalakleet captured her first high school gold medal in biathlon with a narrow eight-second victory over senior Ruby Campbell of Tanana. Freshman Caitlyn Tozier, another ski rookie from Nome, finished with a pair of fifth-place finishes in the individual events.

## Junior high boys results

Shyler Johnson, an eighth grader

from Unalakleet, used the fastest relay split in the junior high boys division to lead his eighth-grade teammates, Chris Lockwood and Ben Currier (who was the only other athlete beside Murphy to hit all their targets), to a gold medal in the event, as well as overall team gold. Eighth grader Asa Bergamaschi of White Mountain continued the domination in individual events that he started the week before at regionals with gold medals in the five-kilometer ski race and biathlon. Bergamaschi also earned his first Western Interior Skimeister award.

Nome's Tim Schmidt, an eighth grader, completed the meet with fifth- and seventh-place finishes in the ski race and biathlon, respectively. An up-and-coming pair from Nenana, Robert Austin and Sean Witter, took team silver, while Thomas Amaktolik and Kevin Lone of Golovin took the third-place team trophy.

The team from Nome was awarded the Sportsmanship Trophy as they stayed out at the finish line in each race enthusiastically cheering every racer as they crossed.

## Arctic Winter Games

The 2009 Western Interior Ski and Biathlon Championships was a qualifier for spots on Team Alaska's biathlon teams for the 2010 Arctic Winter Games that are to be held in Grand Prairie, Alberta, Canada, March 6-13, 2010. By winning their high school age group races, Conger and Corsetti earned spots on the ski biathlon team. Both athletes competed in the 2008 Arctic Winter Games in Yellowknife, Northwest Ter-

ritories, Canada. There, Conger raced in the ski biathlon and Corsetti competed in skiing. Conrad earned a spot on Team Alaska's snowshoe biathlon team.

## Individual awards

### Skimeister

**High school boys:** Emerson Conger, Nome  
**High school girls:** Jenna Buchanan, Galea  
**Junior high boys:** Asa Bergamaschi, White Mountain  
**Junior high girls:** Season Haugen, Unalakleet

### Ski race

**High school boys (10 kilometer):** 1. Emerson Conger, Nome, 24:25, gold; 2. Brendan Wehde, Nome, 28:25, silver; 3. Cy Conrad, Tanana, 28:44, bronze.

**High school girls (5 kilometer):** 1. Jenna Buchanan, Galea, 14:19, gold; 2. Ruby Campbell, Tanana, 14:43, silver; 3. Sierra Corsetti, Unalakleet, 14:54, bronze.

**Junior high boys (5 kilometer):** 1. Asa Bergamaschi, White Mountain, 12:46, gold; 2. Shyler Johnson, Unalakleet, 13:24, silver; 3. Vance Gregory, Galea, 14:11, bronze.

**Junior high girls (5 kilometer):** 1. Season Haugen, Unalakleet, 15:47, gold; 2. Precious Lincoln, White Mountain, 15:48, silver; 3. Rosa Schmidt, Nome, 16:10, bronze.

### Biathlon (parenthesis denotes shots made out of 10)

**High school boys (shooting without rest):** 1. Emerson Conger, Nome, 18:18 (7), gold; 2. Cy Conrad, Tanana, 19:47 (6), silver; 3. Brendan Wehde, 21:12 (5), bronze.

**High school girls (shooting without a rifle rest):** 1. Sierra Corsetti, Unalakleet, 24:00 (1), gold; 2. Ruby Campbell, Tanana, 24:08 (2), silver; 3. Jenna Buchanan, Galea, 24:56 (3), bronze.

**Junior high boys (shooting with a rifle rest):** 1. Asa Bergamaschi, White Mountain, 18:02 (7), gold; 2. Vance Gregory, Galea, 21:05 (4), silver; 3. Shyler Johnson, Unalakleet, 21:11 (3), bronze.

**Junior high girls (shooting with a rifle rest):** 1. Miranda Murphy, Nome, 21:32 (10), gold; 2. Season Haugen, 22:49 (8), silver; 3. Rosa Schmidt, Nome, 23:03 (6), bronze.

# Basketball clinic delivers more than skills to youth

For the second year in a row, Nome Eskimo Community delivered a basketball camp to area students during the Iditarod spring break.

This year, NEC sponsored the Triple Threat Iditarod Basketball Clinic. In 2008 NEC held the Mini-Mukluk Youth Basketball Tournament.

Nome Eskimo Community has offered Challenge Life basketball camps to Nome and the surrounding region for the last five years. Challenge Life

Triple Threat basketball clinics are free of charge for the youth.

Those who joined the clinic were greeted by familiar faces, Al Sokaitis and Mike Hajdukovich, founders of The Challenge Life Youth Foundation. Both returning coaches are not only dedicated to the sport of basketball, but strongly emphasize the ongoing health of Nome's youth through diet and sport education. The Challenge Life foundation is respon-

sive to each community it visits.

"The goal is to teach young people the value of helping others and sharing their skills. Included in this unit is an examination of the cultural heritage of the participants. Mentoring, cultural events and community involvement are used to teach the unit," Hajdukovich said.

The Triple Threat clinic ran March 15-18 at the Nome Elementary School gymnasium. Sokaitis was able

to connect with students after the Nome-Beltz Junior High School tournament and taught skills to at least 80 participants. The Triple Threat Iditarod basketball clinic registered at least 55 students ages 8 to 18.

"The Challenge Life program is about turning life's challenges into opportunities and not an excuse for failure," Hajdukovich said. "It is about building a physical and mental foundation that will stand up to life's unpredictability. It is about enjoying the beauty of life and giving back to the community where you live. The Chal-

lenge Life program is about winning the biggest game of all, the game of life."

NEC representatives believe the clinic plays a vital role for Nome's children at this time of year. "It is important for Nome Eskimo Community to offer positive programs to youth during the Iditarod break," said Marsha Sloan, NEC Tribal Services Director. "So many of the events during Iditarod are for adults, it's a priority for us to focus on our children and youth."

Hajdukovich and Sokaitis will return in August to host NEC's fifth Annual Triple Threat Basketball Camp.



Photo courtesy of Nome Eskimo Community

**MARCH MADNESS**—Coaches and participants in this year's Iditarod Break Triple Threat Basketball Camp gather for a photo at Nome Elementary School in mid-March. At least 55 area students participated in the camp.

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Your cup runneth over with gratitude this week, Capricorn. Make sure you return the favor one day. A secret is finally revealed at work, and you benefit big time.

**ARIES**  
March 21–April 19

Ask and you shall receive, Aries. Everyone needs a little help now and then. A concept is scrapped at work. Don't let it get to you. It really is for the best.

**CANCER**  
June 22–July 22

Voila, Cancer. Your to-do list for an event is nearly complete. Just one more thing to get, and you know exactly where to get it. Phone calls result in a flurry of activity over the weekend.

**LIBRA**  
September 23–October 22

Push, push, push, Libra. Give a project at home everything you've got, and you will succeed. A brush with tragedy recharges a friend. Learn from their mistakes.

**AQUARIUS**  
January 20–February 18

You're definitely on to something, Aquarius. Hop to it, flesh out your idea and present it to your supervisor. A long-lost relative returns bearing gifts.

**TAURUS**  
April 20–May 20

Riveting conversations with friends make you aware of how good you have it and inspire you to give more of yourself. Start with that lonely neighbor, Taurus.

**LEO**  
July 23–August 22

Racy remarks send chills through work. Do what you can to get everyone's minds off the matter, Leo. Humor is required. A financial need is met.

**SCORPIO**  
October 23–November 21

You're just looking for trouble, Scorpio. Take a step back and leave the situation to someone else to fix. A breakthrough at work leads to a speedy finish.

**PISCES**  
February 19–March 20

Gimme, gimme, gimme, Pisces. That's all you hear at home this week, and it's time to put a stop to the madness. Volunteer work could turn things around.

**GEMINI**  
May 21–June 21

Whew, Gemini! You're down to the wire at work but finish in time. A home improvement project turns out to be more difficult than you thought. Help is at hand if you ask for it.

**VIRGO**  
August 23–September 22

Just be yourself, and your supervisor will come to appreciate you in time, Virgo. Rash decisions at home get you into hot water. Work to resolve the situation quickly.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
November 22–December 21

Your financial worries cease this week, Sagittarius, as a new source of income develops. The parade of invitations does not stop. Pick and choose carefully.

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## Saying it Sincerely

By Pastor David Elmore  
Nome Community United Methodist Church  
for the Nome Ministerial Association

Reference: Mark 11: 1-11

As I read this passage, I am reminded of the Krewe of Zulu. Traditional Mardi Gras krewes are all about pretending to be royalty, at least for a day. There is the king and the queen and the rest of their court. Many krewes are very elitist; some of the older krewes are so exclusive that you have to inherit your membership. When the city passed an ordinance requiring that parading krewes be integrated, a couple chose not to parade.

A group of African-American laborers saw a musical number entitled "There Never Was and Never Will Be a King Like Me" in 1909. This group made their first appearance as the Zulus that year. This parade parodied other Mardi Gras parades that were just a little too serious. Rather than a regal king in a gold crown with a jeweled scepter, the Zulu King originally paraded wearing a crown made from a lard can, and a scepter of banana stalks. The members all wore black face in order to mock the white's perception of African-Americans as portrayed in minstrel shows.

Now, Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on a donkey parodying the procession of Caesar just as the Zulu parade parodies other Mardi Gras krewes. Jesus knew going in to Jerusalem that he was going to die, but he participates in this piece of satire by triumphantly riding into Jerusalem on a donkey. But more than just Jesus' procession, there is the display of love by adoring followers of Christ. The people welcome him, laying down their coats and leafy branches for Jesus to pass over. They obviously had been waiting for his arrival. And this is an act of love and adoration much like on Mardi Gras morning when hundreds of thousands line the route of Zulu on Jackson Avenue, St. Charles Avenue, and Canal Street to see the Zulu king pass by. This very act of riding triumphantly into Jerusalem amidst this atmosphere would have been viewed as treasonous. The Pharisees really needed no other reason to take Jesus to Pilate.

We all know what Jesus is heading toward. He's heading toward the crucifixion. One day he is loved by many adoring disciples, but in just a few days, he'll be crucified. How does the crowd go from such great love for Jesus to being willing to crucify him in such a short a time? We see a contrast of the love of God, and the love of humanity. As soon as the people, much like Jesus disciples, realized that Jesus wasn't the messiah they were hoping for, they ceased to love him as they had when he entered Jerusalem. We don't love like God does.

Thus Palm Sunday reminds us not only of our shortcomings, but also of God's perfect love - the love that, as we are transformed by God, we should begin exhibiting in our lives. What a contrast: our human condition apart from God, and God's love for us in spite of that.



Photo Courtesy of AYEIA

**PITCHING THE PLAN**—Gunner Gregory, 16, from Emmonak, meets with Special Assistant to the Governor Joe Balash in Juneau in mid March to lobby for budgeting \$50 million toward renewable energy.

## Alaska teens talk environment

Two teens from western Alaska joined a group of their peers from all over the state to converge in Juneau in March, delving into the world of environmental politics and speaking out on the issues about which they are passionate.

Alaska Youth for Environmental Action a program of the non-profit National Wildlife Federation, held its ninth annual Civics and Conservation Summit March 15-19. Joining in the summit were Stephanie Thompson, a student at Mt. Edgecumbe High School in Sitka who is from Koztebue, and Gunner Gregory from Emmonak.

Each year the summit provides

training in state government structure and function—with an emphasis on the legislative branch—by focusing on current legislation dealing with environmental issues. Eighteen teens from 10 communities across Alaska met with Special Assistant to the Governor Joe Balash and all of their senators and representatives. They also attended a House floor session and testified at a bill hearing. They wrapped up the week with a celebratory community dinner where they honored legislators with their annual Environmental Action Awards.

Gregory is a leader in the AYEIA Statewide Campaign to support Re-

newable Energy in Alaska and is currently gathering signatures in Emmonak to support the Legislature putting \$50 million in the state budget for renewable energy.

Thompson served as a peer leader during the training. She is also the AYEIA campaign leader for the renewable energy campaign. She presented a speech about renewable energy during the community dinner which several state senators and representatives attended.

To find out more about the AYEIA summit, go to [www.ayea.org](http://www.ayea.org).

## St. Joseph Catholic Church Easter Schedule

**Thursday, April 9**

7 p.m. Mass of the Last Supper with Fr. Stephen Koeth

8 p.m. Confession and Exposition after mass

**Friday, April 10**

7 p.m. Good Friday Communion Service

**Saturday, April 11**

1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Confession

7 p.m. Easter Vigil with Fr. Koeth

**Sunday, April 12**

10:30 a.m. Easter Sunday Mass with Fr. Koeth

**No Catechism!**

## Church Services Directory

**Bible Baptist Church Service Schedule, 443-2144**  
Sunday School 10 a.m./Worship Hour 11 a.m.

**Community Baptist Church-SBC**

108 West Third, 443-5448

**Small Group Bible Study** 10 a.m.

**Sunday Morning Worship** 11 a.m.

Pastor Bruce Landry

**Community United Methodist**

2nd Ave. West, 443-2865

**Sunday** 11 a.m. Worship

**Tuesday** 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

**Thrift Shop**—Tuesday & Thursday 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

**Nome Covenant Church**

101 Bering St. 443-2565 • Pastor Harvey

**Sunday School** 9:45 a.m./**Sunday Worship** 11 a.m.

**Wednesday:** Fellowship Meal 5:30 p.m./Ladies' Bible Study,

Mens' Fraternity & Children's Choir 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday:** Youth Group 7 p.m. (call 443-7218 for location)

**Friday:** Community Soup Kitchen 6 - 7 p.m.

**Our Savior Lutheran Church**

5th & Bering, 443-5295

**Sunday School** 10:30 a.m./Morning Worship 11 a.m.

**River of Life Assembly of God, 443-5333**

**Sunday School** 10 a.m.

**Sunday Worship Service** 11 a.m.

**Wednesday Night Service** 6:30 p.m.

**St. Joseph Catholic Church, 443-5527**

Corner of Steadman and Kings Place

**Mass Schedule: Saturday** 5:30 p.m./**Sunday** 10:30 a.m.

**Seventh-Day Adventist (Icy View), 443-5137**

**Saturday Sabbath School** 10 a.m.

**Saturday Morning Worship** 11 a.m.

**Christian School** M-F, 8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Grades 1-9

**Nome Church of Nazarene**

3rd & Division, 443-2805

**Sunday:** Prayer Meeting 9:30 a.m./Sunday School 9:45

a.m./Worship Service 11 a.m.

**ECKANKAR** statewide teleconference, "Finding Divine Spirit in Everyday Life" Apr. 12, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. To attend, dial 1-712-580-8020, access code 9677447. Information: [www.eckalaska.org](http://www.eckalaska.org) or 1800-LOVE GOD

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April 20 - May 15, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday - Friday

Learn construction techniques with air and electric tools. The class will build a small cabin as a project.

The class is limited to 12 students. Must have GED or HS diploma. Some other restrictions apply. Erik Noet will instruct. Apply at Kawerak, Inc. or contact Lew Tobin at **443-4388**.

## Employment

### POSITION OPENING

**NOME ESKIMO COMMUNITY**  
IS RECRUITING FOR THE POSITION OF:  
**Tutor**  
STATUS: Seasonal, Part-time, Mon-Wed, 3 hrs/day, September through April  
SALARY \$20.24-\$22.78 DOE  
CLOSING DATE: UNTIL FILLED  
FOR A JOB DESCRIPTION AND APPLICATION CONTACT: Linda Kimoktoak, Executive Assistant @ NOME ESKIMO COMMUNITY  
P.O. BOX 1090  
200 W 5th Ave  
NOME, AK 99762  
PHONE: (907) 443-2246  
FAX: (907) 443-3539  
[nomeeskimo@gci.net](mailto:nomeeskimo@gci.net)  
[www.necalaska.org](http://www.necalaska.org)  
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### Kawerak Education, Employment & Training Recruitment Notice

April 1, through close of business on April 15, 2009.

DIVISION: Education, Employment & Training  
JOB TITLE: **Intake Coordinator**  
POSITION STATUS: **Regular, Full Time**  
LOCATION: **Nome, Alaska**  
EXEMPT STATUS: Non-Exempt  
PAY RANGE: 10-11-12 (\$19.58 - 25.55) DOE  
REPORTS TO: Vice President - EET  
QUALIFICATIONS:  
1) High school diploma or GED plus two years experience in a comparable position.  
2) Ability to maintain strict client confidentiality.

3) Must possess strong communication and organizational skills. Must be self-motivated, dependable and able to work with minimum supervision.  
4) Possess the ability to work effectively with people from a variety of backgrounds.  
5) Computer, keyboarding and general office skills required. Knowledge of Microsoft Word, Excel, Access, Windows, and Internet skills preferred.  
Native Preference per P.L. 93-638  
**Interested individuals may contact Human Resources with questions at 907-443-5231. Applications can be accessed via Kawerak's website at [www.kawerak.org](http://www.kawerak.org) or by contacting Human Resources at 907-443-5231. Applications may be faxed to Kawerak Human Resources at 907-443-4443 or sent via email to [personnel@kawerak.org](mailto:personnel@kawerak.org). Thank you.**

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### RESIDENT MONITOR

Cornell Companies, a leader in private corrections, has an immediate need for (1) one full-time Resident Monitor, (1) one part-time Resident Monitor at our pre-release center in Nome, Alaska. No experience necessary. Salary is \$13.00/hr+ DOE. Applicants must be 21+ years of age and able to pass a background check. We offer a competitive salary and benefits package. To apply, visit [www.cornellcompanies.com](http://www.cornellcompanies.com).  
4/9-16

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4/9-16-23-30

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4/2 Tin

## Seawall

3/30  
Leroy Martin, DOB: 8/19/90, received a citation for Minor in Possession of Tobacco.

Don McClain, DOB: 7/1/49, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault 4th Degree, Domestic Violence.

3/31  
Bryce Warnke-Green, DOB: 3/2/89, was issued a citation for Failure to Stop.

4/1  
A Nome male was transported to the hospital on a Title 47, Protective Custody Hold.

4/2  
Christopher Dexter, DOB: 9/27/83, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Providing False Information and Violating Conditions of Probation. A Nome male was transported to the hospital on a Title 47, Protective Custody Hold.

William Mathisen, DOB: 5/21/81, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault in the Fourth Degree, Domestic Violence, and Violating Conditions of Release.

Theodora Katcheak, DOB: 3/13/89, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.

A Nome male was transported to the hospital on a Title 47, Protective Custody Hold.

4/3  
A Nome male was transported to the hospital on a Title 47, Protective Custody Hold.

Eli Mendenhall, DOB: 5/4/76, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault in the 4th Degree, Domestic Violence.

Cary Ortberg, DOB: 8/26/69, received a citation for Failure to Exercise Due Caution to Avoid a Collision.

A Nome male was transported to the hospital on a Title 47, Protective Custody Hold.

4/4  
Lawrence Sebwnna, DOB: 2/24/59, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault in the 4th Degree.

Anthony Sebwnna, DOB: 4/15/70, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault in the 4th Degree.

Nicholas Anasogak, DOB: 12/29/75, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violating Conditions of Release and Criminal Mischief in the Fifth Degree.

A Nome male was transported to the hospital on a Title 47, Protective Custody Hold.

Nicholas Pete, DOB: 4/3/64, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.

A Nome juvenile male received a citation for Driving in Violation of an Instructional Permit.

Michael Pete, DOB: 10/25/79, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Drunk on a Licensed Premise.

the construction of two (2) duplexes, to be used for teacher housing, in Savoonga Alaska. Proposals may be submitted to: Bering Strait School District, Facilities Department, P.O. Box 225, Unalakleet, AK. 99684 until 2:00 PM, April 20, 2008. Proposals will be reviewed and scored by a selection committee and will not be publicly opened or read aloud.

**The project consists of construction labor services for two duplexes. Each duplex will have one, 3-bedroom unit and one, 2-bedroom unit of approximately 980 square feet each. Project is estimated at a total of 3920 square feet of living area. A guaranteed maximum price (GMP) based on completed construction is required. Construction is anticipated to begin in July 2009, with completion of the entire project planned by December 1, 2009.**

**BSSD will provide all building materials to Savoonga, by the barge scheduled to arrive during the third week of July 2009.**

Bid Proposal Guidelines may be obtained by contacting Bob Dickens at (907) 624-4249, or email [bdickens@bssd.org](mailto:bdickens@bssd.org).

4/9-16

### SPACE FOR UAF-AFES NOME HOUSING EXTENSION

The University of Alaska currently leases a four-bedroom house with a washer/dryer and garage for housing space in Nome, Alaska. This lease with Jason C. Smith, is due to expire on June 30, 2009. He has expressed a willingness to renegotiate a lease extension for a one (1) year period with one (1) additional one-year renewal option. The University feels that the facility offers unique advantages for the operation of its research programs, thus best meeting the needs of the Nome community. If owners of other facilities or interested parties, who can offer comparable or more suitable space, request us to issue a request for proposals in order for us to evaluate their space and its cost, compared to the current housing location, we will do so. If we do not receive such a request in writing, by April 27, 2009, at University of Alaska Fairbanks, Real Estate Management, Attn: Nicole Nordstrand, PO Box 757380, Fairbanks, Alaska 99775 [907-474-6757], we will enter into direct negotiations with and execute a space lease with Jason C. Smith.  
4/9-16-23

## Real Estate

SALE— Barrow property — \$8,500, ban 6 plat 91-18 blk 10 lot 10, appraised: \$17,300 owner: Roy S. Williams Klawock, Alaska  
4/9-16

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## Looking for a new buddy?

So is Grubby! He is waiting for you at the Nome Animal Shelter! Grubby is about a year old and moved here from the village.



Adopt a pet and get a **FREE** bag of dog/cat food from Doctor Leedy and the *Nome Kennel Club*. Dog food, cat food, cat litter and other donations are always welcome at the Nome Animal Shelter!

**Nome Animal Control & Adopt-A-Pet • 443.5212 or 443.5262**

## Trooper Beat

On January 8, Anchorage Postal Inspectors were provided information from an anonymous tip that reported 3 parcels were going to be mailed to Stebbins containing 34 bottles of Vodka. The parcels were seized and given to the WAANT office for further investigation. Stebbins is a local option village that has a ban on the sale and importation of alcohol. Investigation determined the parcels contained 34 bottles of Vodka as reported. Further investigation determined the shipper was Heather Jack, 18, of Stebbins. Charges have been referred to the District Attorney's Office. An arrest warrant has been requested.

On March 21, AST received a report of a burglary at a residence in Wales. Information is being withheld due to the ongoing investigation.

On March 23, at about 1:40 p.m., a female juvenile reported being assaulted. A suspect has been identified and the investigation is ongoing.

On March 25, at about 9:24 a.m., Nome AST served Pauline Hoelscher, 23, of Nome, a criminal summons from Bethel District Court regarding a charge of Alcohol Transported by Common Carrier.

On March 27, VPSO Lucas Stotts in Shaktolik received a report of stolen fuel oil from a fuel tank at a residence. Investigation is continuing.

On March 28, at 1:30 a.m., AST received a report of a domestic disturbance in Saint Michael. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Robert Otten, 28, of Saint Michael, for Assault IV. Otten was remanded to the AMCC.

On March 29, at about 6:52 p.m., Nome AST received a complaint of a 5-year old juvenile female sexually abused by a juvenile male in the Nome AST patrol area. The investigation is on going.

On March 29, Nome AST received a report that the Stebbins Native Store had been burglarized. Investigation resulted in Jared Henry, 18, and Jeremy Pete, 22, both of Stebbins being identified

as the individuals that committed the crime. On April 1, Henry and Pete were arrested and transported to Nome for arraignment on charges of Burglary in the Second Degree, Theft in the Second Degree and Criminal Mischief in the Fifth Degree.

On March 30, Nome Alaska Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Enforcement contacted Brianna J. Campbell, 21, of Gambell, at a local air carrier in Nome. Incident to contact, 1-750ml bottle of alcohol was seized from her luggage. Charges will be forwarded to Office of Special Prosecutions and Appeals.

On March 30, Nome ABADE contacted Jenna C. Toolie, 19, of Savoonga, at a local air carrier in Nome. Incident to contact, 1-1 liter bottle of alcohol was seized from her luggage. Charges will be forwarded to OSPA.

On March 30, at about 4:55 a.m., Stebbins Police Department reported the Stebbins Native Store was burglarized. Suspects have been identified and the investigation is on going.

On March 31, at approximately 8:30 a.m., Mahlon Ferreira Jr., 36, of Kotzebue, was remanded to AMCC on an outstanding arrest warrant for Assault IV DV.

On March 31, Unalakleet AST received a complaint of an alleged attempted sexual assault occurring in a village in the Norton Sound. The suspect has been identified and investigation is continuing.

On April 1, at approximately 5:45 p.m., a female from Elim brought her two young children to the Elim Clinic with suspicions of sexual abuse. AST will continue to investigate.

On April 2, Unalakleet AST received a report of vandalism occurring in Stebbins last weekend. A suspect has been identified and AST and the VPOs are continuing to investigate.

# Happy Birthday City of Nome

## Legals

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE

STATE OF ALASKA  
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME  
CASE NO: 2NO-09-00085CI  
ORDER FOR HEARING, PUBLICATION AND POSTING

In the Matter of Change of Name for:  
Soo Sakata,  
Current name of Adult.  
**Notice of Petition to Change Name**  
A petition has been filed in the Superior Court (Case # 2NO-09-00085CI) requesting a name change from (current name) Soo Sakata to Sophie Kim Day. A hearing on this request will be held on April 28, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. at Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street PO Box 1110 Nome, AK.  
3/26-4/2-9-16

**NOTICE OF SALE** Trustee, Alaska Trustee, LLC will sell realty for cash to the highest bidder at the Main entrance to the Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street on April 29, 2009, at 10:00 AM with other sales that may be conducted. Proceeds will apply to the Deed of Trust naming Dana R. Pictou & Lorraine T. Landers, Trustor, Dana R. Pictou & Lorraine T. Landers, Record Owner, recorded on August 29, 2003 under Reception No. 2003-001030-0, Nome Recording District, Second Judicial District, Alaska, describing: Lot 5A, Block 14, ICY VIEW SUBDIVISION, according to the replat of Lots 4 and 5 filed July 26, 1985 as Plat Number 85-5; Records of the Cape Nome Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska, a/k/a 204 Fore And Aft Drive, Nome, AK 99762. \$165,667.54 is due, plus interest, advances, etc. Go to [alaskatrustee.com](http://alaskatrustee.com) or [usa-foreclosure.com](http://usa-foreclosure.com) for status.  
4/2-9-16-23

**NOTICE OF SALE** Trustee, Alaska Trustee, LLC will sell realty for cash to the highest bidder at the Main entrance to the Barrow Courthouse, 1250 Agvik St. on May 5, 2009, at 10:00 AM with other sales that may be conducted. Proceeds will apply to the Deed of Trust naming Seeseei M. Pili, Trustor, Seeseei M. Pili, Record Owner, recorded on December 15, 2005 under Reception No. 2005-001356-0, Barrow Recording District, Second Judicial District, Alaska, describing: Lot 5, Block 12, BROWERVILLE ADDITION NO. 3, according to the plat filed August 8, 1983 as Plat Number 83-6; Records of the Barrow Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska.

EXCEPTING THEREFROM the Subsurface Estate and all rights, privileges, immunities and appurtenances of what so ever nature, accruing unto said estate pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of December 18, 1971 ( 85 Stat. 688,704; 43 U.S.C. 1601, 1613(f) (1976) as reserved by the United States of America), a/k/a

6028 Boxer Street, Barrow, AK 99723. \$179,836.84 is due, plus interest, advances, etc. Go to [alaskatrustee.com](http://alaskatrustee.com) or [usa-foreclosure.com](http://usa-foreclosure.com) for status.  
4/2-9-16-23

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The City of Nome is requesting proposals for:

**ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING and WELDING INSPECTION CONTRACTORS FOR THE NOME PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING PROJECT**

A proposal sheet and copies of the request for proposals may be obtained at City Hall. For more information contact Randy Romanenko at 304-2240.

**This bid closes on FRIDAY April 17, 2009 – 3:00p.m.**

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### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The City of Nome is requesting proposals for:

**DRY RENTAL OF CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT FOR THE NOME PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING PROJECT**

A proposal sheet and copies of the request for proposals may be obtained at City Hall. For more information contact Randy Romanenko at 304-2240.

**This bid closes on FRIDAY April 17, 2009 – 3:00p.m.**  
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### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

White Mountain School is seeking artwork proposals for our new school building. Designs must be postmarked by April 30, 2009. To request a packet of project specifics, please call the school at **907-638-3021**, or email Andy Haviland, principal: [ahaviland@wmo.bssd.org](mailto:ahaviland@wmo.bssd.org)  
4/9-16-23

### BERING STRAIT SCHOOL DISTRICT

### SAVOONGA TEACHER HOUSING REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Bering Strait School District (BSSD) is requesting Proposals from interested General Contractors for



# All Around the Sound

Tracy Kimoktoak and Steve Hoogendorn, Sr. of Koyuk are proud to announce the birth of their newest addition to their family, **Melvin Paul Hoogendorn "Awauq."** Melvin was born on February 9, at Anchorage. He weighed 6 pounds and 14.2 ounces and was 19.5 inches long. Melvin was welcomed home by siblings Jeffrey 19, Steve, Jr. 17, Matthew 16, Franklin 13, William 11, Ashley and Amber 9, Susan 8, Melton 6 and Annie 3. Maternal great-grandparents are the late Edward and Annie Kimoktoak. Paternal great-grandparents are Bill and Lena Hoogendorn. Welcome home Awauq!



Melvin Paul Hoogendorn

**Wedding Bells**  
The proud parents of Elliot W. Olanna and Maranda I. Topkok announce the re-joining of hands in marriage with a service held at the Teller Lutheran Church followed by

a final service held March 29, 2009 in Nome.

They have seen the good and the bad times of life, but know together they will share nothing but the best with love and happiness filled with laughter and joy forever.

(right)  
**JUST MAU'ED**—Clinton and Jonella (Larson) White are happy to announce their marriage on March 19, 2009, at the Maui Prince Resort in Makena, Maui, Hawaii in the presence of family and friends. Jonella is the daughter of Jon and Angela Larson of Nome and Clinton is the son of Thomas and Mary White of Florence, Alabama. Jonella and Clinton met in Nome in 2003 and currently live in Anchorage where Jonella is finishing her Masters of Liberal Arts degree in Museums Studies from Harvard University Extension School and where Clinton is the Director of Business Development for STG., Inc. Jonella and Clinton extend their gratitude to their family and friends for the love and support they have shown with their union.



## • More Legals

### Homeownership Development Program (HDP)

ALASKA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION (AHFC) announces the availability of annual funding for the Homeownership Development Program (HDP). Funding for the SFY2009 HDP in the amount of \$450,000 is made available through the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), HOME Investment Partnerships Program. HDP funding may be used for real property acquisition and site improvements for new construction of permanent, single family housing.

Eligible applicants include only participants in the USDA's 523 self-help homeownership program, AHFC Community Housing Development Organizations, Community Land Trusts and Habitat for Humanity organizations; funds can only be used for eligible projects outside of the Municipality of Anchorage.

If selected by AHFC, successful subrecipients must execute a Grantee Agreement and administer the funds in accordance with Federal HOME Program Regulations and the HDP Policies and Procedures.

Application kit is available on the internet: <http://www.ahfc.state.ak.us> (select Notices, and Notices of Funding Availability)

For more information, or if unable to access the application via internet, contact:

Colette Slover, Planning Department  
Alaska Housing Finance Corporation  
4300 Boniface Parkway,  
PO Box 101020, Anchorage, AK. 99510-1020  
330-8275 or 1-800-478-2432 (toll-free statewide)

Applications for funding under this program must be received by **4:30 p.m. Local Anchorage Time, May 1, 2009**. Proposals received after the deadline or delivered to an incorrect AHFC location before the deadline WILL NOT be considered for funding. Telefax or email applications WILL NOT be accepted.  
4/9 and 4/23

### PUBLIC NOTICE STATE OF ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

The Department of Environmental Conservation received an application for renewal of an oil discharge prevention and contingency plan, under Alaska Statute 46.04.03 and in accordance with 18 AAC 75.420. The details are as follows:

Applicant: Crowley Petroleum Services, Inc. P.O. Box 2287  
Seattle, WA 98111-2287

Proposed Activity: Crowley Petroleum Services, Inc. is currently approved to conduct oil transfer

operations using Articulating Integrated Tug-Barge units (AITB) to transport 167,057 barrels of petroleum product to and from onshore bulk storage terminals in Cook Inlet, Alaska. This plan renewal proposes to add the North Slope, North West Arctic, Western Alaska, Bristol Bay, Aleutians, Kodiak, Prince William Sound and Southeast regions of operation to the Crowley Petroleum Services, Inc. Oil Discharge Prevention and Contingency Plan (Plan) (ADEC Number 09-CP- 5106). An oil discharge prevention and contingency plan is required that will commit adequate resources to plan for containment, control, and cleanup of non-crude oil equal to the discharge response planning standard volumes for these tank barges in all areas of operation.  
Number 09-CP-5106).

Any person wishing to submit a request for additional information (RFI) or provide comments regarding the amendment application may do so in writing to the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, 555 Cordova Street Anchorage AK 99501, by facsimile to 907-269-7566, or e-mail at [samanthasmith@alaska.state.us](mailto:samanthasmith@alaska.state.us). Requests for additional information must be submitted **no later than 25 days from the date of this publication. Comments will be accepted 30 days from the date of this publication**. It is the responsibility of the commenter to verify e-mail submissions are received by the applicable deadline.

Copies of the amendment application are available for review at the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation Anchorage office located at 555 Cordova Street. Please call (907) 269-7566 to schedule an appointment.

If determined necessary by public comments received, the Department will announce and hold public hearing(s) on the above referenced plans. Residents in the affected areas or the governing body of an affected municipality may request a public hearing by writing to the Department of Environmental Conservation, at the above address, within 30 days of publication of this notice.

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*This is the initial review comment deadline. As described in 18 AAC 75.455(d) & (e), if the Department requests additional information from the applicant regarding this amendment application, the public comment deadline will be extended.  
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## • Nome's birthday

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claims of the Three Lucky Swedes, Charles D. Lane and many others. This episode in Nome's history was known as "The Spoilers."

Locally, debate turned to the incorporation of Nome as a First Class City. After gaining Noyes' blessing, a vote for incorporation was held on November 6, 1900. A total of 384 voted against incorporation while 316 were in favor. The measure was defeated by cheechakos as well as the saloon and gambling element

known as the Sporting Class, who simply feared taxes. Frustrated, the Nome Chamber of Commerce attempted to govern Nome. They tried to raise money for the operation of government by subscription, which was basically donations from wealthy businessmen interested in securing law enforcement and fire protection for their own interests. Once again, locals had no respect for the Chamber of Commerce as it was a loosely organized group of entrepreneurs not elected by the citizens of Nome. The Chamber lacked the

discipline and structure of a city government.

There was still not enough money to pay for city bills. In January 1901, when the Chamber president Albert Fink proposed a \$15 head tax against chamber members, the organization fell apart. The debate to incorporate heated up once again. When Federal Judge Stevens threatened that gambling would die if incorporation failed, the town voted in favor of incorporation 695 to 108 on April 9, 1901. The First Class City of Nome, Alaska was born!

## • More Letters

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will continue to do so. Mark Begich did nothing wrong in getting elected. There is no legal precedent for his removal from office. Further, I can not believe that the taxpayers of Alaska want to waste the huge amounts of money it would take to hold a special election. The Republican Party, Randy Reudrich and Sarah Palin need to clean their own houses before casting a cloud of doubt on someone who is obviously doing his job, and doing it very well! If former Senator Stevens wants to run for elected office he has now been legally cleared to do just that. I thank Senator Begich for doing the job he was fairly elected to do and hope he will continue doing it for many years to come.

Thank you,  
Janet K. Woodfin  
Chugiak, Alaska

Fellow Alaskans,

It's time for some of our Republican friends and neighbors to simmer down. Mark Begich was elected because he was the better candidate - he was leading in the polls last summer before Senator Stevens was even indicted. And lets not forget the indictment was handed down in the first place because there was strong evidence that he had done something illegal. Our senator did in fact accept gifts that he never reported and he, with 40 years experience in Washington, certainly knew better. He broke the law and the fact that the Bush administration's lawyers handled the prosecution in a faulty manner does not change that. I think it's admirable that President Obama's A.G. has decided not to pursue the case and that Senator Stevens is able to go into his retirement with some of his pride intact. Forget spending

hundreds of thousands of dollars on a special election. We can't afford it and we have a very fine team as it is with Senators Begich and Murkowski representing all of Alaska in Washington, D.C. Our country is in a crisis, perhaps the worst since the Great Depression, so let them work together towards solving these more important issues and forget the sideshows.

Sincerely,  
Patti Boily  
Homer

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# Nearly 50 elementary students score perfect attendance

Forty-Six Nome Elementary School students were honored at an all-school assembly April 2 for their perfect attendance. The following students came to school every day and were tardy no more than twice during the third quarter.

**Emmanuel Asher, Josiah Bright, Christine Buffas, Skylar Buffas, Emma Carter, Mallory Conger, Ava Earthman, Kevin Erickson, Keon Evans, Jason Gilder, Alexis Hutson, Jillian Iyatunguk, Joe-sph Joe, Erin Johanson, Owen Johanson, Cjache Kang, Brandon Katchatag, Molly Kenick, Sidney Kinneen, Johnathan Lewis, Joshua Marble, Courtney Merchant, Maggie Miller, Ashleigh Minix, Naomi Minix, Harrison Moore, Micah Moore, Jimmie Murdock, Precious Nichols, Shannon Ongtawasruk, Tiffany Ongtawasruk, Jonathan Outwater, Owen Outwater, Donald Smith, Ian Smith, Tamara Spivey, Allan Thomas, Jamison Thrun, Kayden Thrun, Katelyn Tocktoo, Nicholas Tocktoo, AngaLee Vaden, Mikayla Winkelmann, Wink Winkelmann, Matthew Wrenn, Jamie Yi.**

## Happy Birthday

**The City of Nome was incorporated as a First Class City 108 years ago today on April 9, 1901.**



*Photos by Denise Olin*  
**FAREWELL—** The Norton Sound Health Corporation's CAMP Department bids farewell to Rita Binford. For several years nurse Rita has been the diabetes chronic care case nurse. Binford (inset) will be joining her husband Pastor Rick Binford in his Lower-48 ministry. Shown above are CAMP (Chronic Care Management and Prevention) department personnel Moriah Sallaffie, Rahnna Parker, Kelly Keyes, Rita Binford and Shanna Moeder.

## Court

### Week ending 4/3

#### Civil

Nanuq Inc vs. Bellamy, Mitchel; District Court FED  
Henderson Receivables Origination LLC vs. Atchak, Allen; Structured Settlement - Superior Court  
Henderson Receivables Origination LLC vs. Andrews, Benjamin; Structured Settlement - Superior Court  
Mendenhall, Nancy vs. Henry, Daisy; DV: Both ExParte & Long Term Smith, William T vs. State of Alaska, Dept of Corrections; Administrative Agency Appeal

#### Small Claims

No Small Claims on file

#### Criminal

### Week ending 4/3

State of Alaska v. Ben Koonooka (4/20/54); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110823579; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 30 days, as to Count Three (003), remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.  
State of Alaska v. Wade Daniels (10/6/82); 2NO-05-505CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109059462; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 30 days, remanded into custody.  
State of Alaska v. Wade Daniels (10/6/82); 2NO-08-628CR Theft; Date of offense: 1/8/08; Any appearance of performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 90 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Restitution: Shall pay restitution as stated in the Restitution Judgment and shall apply for an Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend, if eligible, each year until restitution is paid in full; Amount to be determined; Pay by 7/1/09; Probation until 3/31/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law.  
State of Alaska v. Marion Adams (8/7/84); Dismissal; Count 1: Liquor Importation Into Local Option Area; Count 2: Alcoholic Beverages Transported by Common Carrier; Filed by the Office of Special Prosecutions and Appeals 3/31/09.  
State of Alaska v. Lawrence Martin II (11/11/86); Importation of Alcohol; Date of offense: 12/11/08; Any appearance of performance bond is exonerated; 360 days, 180 days suspended; Unsuspended 180 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Fine: \$5,000 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$5,000 fine through Nome Trial Courts by 9/27/10; Forfeit Alcohol to State; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 3/27/14; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol in local option community, Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol in such community; Person and baggage are subject to warrantless search en route to local option community; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation.  
State of Alaska v. Denise L. Olin (7/11/69); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110700396; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in her residence, nor enter or remain on the premise of any bar or liquor store, and is subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol; Alcohol seized is forfeited to State; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.  
State of Alaska v. Raymond Felix (12/26/54); False Information or Report; Date of offense: 10/26/08; Partial Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 90 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 3/27/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer for alcohol.  
State of Alaska v. Timothy Kost (11/6/75); 2NO-09-62CR Count 1: DUI; Date of offense: 2/2/09; 180 days, 120 days suspended; Report to AMCC by 5/1/09 to serve 60 days consecutive to count 2; Fine: \$4,000, \$0 suspended; \$4,000 due date: 9/30/10; Police Training Surcharge: \$75, \$0 suspended; \$75 (due 10 days from date of this judgment [3/27/09]); Jail Surcharge: \$150 (if probation), \$100 (if probation) suspended, \$50 due pay to AGs Office, Anchorage; Cost of Imprisonment:

\$2,000 (3rd + off.), \$0 suspended, Full amount due pay to AGs Office, Anchorage; Complete Substance Abuse Treatment Assessment: other: NSBHS or other approved agency by 5/1/09; Complete screening, evaluation and recommended program; Program may include residential treatment up to 60 days plus required aftercare in addition to any jail time ordered above; Defendant responsible for costs; File proof by 7/1/09 that assessment received, and file proof by 10/31/09 that assessment recommendations were followed; Driver's license revoked for 36 months; Concurrent with DMV action; Surrender I.D. card by 4/16/09; After regain privilege to drive, use ignition interlock device (IID) as directed in the IID Information Sheet for 36 months during the period of probation; Costs of IID will be deducted from fine if proof of payment filed before fine due date; Probation 4 years, subject to following conditions: Obey all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Commit no jailable offenses; Do not possess or consume alcohol for a period ending 4 years from date of this judgment (3/27/09).

State of Alaska v. Timothy Kost (11/6/75); 2NO-09-62CR Count 2: Driving While License Canceled, Suspended, or Revoked, or in Violation of Limitation; Date of offense: 2/2/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 20 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 20 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC by 5/1/09, consecutive to count 1; Driver's license, privilege to obtain a license and to operate a motor vehicle are revoked for 90 days concurrent with DMV action; Any ID card shall be surrendered to the court by 4/16/09; Comply with all court orders listed above by the deadlines stated.

State of Alaska v. Jobeth Adsuna (6/27/83); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109064394; Defendant refusing probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: balance of sentence, remanded into custody.

State of Alaska v. Charles Raymond Jr. (10/10/86); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; Assault 3rd; Burglary 1st; Date of offenses: 5/31/04; Violated conditions of probation by PTRP (12/17/08); Conditions of probation modified as follows: Defendant rejects probation; Suspended jail term must now be served: 4 months imposed or remaining time; Request immediate time/accounting.

State of Alaska v. Daisy Kulowiyyi-Yenan (10/4/76); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110825505; Violated conditions of probation; No Action Taken; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. John Erlich Jr. (2/2/85); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110062998; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 30 days, shall report to AMCC by 4/17/09; Subject to immediate remand for any violation of probation; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Delight Aukon (3/22/87); Furnishing Alcohol to Person Under 21 Years of Age; Date of offense: 3/21/09; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 180 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 180 days shall be served; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated.

State of Alaska v. Arnold C. Takak (7/5/64); 2NO-06-741CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109418706; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to 3/27/10; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Arnold Takak (7/5/64); 2NO-09-1CR Disorderly Conduct; Date of offense: 1/1/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 10 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 10 days have been served; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Restitution: Shall pay restitution directly to Valerie Reamer to her satisfaction; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated.

State of Alaska v. Charles Bergamashi (1/11/55); Criminal Trespass 1st; Date of offense: 10/12/08; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 20 days, 20 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 9/27/09; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not return to the residence of victim: Nickolas Harvey.

State of Alaska v. Rhonda Konahok (4/30/72); Dismissal; Count 1: Liquor Importation Into Local Option Area; Filed by the Office of Special Prosecutions and Appeals 3/23/09.

State of Alaska v. Bendan Oseuk (7/28/74); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault Fourth Degree; Filed by the DAs Office 4/3/09.

State of Alaska v. Christopher Dexter (9/27/83); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109524114; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to 4/2/10; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 40 days,

remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Warren Daniels (3/13/87); Importation of Alcohol; Date of offense: 9/21/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance of performance bond is exonerated; 10 days, 7 days suspended; Unsuspended 3 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC by 5/1/09; Fine: \$1,500 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$1,500 fine through Nome Trial Courts by 10/2/09; Forfeit Alcohol to State; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 4/2/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol in dry or damp community, Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer in such community; Person and baggage are subject to warrantless search en route to dry or damp community; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation.

State of Alaska v. Michael Aukon (3/15/90); 2NO-09-405CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110697075; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect till defendant is 21 years of age.

State of Alaska v. Michael Aukon (3/15/90); 2NO-09-144CR Habitual Minor Consuming or in Possession or Control of Alcoholic Beverage; Date of offense: 3/21/09; 90 days, 90 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 due within 10 days; Pay total of \$50 to Nome Clerk of Court by 10 days; Community Work: Complete 96 hours of community work service and submit proof of completion to the Nome Clerk of Court within 120 days; Driver's License or Permit: Revoked for 6 months, concurrent with any DMV administrative action; Shall immediately surrender license/permit to court; Probation until his 21st birthday; Shall not consume inhalants, or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages; Shall surrender any license/permit, show proof of community work service as ordered; Shall submit to warrantless breath test at request of peace officer and may be arrested without a warrant for probation violation; Shall contact NSBHS by 6/1/09, and shall be evaluated, pay for, and successfully complete any recommended alcohol education or treatment program(s); Failure to comply with community work, evaluation, education or treatment requirements will result in an extra 6 months revocation of driver's license.

State of Alaska v. Charles A. Lane III (10/17/82); 2NO-09-81CR Count 1: Assault 4th; Date of offense: 2/12/09; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 2 (002); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 30 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 4/1/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct; Shall not possess or consume alcohol prior to 10/1/09.

State of Alaska v. Charles A. Lane III (10/17/82); 2NO-09-139CR Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 3/19/09; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 15 days, 0 days suspended; Not to exceed time served; Unsuspended 15 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated.

State of Alaska v. Randall Huffman (12/17/70); 2NO-08-579CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110698119; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-09-117CR and revocation in 2NO-08-843CR; Remanded into custody.

State of Alaska v. Randall Huffman (12/17/70); 2NO-08-843CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110699649; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-09-117CR and revocation in 2NO-08-579CR; Remanded into custody.

State of Alaska v. Randall Huffman (12/17/70); 2NO-09-117CR Count 2: Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 3/3/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 1 (001); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC consecutive to 2NO-08-579 and 843CR (all consecutive to each other); Recommend Seaside CRC; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days.



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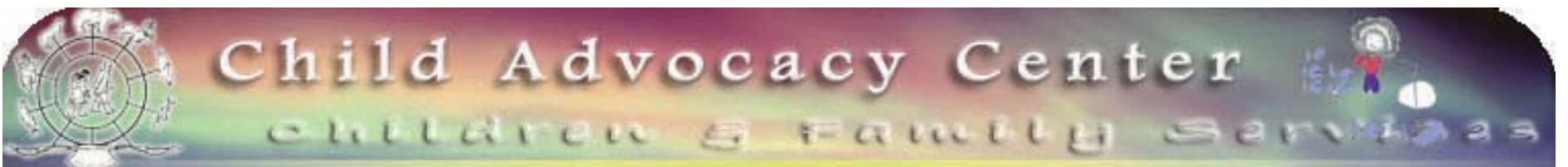
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## April 11, Awareness walk

- 5 p.m. meet & greet, Old St. Joe's (OSJ) Hall
- 5:30 p.m. walk begins
- 6 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. walk concludes, OSJ
- 6:15 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. enjoy refreshments
- 6:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. information gathering
- 7 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. King Island Dance Group

## April 18, 1st Annual Child Sexual Abuse Summit 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Nome Eskimo Trigg Hall

**Open to the public!**

**The Pathway to Hope: Healing Child Sexual Abuse video will be shown.**

**Tables of information on:**

- Mandate reporting

- Current laws

- Age appropriate development

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- Child Sexual Abuse

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*Wear a blue ribbon! Help raise awareness on Child Abuse Prevention in Nome & our Western Alaska communities!*







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**PARTING WORDS**—Competitors in the 2009 Cannonball Snowmachine Race get final instructions before hitting the course Saturday. For more, see page 16.

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**ON THE MOVE**—Bryce Warnke-Greene leans into a turn on his Arctic Cat F7 700 during the 2009 Nome Cannonball Snowmachine Race. See the back page for results and pictures from the race.

## Wehde named superintendent

By Tyler Rhodes

Nome Public Schools' next superintendent will need no orientation to the district.

A familiar face in the district office, current assistant superintendent Jon Wehde plans to hit the ground running when he takes over the seat Rick Luthi will vacate this June.

The Nome Board of Education voted to give Wehde a two-year contract at a special meeting held last Thursday evening. "Nome is a wonderful place to do business as an educator. Our school staff is into kids. That's enough to make anyone apply for the opportunity that the board extended to me last night," Wehde said Friday.

Wehde is perhaps being a bit modest.

He was the only one to answer the call put out by the school board in late March when it asked for applicants within the district to apply for the job. There could be a few reasons for the sole application. The job of



Photo by Tyler Rhodes

**PROMOTED**—Jon Wehde was selected as the new superintendent by a unanimous vote of the board.

superintendent is time- and energy-intensive, and by no means easy. Also, there was, arguably, no one

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## Fate of Rock Creek Mine still up in the air

By Tyler Rhodes

Despite the release of first quarter financial data and a project update last Wednesday, the crystal ball still appears murky as to the future of the suspended Rock Creek Mine and NovaGold Resources' operations in Nome.

In an April 15 press release, the Canadian mining firm reports that it will "maximize the value of Rock Creek in 2009." Whether that means NovaGold will sell the project, form a partnership to restart and operate it with another mining company or undertake the operation again on its own is still to be determined. "The field is open," said NovaGold President and Chief Executive Officer Rick Van Nieuwenhuyse in an interview April 16.

Before any of those options are considered, however, Van Nieuwenhuyse said his company has other priorities in Nome. "Our main objective and focus is the water behind the dam and getting the water treatment plant up and running," he said.

That dam at the Rock Creek site is currently holding back 55 million gallons of water, Van Nieuwenhuyse said. Originally designed to hold mostly dry tailings, the dam was not intended to impound water. A series of delays thwarting production at the mine and abundant snowfall in the winter of 2007-2008 led to the tailings storage facility taking on more water than anticipated.

Van Nieuwenhuyse and state regulators were optimistic in mid-February that the water treatment plan would be up and running and pumping water from behind the dam into injection wells. Approximately two months later, the plant is still awaiting final approval. "I think we're making good

progress with that with the state. These things always take a little longer than expected," Van Nieuwenhuyse said.

Van Nieuwenhuyse said the water treatment plant is scheduled to be operating in the first week of May.

When operating, the plant is to treat the water in the pond to what is dubbed the aquatic-life standard, a standard more stringent than that for drinking water. The treatment is necessary since the water has come into contact with the tailings—or waste rock—and chemicals that were used in the mill process to help extract gold from the rock. Those chemicals include cyanide. Despite the short run the mill experienced before the operation shut down in November, the chemicals are still present in the water.

Once the plant is approved and up and running, Van Nieuwenhuyse said it should be able to process approximately 300 gallons per minute or about 400,000 gallons per day. Once treated the water will be pumped into the ground by injection wells.

Even though the dam was not intended to hold primarily water, Jack DiMarchi of the state Department of Natural Resource's Large Mine Permitting Team does not see the build-up of 55 million gallons as cause for alarm. "They have enough storage capacity there for many months. There's not any sort of impending disaster," he said.

Nevertheless, DiMarchi said DNR is pushing to ease the pressure behind the dam. "We do want them to get that water treatment plant going to get the water down," he said.

Van Nieuwenhuyse said the water level

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Photo by Tyler Rhodes

**SNOWY SURROUNDINGS**—The idled Rock Creek Mine is seen from the air in early April. Despite heavy snows this year, operator NovaGold says it is better prepared for runoff this year.

## Woman jailed on sex and booze charges with minors

By Tyler Rhodes

What started as a call to police reporting students with alcohol and tobacco at Nome-Beltz Junior/Senior High School has resulted in sexual abuse charges levied against a 41-year-old woman.

The Nome Police Department arrested Sylvia R. Ivanoff late in the evening Saturday. She has

been charged with first-degree sexual abuse of a minor, furnishing alcohol to a minor and contributing to the delinquency of a minor. The abuse charge is a felony while the furnishing and delinquency charges are misdemeanors.

According to the police department, the ar-

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Alaska News Briefs

Compiled by Diana Haecker

Lawmakers reject Palin’s choice for AG

On April 16, the Alaska Legislature busted an unprecedented move and rejected Governor Sarah Palin’s controversial nominee for attorney general. The lawmakers voted 23 to 35 against the confirmation of

Wayne Anthony Ross. “I believed I knew what Alaskans wanted when I selected an individual who is a strong backer of Second Amendment rights, a staunch supporter of the state Constitution and a defender of life,” Palin said in response. Native groups including the Alaska Federation of Natives had opposed Ross for his stance on subsistence. Reportedly, the straw that broke the camel’s back was Ross’ advice to Palin regarding the appointment of a vacant Senate seat.

Palin appoints Egan to Juneau senate seat

In the last day of the legislative session, a power struggle between

Gov. Palin and the lawmakers came to an end when Palin gave in and appointed Democrat Dennis Egan to fill the Juneau Senate seat left open by Kim Elton. Egan is a former mayor of the City and Borough of Juneau and son of the state’s first governor, William Egan. Elton resigned to take a position in the Obama administration.

Legislature adjourns passing 61 bills, 33 resolutions

By Sunday, April 19, the state had a lean budget totaling \$3.5 billion, accepted federal funds bound to Alaska via the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and issued resolutions pleading with federal entities to not restrict resource development in ANWR or the Arctic Ocean.

“At a time when oil prices were down we were really fortunate to have the federal stimulus money to come in and fill that gap,” Rep. Reggie Joule, D-Kotzebue, said. “Even though it’s been a tough year for getting things into the budgets, we were still able to get heating assistance and PCE funded.”

Palin lamented the lack of funding for resource development, as the

Legislature did not include **\$3 million for western Alaska access**, among other projects. Currently, a consultant company researches the feasibility of a road leading to Nome.

The Legislature approved \$7.1 million to continue work on the **in-state gas pipeline** and \$100 million in FY 2009 grant awards from the **Renewable Energy Fund**. The grants will allow utilities across the state to advance more than 80 generation projects utilizing wind, solar, hydroelectric, hydrokinetic and bio fuels. Another \$25 million in grants are included in the FY 2010 capital budget appropriation bill. In an amendment to FY 09, lawmakers appropriated \$9 million from the general fund to the Department of Health and Social Services, division of public assistance, for low-income home energy assistance and the Alaska heating assistance program.

**The Department of Education and Early Development budget** includes \$1.1 billion for Alaska’s 53 school districts and 129,000 students. The budget has \$23 million for a \$100 increase in the base student allocation from \$5,480 to \$5,580. The Legislature also approved \$600,000 to assist school dis-

tricts needing improvement particularly in the areas of reading and math. The funding allows the Department of Education and Early Development to hire a director of rural education to work with communities, organizations and schools to improve the academic success of rural and Alaska Native students.

In addition, the lawmakers passed bills of importance for rural Alaska. Rep. Reggie Joule sponsored a bill that is geared to expand the **Village Public Safety Officer program** so that municipalities or boroughs could receive grants to administer Department of Public Safety grants to run the program. Currently only regional non-profit organizations are running the VPSO program.

The state Senate passed a bill that creates an **electronic health network** doing away with inefficient paperwork transfers. A secure electronic Health Information Exchange system will allow patients to have their own personal health record and to authorize their health care providers to exchange electronic medical records in a timely, secure manner.

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Letters to the editor must be signed and include an address and phone number. Thank yous and political endorsements are considered ads. (There were no letters this week.)

Editorial

Curiouser and Curiouser

*The Queen turned crimson with fury, and after glaring at her for a moment like a wild beast, began screaming “Off with her head! Off with —”* Lewis Carroll 1832-1898 *Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland*

It’s like the Mad Hatter’s tea party. Lewis Carroll would have a hey-day with the Red Queen a.k.a. Gov.Sarah Palin shouting, “Off with their heads!” But only if they are a Democrat and hoping to represent Juneau in the Legislature. Palin’s foisting off a Republican-turned-Democrat before the ink can dry on their party affiliation papers is petty and unbecoming the chief executive officer of our state. Oh, wait. On the last day of the legislative session a Juneau Representative was approved just in time to watch the gavel slam down.

With only a few days remaining in the legislative session our governor took off to the Lower-48 on a speaking engagement to further her own political agenda. She plays that old “Yes, I can see Russia” line and talks like a tough Alaskan gun totin’ Annie Oakley. The petty partisan pissin’ contests have got to stop. Palin should realize that she should act in behalf of all Alaskans, not just the folks who share her personal ultra-conservative beliefs.

We need to have the Legislature get down to the business of passing serious legislation such as the declaration of the malamute as the state dog, issuing Iditarod license plates and setting aside Feb. 2 as Marmot Day. Will there be an official state marmot? Where will he reside? What happens if he sees his shadow? Will we have to move the capital to accommodate the marmot? Can we use stimulus funds for this? What the heck is a marmot? Will that critter in Punxutawney, Penn. feel overshadowed? —N.L.M.—

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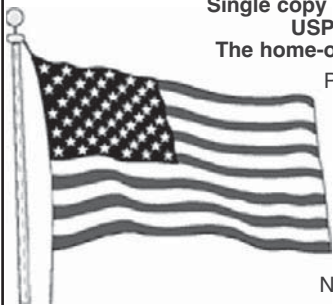
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**Peak Wind** 14 mph, NNW, 4/17/09  
**Sunset** 04/23/09 11:04 p.m.  
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Resolutions, both joint and concurrent, included urging the federal government not to adopt any policy, rule, or administrative action or enact legislation that would restrict energy exploration, development and production in federal and state waters around Alaska, the outer continental shelf within 200 miles of shore and urging the President of the United States and the United States Congress to encourage and promote continued exploration, development, and production of domestic oil and gas resources. Legislators pleaded for opening ANWR to oil and gas exploration and protested the designation of the Arctic Ocean as a World Heritage Site. The designation would protect the ocean from resource development and maritime shipping traffic.

An odd bill passed both House and Senate that gives **Iditarod finishers** the privilege to apply for a special Iditarod race finisher license plate. One must be an Iditarod Trail Sled Dog race finisher to join the ranks of Alaska National Guard personnel, veterans or recipients of the Purple Heart for the honor to sport a specially designed license plate.

Also, lawmakers passed a bill that will designate September 7 as the **Daniel Inouye Day**. Inouye, a long-time Congress member from Hawaii, has been a friend of Ted Stevens and sided with Alaska on many issues on the Senate floor on Capitol Hill, which earned him the dedication.

EPA finds greenhouse gases pose a threat to public health

On Friday, April 17, the Environmental Protection Agency went public with the statement that greenhouse gases contribute to air pollution that may endanger public health or welfare. After a thorough scientific review ordered in 2007 by the U.S. Supreme Court, the EPA issued a proposed finding which identified six greenhouse gases that pose

a potential threat. “This finding confirms that greenhouse gas pollution is a serious problem now and for future generations,” said EPA administrator Lisa Jackson. EPA’s proposed endangerment finding is based on rigorous, peer-reviewed scientific analysis of six gases — carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, hydrofluorocarbons, perfluorocarbons and sulfur hexafluoride — that have been the subject of intensive analysis by scientists around the world. The report concludes that concentrations of these gases are at unprecedented levels as a result of human emissions, and these high levels are very likely the cause of the increase in average temperatures and other changes in the earth’s climate.

Climate changes can manifest as increased droughts, heavier downpours and flooding, more frequent and intense heat waves and wildfires, greater sea level rise, more intense storms and harm to water resources, agriculture, wildlife and ecosystems.

Federal court rules strikes down federal oil leases

A three-judge panel struck down a federal leasing program to open oil and gas reserves for drilling in the Beaufort, Bering and Chukchi seas. The Mineral Management Service failed to adequately study the environmental impact, ruled the judges.

The ruling came three days after Interior Secretary Ken Salazar held a hearing in Anchorage regarding resource development in the Outer Continental Shelf that drew emotional testimony from over 500 Alaskans on both sides of the issue. Native hunters voiced concern for oil spills that may devastate marine mammal populations and North Slope workers argued the need for jobs and energy independence. The Alaska Delegation as well as Governor Sarah Palin are staunch supporters of offshore drilling.

Kotzebue asks for declaration of disaster

The Northwest Arctic Borough has issued a disaster declaration at the request of the City of Kotzebue. Kotzebue was pummeled by a winter with low temperatures and unusually high snowfall, which exhausted the city’s snow removal budget and taxed their snow removal equipment, according to city officials. The city and borough are concerned about potential flooding during spring breakup. The borough had sent a letter to the governor’s Disaster Policy Cabinet with the request to declare a disaster. DPC however found that found that the NWAB’s request does not identify immediate life safety issues and that more information is needed to qualify for a disaster.



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**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**  
**April 23 - April 29, 2009**

EVENT	PLACE	TIME
<b>Thursday, April 23</b>		
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Preschool Story Hour	Kegoayah Library	10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Kinderswim & Lap Swim	Pool	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	noon - 5:30 p.m.
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 8 p.m.
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	noon - 1 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 10 p.m.
*Meditation with Kelly Keyes	Lutheran Social Hall	12:15 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Best for Baby's Sake video	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Smoking, a Time to Quit video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Thrft Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
*City League Volleyball	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
*Overeaters Anonymous meeting	Baptist Comm Church	7 p.m. (across from KNOM)
*Swing Dancing	Nome Rec Center	7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
*Narcotics Anonymous	Behavioral Health Bldg.	7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
<b>Friday, April 24</b>		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
<b>N.E.S.T. Celebration Potluck and StoryCorps</b>	<b>Nazarene Church</b>	<b>10 a.m. - 3 p.m.</b>
*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	noon - 5:30 p.m.
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 6 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 4 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50
*Medicaid class	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Kids Soccer K - 3rd grade	Nome Rec Center	4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Cardio Kick Boxing	Nome Rec Center	4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
*Aids & Women-The Greatest Gamble video	Prematernal Home	5 p.m.
*Kids Soccer 4th - 7th grade	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 6 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Adult Drop-in Soccer	Nome Rec Center	8 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.
<b>Saturday, April 25</b>		
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*UMW Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	noon - 5:30 p.m.
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 6 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 8 p.m.
*H2O Aerobics	Pool	1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*The Innocent Victim video	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Worth the Trip video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
<b>Family Fun Night (free admission)</b>	<b>Nome Rec Center</b>	<b>7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.</b>
*AA Meeting	BHS Bldg. 2nd floor	8 p.m.
<b>Sunday, April 26</b>		
*Pool		Closed
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Laura's Story video	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Pilates	Nome Rec Center	2:30 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.
*The Miracle of Life video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Beginning Baton with Jay	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.
*AA: Big Book Study	HR Conf. Room, NSHC	6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
<b>Monday, April 27</b>		
=====Northland Barge Seattle Deadline=====		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 8 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 10 p.m.
*Strength Training with Jennie	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*We're Having a Baby Again	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Beginning Yoga with Kari	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Nutrition by Angie Gorn video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Cardio Kickboxing with Kelly S.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*H2O Aerobics	Pool	6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
<b>Nome Common Council reg mtg</b>	<b>Council Chambers</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
*Drop-in Volleyball	Nome Rec Center	7:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.
<b>Tuesday, April 28</b>		
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 8 p.m.
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	noon - 1 p.m.
*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	noon - 5:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*EED Child Nutrition & Learning video	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	2:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*Wiffle Ball Grades 4-6	Nome Rec Center	3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Wiffle Ball Grades 7-8	Nome Rec Center	4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
*Early Infant Care video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim & Adult Lessons	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*AA Teleconference: 1-800-914-3396	(CODE: 3534534#)	7 p.m.
*City League Volleyball	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
*Thrft Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
<b>Wednesday, April 29</b>		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Rotary Club	Airport Pizza	noon
*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	noon - 5:30 p.m.
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 8 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 3 p.m.
*Strength Training with Jennie	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Breastfeeding video	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Ping Pong Grades 4-6	Nome Rec Center	3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
*Ping Pong Grades 7-8	Nome Rec Center	4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
*Childbirth video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
<b>FEMA Flood Insurance Map Update</b>	<b>Council Chambers</b>	<b>5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.</b>
*Step Box with Kelly S.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*H2O Aerobics	Pool	6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Hello Central (also on Channel 98)	Nome Visitors Center	7:30 p.m.
*AA Meeting	BHS Bldg. 2nd floor	8 p.m.

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## • Wehde

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better prepared than Wehde within the district's ranks to take on the task.

"We were just totally impressed with the interview process. He has the best interest of the whole community at heart," said Nome Board of Education President Gloria Karmun in an interview Friday. "We have full faith and trust in him and believe he will do his best for the district as a whole."

The vote to offer the contract to Wehde—which includes a salary of \$95,000 and a provision for lodging, among other items—came after a 2 1/2 hour closed session Thursday evening. The vote to award the contract to Wehde was unanimous.

Karmun also said the board is supportive of choosing leaders from within its ranks. Besides showing confidence in the abilities of district staff, the practice also saves the district money. "We believe in promoting within when feasible if they meet the criteria," Karmun said.

Originally from a farming community in rural South Dakota, Wehde has been involved in education for more than a decade. He has worked in the Nome school district for six years, the last four in the district office. Wehde came to the district to serve as the principal of Nome-Beltz Junior/Senior High School.

Prior to coming to Nome, Wehde was the principal in Kalskag for two years. For four years before that, he taught in the Kuspuk School District.

His wife, Lisa Wehde, teaches second grade at Nome Elementary School. Their children, freshman Brendan, eighth-grader Cecilia and seventh-grader Dawn all attend Nome schools.

As he made his way through the halls of the district office Friday, Wehde was greeted with several congratulatory hellos. Inside his office, the walls tell the tale of both the preparation he has had for the job and the challenges he will face once he is at the helm. Among the items lining those walls are charts and

graphs measuring the performance of students and local schools over the past several years.

Wehde is intimately aware of where Nome schools stand in relation to the standards set by the federal government. He also knows how far test scores need to rise to meet the federal mandates. "[The] No Child Left Behind [Act] developed means and methods where we can understand our students' needs as clearly as a doctor reading an X-ray," Wehde said.

One of the clear challenges of Wehde's tenure will be leading the charge to improve how those X-rays read.

A more pressing issue facing Wehde and the district, however, may be simply the number of students in their care. As was the case at the start of the last school year, Wehde is again anticipating a drop in the number of students enrolled in the district. As of Friday the student population stood at 640. More than 730 were expected to start school in the beginning of the current school year. "Six hun-

dred and forty is significantly less than we budgeted for when we entered last year," Wehde said.

The problem with a dropping student population is tied to the subsequent hit to the budget. "As enrollment drops, there's a direct relationship to funding," Wehde said. Already looking at a tighter budget for next year, even fewer students will complicate matters.

"There are indicators that [the enrollment decline] has not bottomed out," Wehde said. Wehde said parents are informally telling school secretaries that they will have moved by the time the next school year starts. Wehde said the anticipated migration out from Nome appears to be fueled by the high cost of living. "It's almost all economic in nature," he said.

Other areas of focus will be pre-kindergarten education and alternative education for older students, he said.

Wehde is not solely facing gloom and doom, however, even when it comes to the financial picture. With federal economic stimulus money soon

to come down the pipeline, Wehde sees opportunities mixed in with the challenges ahead. "We're going to want to see where those type of funds, along with standard resources, can fit with opportunities for our students. What vistas and horizons do we have before us in distance education?" he said.

Wehde also sees opportunity in the future for renewable energy technology to help bring down the cost of running the schools. "I'm very optimistic that we're on the mature side of renewable energy; it's no longer a pipe dream," he said. Wehde said whether it be solar-thermal or wind energy, he believes the schools are well positioned to incorporate renewable energy technology into its systems. He said he is anxious to see whether the governor would include any school-specific funding for renewable energy.

Wehde is also optimistic in regard to the staff, students and school board that all make up the district. "I've had the chance to watch our school board conduct business, and we have a wonderful school district," he said.

## • Rock Creek

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has been stable at the 55 million gallon level for several months now.

As breakup starts to leave its muddy mark on Nome, Van Nieuwenhuyse said NovaGold's current focus in Nome is also trained on managing the runoff from the melting snow. After last winter's hefty snowpack caught the mine off guard, NovaGold developed a storm-water runoff plan. That plan will be followed this year to control runoff. Van Nieuwenhuyse does not anticipate the amount of water produced from this year's snowpack to be as abundant as last year. "Nome has certainly received several good dumps of snow recently, but our records indicate that the water content is significantly lower than last year," he said.

### Operations won't resume this year

While there are a few options on the table for the suspended mine, resuming production this year is not among them. "We will thoroughly assess the exploration upside at Rock Creek in the coming months and will formulate a re-start plan," Van Nieuwenhuyse said.

Of the three options—sell, partner or try again on its own—Van Nieuwenhuyse said no one currently holds sway over others. As he has said for some time, NovaGold would consider selling the project if the right proposal came along. "If [a sale] will maximize shareholder value, that's an option we will consider," he said.

Asked if there were any offers currently before NovaGold, Van Nieuwenhuyse said he could not comment on purchase offers. "The business terms will be made available as they become defined," he said.

A partnership—an arrangement to which NovaGold is accustomed in other projects—is also a potential reality. "I have had two separate conversations today [regarding partnerships]. There are certainly active discussions going on," he said April 16. NovaGold is working on the Galore Creek prospect in British Columbia

jointly with Teck Cominco and the Donlin Creek prospect near the Kuskokwim River with mining heavyweight Barrick Gold.

Entertaining other options does not mean NovaGold has thrown in the towel in regard to working the project on its own again. "We obviously know the project well," Van Nieuwenhuyse said. "We know what the problems are we had last time around, so to speak. Obviously it's possible that we would go ahead and put it back into production ourselves."

The gold market has also helped fuel the uncertainty over the mine's future. "It really has been a very soft market. I think given all the calamity going on in the financial markets worldwide, people would have expected gold to perform better," Van Nieuwenhuyse said. "It's not a bad gold price, but it certainly hasn't moved anywhere in a year. It's certainly off of the high."

Van Nieuwenhuyse said NovaGold does not have a solid cost projection for getting the mine up and running again. "The restart plan is really for that—to get an idea of the cost, the budget and a plan to restart," he said.

Among the potential changes at Rock Creek, NovaGold mentioned in a press release the possibility of wind-generated energy to supplement the power it buys from Nome Joint Utilities. Wind generation would reduce "both the environmental impact and operating costs at the Rock Creek mine," according to the release.

### Ups and downs

NovaGold's update on its projects was released along with the company's financial data for the first quarter.

NovaGold posted a net loss of \$28.5 million (\$.20 per share) for the three-month period that ended Feb. 28. The company posted net earnings of \$24.2 million for the same period last year.

According to a press release, the \$52.7 million dollar difference was due to a number of factors. Some gains realized in 2008 were one-time events, such as the sale of an invest-

ment. The suspension of the Rock Creek Mine and work at the suspended Galore Creek Mine accounted for an \$8.6 million charge that was not experienced in 2008. The press release also cited unfavorable foreign exchange rates between the Canadian and U.S. dollars that accounted for a loss of \$5.5 million more than the previous year.

NovaGold reported revenues of \$400,000 for the three months, compared to \$1.7 million the previous year. The company, which currently generates income from land and gravel sales along with gold royalties, attributed the reduced revenue to lower interest rates on its cash reserves.

If the Rock Creek Mine were up and running as envisioned, Van Nieuwenhuyse said that revenue stream would be much more robust. "Basically, Rock Creek in production, at today's gold prices—I'll use \$900 an ounce, even though that seems optimistic—would produce a cash flow \$25 million to \$30 million

dollars per year," he said.

Nevertheless, Van Nieuwenhuyse feels the company is standing on good financial footing for the year to come. He said NovaGold has \$70 million in the bank with planned expenditures of \$30 million. Despite that assurance for the near-term, NovaGold's financial outlook report acknowledges that the development of its major projects, such as Donlin Creek, will require additional external financing to go forward.

It wasn't all losses NovaGold had to report in its first-quarter update. NovaGold also announced a bump in its resource estimate at Rock Creek by 24 percent. A result of drilling surveys conducted last year, the jump in resource estimate does not include drilling done on the nearby Saddle deposit. Van Nieuwenhuyse said an update on that drilling will be soon forthcoming.

Van Nieuwenhuyse said NovaGold will follow up this year with a more modest drilling program of approximately 20 holes.

## • Abuse

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rest stems from an April 6 call to the school complex regarding students possessing alcohol and tobacco. After a two-week investigation, the police allege Ivanoff purchased and provided alcohol for several juveniles ages 12 to 13. The police also claim she engaged in sexual acts with juveniles under the age of 13. "The thing out at the school was just the tip of the iceberg," said Nome Police Chief Dallas Massie.

Massie said the department's investigation, which is ongoing, revealed one alleged significant incident as well as "some activity that's been going on over time."

Massie said the two-week lag between the incident at the school and the arrest was due to

the severity of the charges. "We had to move as swiftly as we could and still try and be as thorough as we could and get valid information," he said. "With the potential of other people being victimized, we couldn't let this thing hang out there and not deal with it."

Massie said at this time no charges have been filed against the juveniles who were allegedly found with alcohol and tobacco. "The main focus, of course, are the more serious issues—the furnishing [of alcohol] and the sexual abuse issues," Massie said. "We're looking at the [juvenile] folks involved as victims in this case."

Ivanoff was arraigned at the Nome Court-house before Judge Ben Esch on Sunday. A preliminary hearing in the matter is scheduled for April 29 at 1:30 p.m.



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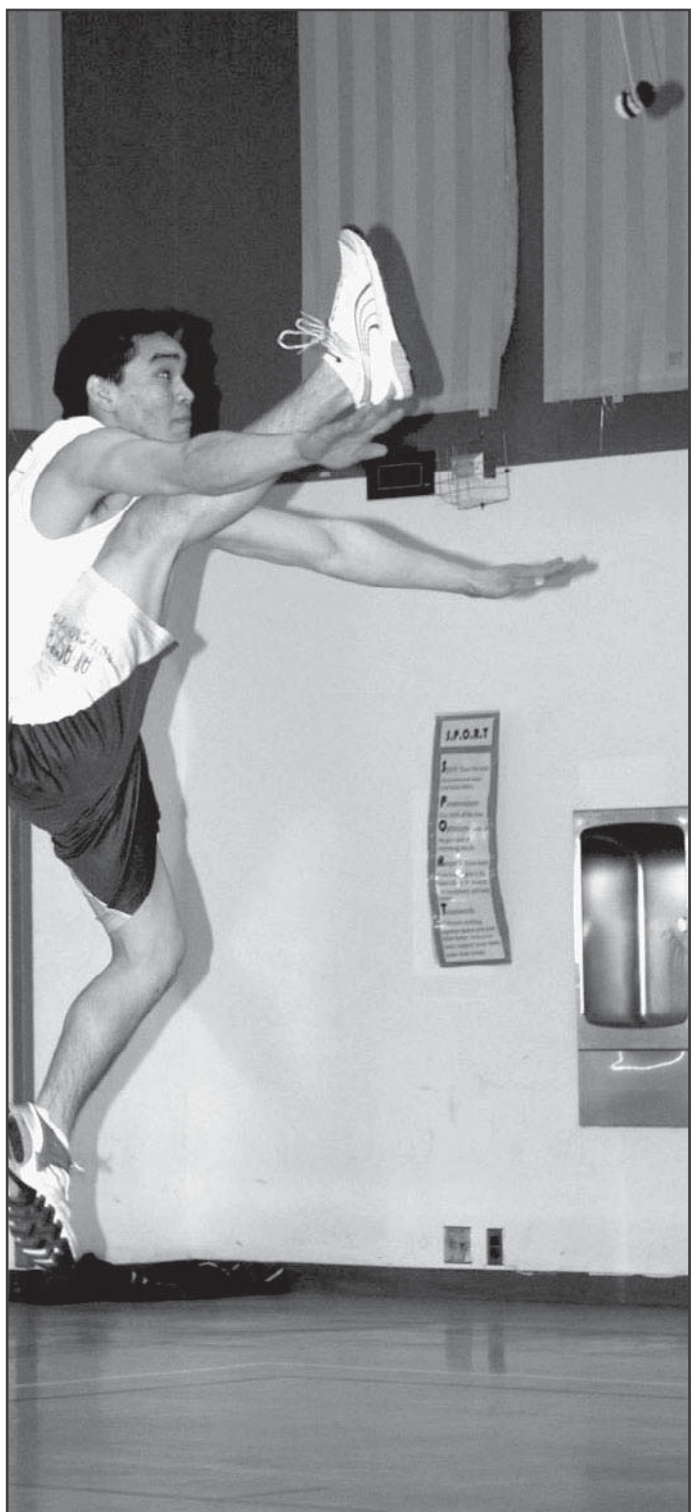


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**HIGH KICK**—Lonny Booshu displays his talent for the one-foot high kick at Nome's Native Youth Olympics competition April 10 at Nome Elementary School.



Photo Courtesy of JROTC

**DRIVERS**—JROTC cadets (left to right) Ahbree Verdin, Joel Jorgensen and Sharon Verdin collect canned goods on a recent Saturday to keep the Nome Food Bank shelves stocked for the hungry.

## JROTC drives for Nome Food Bank

Nome JROTC cadets have been taking boxes of nonperishable foods to the Nome Food Bank. And with the support of the community and Emergency Services, cadets are again helping supply food to hungry Nomeites. Cadets have gathered non-perishable food items on Saturdays in April between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the

ambulance garage.

The food drive has been an annual JROTC service project since the program's earliest years. The need to supply food for the Food Bank has remained.

JROTC's effort is not yet finished. Drop boxes are placed at Alaska Commercial, Hanson's and Nome Trading Company.

Cadets will empty the boxes and bring the items to the Food Bank. Nomeites will have one more opportunity to thin their pantry. Cadets will be available to unload cars on May 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the front of the Ambulance Hall. With the community's help, JROTC hopes to stock the selves at the Nome Food Bank.

## Planning Commission seek fees for permitting

By Sandra L. Medearis

Nome's planning panel has asked the Nome Common Council to charge a fee for asking planners' permission to use land for purposes other than its zoning designation under the City's new land use law.

As it stands under zoning law, Nome's land has conforming uses, permitted uses and conditional uses. Permitted uses under the zone regulations require an owner to get a permit from City Hall—

that's it. Conditional uses have stiffer regulations with the owner required to come before the Nome Planning Commission for a hearing. If that public hearing, after adjacent property owners are notified and paperwork generated, comes at a regularly scheduled meeting, the fee is \$200. If an off schedule meeting has to be called to handle the specific land issue, that will cost more—\$300.

The zone law OKs nonconform-

ing land uses already underway when zoning came in to continue under a "grandfather" clause. Copies of zone regulations reside at City Hall and Kegoyah Kozga Library. Commissioner Charlie Weiss urged that zone maps become available to the public and that a Web site updated with information.

The Council has the power to approve the charges, modify them or turn thumbs down.

In other business, the NPC

passed a resolution approving the work of consultant Peter Robb in a project leading to replatting the Nome Sandspit, the tongue of land that separates the Small Boat Harbor and turning basin from the main harbor in the area of the new Snake River exit and has its beginning south of C, D and E streets.

In easy terms, the move extends C, D, and E streets toward the water, south past River Street, and allows for private and public use

areas in the harbor area.

Nome harbor improvements, including filling in the old Snake River mouth, cut through the Sandspit and eliminated the western portion of Gold Avenue, making it useless. The Council adopted an ordinance vacating Gold Avenue effective March 23.

Commission members are Jerald Brown, Jeff Darling, Irene Anderson, Jimmy Adams, Greg Smith and Weiss.

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# Three earn Girl Scouts' highest honor

*AnnieKate Olson, Lauren Steiger and Richelle Horner receive Gold Award*

By Tyler Rhodes

It's the end of the road for Richelle Horner, AnnieKate Olson and Lauren Steiger—and with them, so goes Nome Girl Scout Troop 3.

It's a happy ending, however, one which only a handful of girls who start the scouting journey achieve. The three young women who make up the troop have attained the highest honor possible in Girl Scouting, the Gold Award.

To put the honor in perspective, only 5,500 girls nationwide—5.4 percent of all eligible Girl Scouts—earned the Gold Award last year. It has been several years since a Gold Award has been given in Nome.

The award was a dozen years in the making for Olson and Steiger, while Horner has been in scouting for the past eight years. In those years, the trio has spent time at camp, dedicated countless hours to interest badges and service projects—and sold some cookies and served a few pancakes along the way. They made their way through the ranks of Daisy, Brownie, Junior, Cadet and Senior, and earned the Bronze and Silver awards, each requiring its own extensive project.

To earn the Gold Award, each girl had to plan a major project that would benefit the community and be sustainable. The projects also had to be approved by the Farthest North Girl Scout Council. While the girls helped each other on the

final projects, each had to plan and direct the execution of her particular endeavor.

Horner tackled the Girl Scout Camp at Dexter for her project. "It wasn't that bad, it was just a lot of painting," she said. In addition to the gallons of paint, Horner oversaw the construction of shelving and the replacement of screens and mosquito netting.

Olson's project will help ensure that local Girl Scout history is preserved. She gathered old photos and a timeline of the development of scouting in Nome since its start in 1947. Among the items she gathered were photos of community members in their younger days as Girl Scouts. "I found some pictures of when Janice Dougherty was in Girl Scouts," Olson said.

Olson also chronicled the history of the Girl Scout camp, from its start at what was the old Dexter Roadhouse, then into donated Army Quonset huts and on to its current form.

Steiger targeted the Nome United Methodist Church's Thrift Shop for her project. "We built shelves and organized the clothes and the books," she said. "We went in to look at it, and it was really, really messy and people couldn't find what they wanted. So we decided to help."

The girls have been shepherded through the process by Troop Leader Sharon Keeney. Keeney



Photo by Tyler Rhodes

**AS GOOD AS GOLD**—AnnieKate Olson (left), Lauren Steiger (center) and Richelle Horner have each attained the highest honor possible in Girl Scouting, the Gold Award. The three were in Troop 3 under leader Sharon Keeney. They will receive their awards in Fairbanks May 7.

has been able to see the benefit Girl Scouts has bestowed on the girls and the community. "It's a really good organization for girls and families to be involved in," she said.

The girls will receive their awards May 7 during the Farthest North Girl Scout Council's annual Women of Distinction Awards ceremony in Fairbanks. The award ceremony—a fundraiser for the Girl Scouts—honors four women each year who have made contributions to the Fairbanks community.

The ceremony is a fitting venue for the Nome girls to receive their honors. In addition to the camaraderie and fun experienced through scouting, there is also

quite a bit of work necessary to make it to the end of the line and earn the Gold Award. The desire to give back is partly what drove the three girls to see it through. "It helps out your community," Horner said.

"It's an honorable reward that people can acknowledge you for," Steiger added.



Photo by Paula Kennedy

**HEALTHY FUN**—Shanna Moeder from Norton Sound Health Corp.'s CAMP Department spoke to the Daisies and Brownies of Troop 303 about the importance of nutrition and healthy eating April 16. The girls are working on the "Eat Right, Stay Healthy Try-It" badge. Pictured are (rear row, l to r) Clara Hansen, Hannah Kennedy, Shanna Moeder (blueberry), Starr Erikson, Lupe Callahan, Emma Carter; (front row, l to r) Kastyn Lie, Sarah Wade, Ada Lawrence, Mallory Conger, Gabrielle Mostoller, Briana Menadelook and Emily Kennedy.

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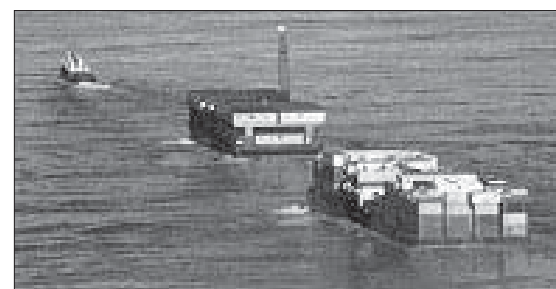
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# School Board approves heavy agenda action items

By Janet Ahmasuk

Although only two NPS Board members were physically present for the Tuesday, April 14, meeting a heavy agenda of action items awaited board approval. Action items approved by the board included;

- The final reading of BP 5113 (b) – student absence-excused/non-excused

- Approval of Memorandum of Agreement for Nome High School Building D and E roof replacement

- Approval for Honeywell proposal for Nome-Beltz fire alarm

- Approval of the hire of Shari Biscotti as elementary principal

- Approval of FY/10 School Photography Contract with Hugh Thomas

- Approval of non-tenured Certified Hire(s): 1. Teacher – NES - Jeff Collins 2. Technology – District Wide – Justin Heinrich

- Approval of Exempt Contracts: 1. Business Manager – Jenny Martens 2. Personnel Officer – Cynthia Gray 3. Social worker – Amber Raber

- Superintendent Resignation – passed roll call with one comment by Gloria Karmun, “with regret.”

The hiring of the new NES Principal was a committee driven effort.

NPS board members physically present at the meeting were President Karmun and Betsy Brennan. Barb Nickels was available by phone. Board members Albert McComas and Kirsten Timbers were excused. Student Representative Cori Eide was not present, but her report was distributed.

Superintendent Rick Luthi, Board member McComas and Business Manager Jenny Martens were not at the board meeting because they were at the Nome-Beltz/Charter School complex in Certified Staff Negotia-

tions. At or around 6:30 p.m. the board went into executive session to discuss a student expulsion.

Northwestern Alaska Career and Technical Director Jeff Selvey announced his resignation and that this was his last board meeting for NPS. He has been in Nome seven years.

Since the start of the school year, NACTEC had 13 sessions with a total of 239 students that have successfully completed a NACTEC session.

The NACTEC House “punch list” is 98 percent complete. One remaining project on the checklist is the pouring of the cement for the basketball court, which will have to wait for spring break up. The NACTEC office, classroom and shops renovations will be complete by the end of May. The office renovation is 95 percent complete, the classroom is 100 percent complete, and the three shops are 80 percent complete.

Selvey said, “It has been a pleasure working with NPS in developing and implementing the NACTEC program. It has been a great adventure working with the staff, students and all stakeholders.” He believes as a team NACTEC has given NPS students a great opportunity to prepare for life after high school.

Selvey resigns as the NACTEC director effective June 30. He and his wife take great memories and experiences with them as they prepare for the next chapter in their lives. This is his 33rd year in public education, with 30 of these years in Alaska. Selvey has accepted a position with the Department of Labor in Anchorage starting on July 1, 2009. The title of the new position is “Education Specialist II.” The main focus of this new position is ensuring implementation for the vocational education strategies embodied in the Depart-

ment of Labor and Workforce Development Gasline Training Strategic plan.

Students of the Month for March: Russell Smith is Junior High Student of the Month. Kellen Baker is Senior High Student of the Month.

High School Principal Janeen Sullivan reported:

During Standard Base Assessment/High School Graduation Qualifying Exam testing April 7-9 (science SBA for grades 8 and 10) Nome School Board, Nome Volunteer Fire Department, Nome Rotary, Dan Sullivan, Fred Lammer and John Boyles cooked breakfast for the testers. Maile Cay worked diligently to make all the arrangements for this major event. Nome Eskimo Community donated snacks for the 7-9th grade testers.

The snow days are finally made up! Nome-Beltz had an in-service day Saturday, Feb. 28, and parent-teacher conference make-up days on March 28 and April 4 to replace the three days school was cancelled this winter.

NBHS parent-teacher conference turnout was the second highest in recent years, with lots of room for continued improvement. Overall, 36 percent of the students had parents attend conferences on their behalf. An Alaska Native Science and Engineering Program coordinator was in Nome April 7-9 to work with a group of nine juniors and seniors. Students in the program are also encouraged to participate in online tutoring assistance for these classes that is

available through ANSEP. Upon graduation students who have completed ANSEP requirements are eligible for scholarships and other post-secondary assistance.

Outreach clubs have held food drives to support and assist the local food bank. The High School Compassion in Action Club baked cookies to welcome the visiting teams during the regional basketball tournament, sponsored the poster contest for the tournament, and have been heard singing the school song in conga-line formation in the hallways.

Since the last board meeting, the Nome boys took second at the state tournament.

The cheerleaders raised money to go to state as well. They took second place at the state tournament and also stayed to cheer for the boys team in all three games.

Individual awards at the state tournament:

- Mason Evans – Player of the Game

- Jesse Blandford – Player of the Game, All Tournament Team, 1st Team All State

- Jeremy Head – Player of the Game, All Tournament Team, 2nd Team All State

- David Stickel – Good Sport Award

- Michael Hawkins – Good Sport Award

- Lauren Steiger – Cheerleader of the Game, All Tournament Team

- Emmylou Vial – Cheerleader of the Game

- Elizabeth Herzner – Cheerleader

of the Game, All Tournament Team.

- Rebecca Callahan – Region I Cheer Coach of the Year

- Patrick Callahan – Alaska 3A Boys Basketball Coach of the Year

## Breakfast Snack Program

Denise Berengo, Executive Director of Nome Eskimo Community, notified NES that NEC will be supporting the Breakfast Snack Program with \$18,000. This guarantees that this program will continue for the 2009/10 school year. All students at Nome Elementary School are eligible to participate free of charge. Thank you Nome Eskimo Community for your generous support of NES students!

## Parent-Teacher Conferences

NES had Parent-Teacher Conferences on March 28 and April 4. NES had 80 percent attendance rate by parents. Some teachers reported a rate of 95-100 percent.

## Testing

All third through sixth graders took Alaska Standards based Assessment on April 7-9. This test determines whether Alaskan schools make Adequate Yearly Progress. NES Measures of Academic Progress more commonly referred to as MAP testing started April 20 and goes through May 15.

## Current Enrollment

There are 336 students enrolled at NES.

There will be an Extension presentation at the next work session.



Photo by Denise Olin

**HIGH TABLE AND A BIRTHDAY!**—Reese Bahnke, 6, of Kelly Thrun’s Kindergarten class celebrates his birthday Friday, April 17. He also received a high-table honor and shares a birthday with Thrun.

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**ON THE MOVE** (above)—Brenda Weyanna drives against Nancy Kokeok during the women's championship game at the Shishmaref Spring Carnival. Susie Obruk looks on.

**LITTLE GUY, BIG SHOT** (right)—Edward Kokeok shoots during the elementary school preliminary game at the carnival. Students were rewarded for good attendance and behavior with a chance to play a mini-game during the championship session.

**CELEBRATING** (below)—Stacey and son Seth Paniptchuk Eskimo dance during the celebrations after the awards ceremony.

## Basketballers battle it out at Shishmaref's 2009 Spring Carnival

### Men's

Champions: Teller  
2. Blazers  
3. Shaktoolik Bering Air

**All Tourney Team:** Jared Nayokpuk, Shaktoolik; Frank Qutuk Irelan, AT&T; David Jungers, Gladys's Boys; Anthony Fernandez, Allstars; Tim Nayokpuk, Teller; Verne Iyatunguk, Blazers; Donald Weyanna, Teller.

**Sportsmanship Award:** Allstars

### Game summaries

G1: Blazers 125 vs Dom's Squad 55  
G2: Shaktoolik 94 vs Allstars 81  
G3: Teller 96 vs Gladys's Boys 91  
G4: AT&T 150 vs Brevig Mission 99  
G5: Blazers 110 vs Shaktoolik 89  
G6: Allstars 62 vs Dom's Squad 59  
G7: Teller 117 vs AT&T 109  
G8: Gladys's Boys 85 vs Brevig Mission 72  
G9: Teller 114 vs Blazers 88  
G10: AT&T 96 vs Allstars 81  
G11: Shaktoolik 98 vs Gladys's Boys 91  
G12: Shaktoolik 121 vs AT&T 119  
G13: Blazers 83 vs Shaktoolik 75  
G14: Teller 106 vs Blazers 96

### Women's

Champions: Arctic Ladies  
2. Shooting Stars  
3. Shaktoolik Bering Air

**All Tourney Team:** Jessica Ivanoff, Shaktoolik; Melinda Nayokpuk, Shooting Starz; Amber Fernandez, Iviilik's Girls; Lucy Iyatunguk, Arctic Ladies; Danielle Sylvester, PLS Camp'ers; Darlene Olanna, Brevig Mission; Brenda Weyanna, Arctic Ladies.

**Sportsmanship Award:** City of Shishmaref

### Game summaries

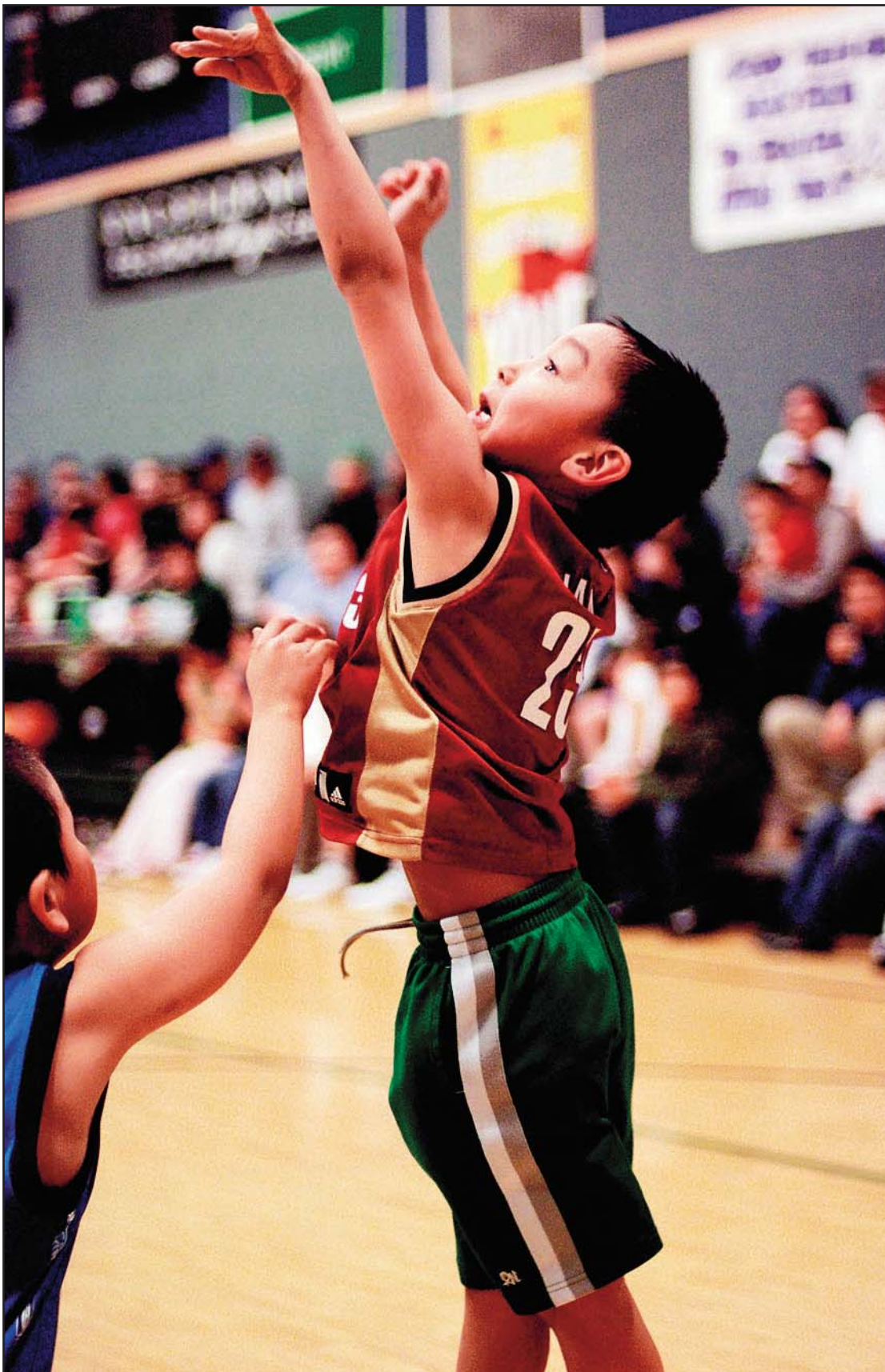
G1: Arctic Ladies 130 vs City of Shishmaref 25  
G2: Brevig Mission 58 vs Iviilik's Girls 52  
G3: Shooting Stars 86 vs Wales 38  
G4: Arctic Ladies 79 vs Brevig Mission 52  
G5: Shaktoolik 75 vs PLS CAMP'ers 55  
G6: Iviilik's Girls 76 vs City of Shishmaref 38  
G7: Shaktoolik 74 vs Shooting Stars 73  
G8: PLS CAMP'ers 64 vs Wales 22  
G9: Arctic Ladies 75 vs Shaktoolik 61  
G10: Shooting Stars 68 vs Iviilik's Girls 33  
G11: PLS CAMP'ers 70 vs Brevig Mission 36  
G12: Shooting Stars 66 vs PLS CAMP'ers 58  
G13: Shooting Stars 91 vs Shaktoolik 69  
G14: Arctic Ladies 73 vs Shooting Stars 66

## Garnie wins Herbie Nayokpuk Spring Carnival sled dog race

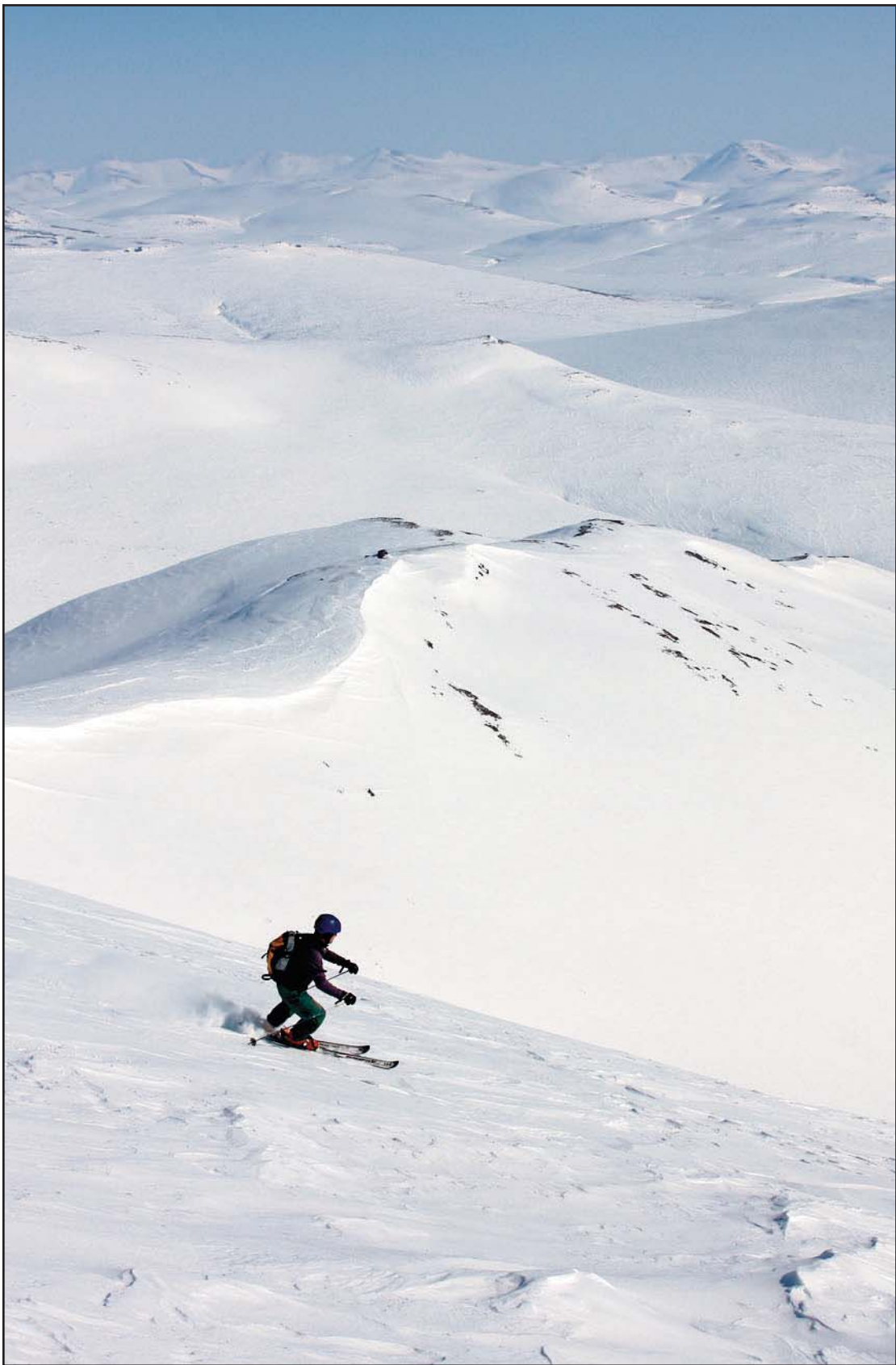
Garnie wins Shishmaref Herbie Nayokpuk Spring Carnival sled dog race

One of the sure signs of spring is when Shishmaref holds its annual Spring Carnival complete with dog racing and basketball action. Winning the three-day 27.5-mile event

was Teller's Joe Garnie, followed by Shishmaref locals Daniel Olanna, Jeffrey Nayokpuk, Percy Nayokpuk, Alfred Ningeulook and Bessy Sinook. Mushers report that the sun was strong enough to make the trail a bit soft and to give dog drivers' faces a nice tan.







Photos by Tyler Rhodes

**RIDGE WALK** (above)—Joanie Ahmasuk leads the charge up a ridge on her skis while snowboarders Jeff Collins (center) and Graham Becherer-Bailey follow Saturday near the Snake River valley.

**SUNNY SLOPES** (left)—Keith Conger skis his way down to Butterfield Canyon where Bering Straits Native Corp.'s snowcat is waiting to pick him up along with his fellow skiers.

**THE WAY TO TRAVEL** (below left)—(left to right) Ian McRae, Collins, Becherer-Bailey, Ahmasuk, Conger and BSNC's Matt Ganley unload the cat above the valley.

**LONG WAY DOWN** (bottom)—Ahmasuk starts her ski run to the snowcat which appears as just a blip below.



*From the Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary: A special thank you for helping to make the 2009 ^{Community} Easter Egg & street Hunt games! A huge success!*

To the Nome Business and Professional Women, *Nome Nugget Newspaper*, Anvil Mountain Correctional Center, The Nome Youth Facility, AC store and Hanson's! This is the 10th year anniversary in preparation for the egg hunt! Thank you for helping along the years. We also thank the following community members, businesses and organizations for their support in this year's hunt:

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| Fat Freddie's Cook "John"  | Nome Trading Company   | Lew Tobin            |
| Fish and Game Employees    | Norma Nicholas         | Jim and Gladys West  |
| GCI                        | Outsiders              | Wilderness Ski-Doo   |

Thank you to all who'd donated time to make this event a success!

*Special recognition goes to American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Unit #19*

Golden egg winners for bicycles: Lauren Merchant, Karis Evans, Minnie Clark, Starr Erickson and Shaylee Kacena



Obituaries

Jamie K. Kakoona

November 13, 1983 ~ April 8, 2009

Jamie Victor Kakshuk Kakoona was born to Linda M. Tocktoo and Benjamin K. Kakoona on November 13, 1983, in his Papa Arthur E. Tocktoo’s house down the beach. Our beloved son, brother, father, uncle, and nephew went to be with his father Benjamin Kakoona and older brother Reuben O. Tocktoo on April

8, 2009. Jamie loved doing all types of subsistence activities, especially riding and hunting with his cousins Jon Tocktoo, Andrew Tocktoo, Ward Olanna, Clarence (DickDick) O., Reuben L. Adam, Aaron Tocktoo, Thomas O., Eddie Barr, Sam Rock, M.O., Norton Rock, Robert Rock Jr., and his brother Archie N. Kakoona.

Jamie loved to help his Papa Arthur Tocktoo whenever he asked for help.

Jamie is survived by his mother

Linda M. Tocktoo and stepfather David Divers, brother Archie and sister Doreen; his partner Ada M. Olanna and children Sherri Lynn, Ivan Reuben, and Davey Stephen, his Papa Arthur E. Tocktoo, numerous aunts, uncles and cousins within the region.

Jamie was preceded in death by his father Benjamin K. Kakoona, brother Reuben O. Tocktoo, his grandmothers Polly Anna Tocktoo and Helen Kakoona, grandfather Kenneth Kakoona, uncles Paul and Roy Kakoona and aunt Mary Vann Kakoona.

Jamie will be dearly missed by all who knew him.



Jamie K. Kakoona

Ruth Keenock Outwater

September 27, 1916 - March 23, 2009

Kotzebue resident and lifelong Alaskan Ruth Keenock (Savok) Outwater, 93, died peacefully March 23 in Kotzebue.

The Kotzebue memorial was held at the Friends Church in Kotzebue. A potluck followed. A funeral was held at Central Lutheran church in Anchorage. A potluck followed.

Ruth was born September 27, 1916, in Shungnak, to John and Lily Savok. She was the third oldest of the children. Her older siblings were

James Savok and Ida Watt. Ruth’s younger siblings were Anna Thomas, Fred Savok, Lydia Glasshoff, Rachel Dimmick, Joshua Savok and Irene Armstrong.

She and Walter Outwater were married in Candle in September 1938. She lived with her husband in Deering and Nome, where Walter worked on the gold dredge in summertime. In 1948, they decided to settle in Deering, where they would later become store managers. In the mid 1950s Ruth was very active and influential as the pastor’s wife of the church.

“Ruth lived a rich and fulfilling life,” her family wrote. She made all of the clothing for the family, making sure all her children and her husband had new mukluks and parkas every Christmas. Ruth loved to cook, worked on all the animals her husband harvested and put away food for all seasons to make sure her family was always well fed. Church was her life. Ruth’s entire life was spent serving God. No matter where she was, she never missed having Sunday school, even in the tent when the family was camping. Ruth, beloved wife of the late Walter Outwater and a loving mother, grandmother and great-great grandmother, will be missed by all who knew her. May the Lord bless her, and may she rest in peace.

Ruth is survived by her two sisters, Rachel Dimmick of Anchorage

and Irene Armstrong of Buckland; seven children, Theresa Pierce, Loretta Cox and husband Skip, Richard Outwater and wife Sandy, Clara Varieur and husband Thom, Peggy Turner and husband Tim, Martha Outwater and companion Rahn Parker and Walter Outwater Jr., and many grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three children, Mamie Savok, Walter Johnson Outwater and Evelyn MacNeven; and her beloved husband of 67 years, Walter Emuk Outwater.



Ruth Keenock Outwater

Community United Methodist Church

You are invited to join us on Sunday, April 26th for a celebration of Heritage Sunday. Worship service will be held at 11 a.m. with a potluck and time capsule opening to follow. Come one, come all! Please bring a dish and enjoy the fellowship.

Church Services Directory

Bible Baptist Church Service Schedule, 443-2144

Sunday School 10 a.m./Worship Hour 11 a.m.

Community Baptist Church-SBC

108 West Third, 443-5448

Small Group Bible Study 10 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.

Pastor Bruce Landry

Community United Methodist

2nd Ave. West, 443-2865

Sunday 11 a.m. Worship

Tuesday 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Thrift Shop

Tuesday & Thursday 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Nome Covenant Church

101 Bering St. 443-2565 • Pastor Harvey

Sunday School 9:45 a.m./Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

Wednesday: Fellowship Meal 5:30 p.m./Ladies' Bible Study, Mens' Fraternity & Children's Choir 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday: Youth Group 7 p.m. (call 443-7218 for location)

Friday: Community Soup Kitchen 6 - 7 p.m.

Our Savior Lutheran Church

5th & Bering, 443-5295

Sunday School 10:30 a.m./Morning Worship 11 a.m.

River of Life Assembly of God, 443-5333

Sunday School 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m.

Wednesday Night Service 6:30 p.m.

St. Joseph Catholic Church, 443-5527

Corner of Steadman and Kings Place

Mass Schedule: Saturday 5:30 p.m./Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Seventh-Day Adventist (Icy View), 443-5137

Saturday Sabbath School 10 a.m.

Saturday Morning Worship 11 a.m.

Nome Church of Nazarene

3rd & Division, 443-2805

Sunday: Prayer Meeting 9:30 a.m./Sunday School 9:45 a.m./Worship Service 11 a.m.

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# All Around the Sound

## New Arrivals

Lori and Billy Ashley of Anchorage announce the birth of their daughter **Lyra Louise Ashley/Munguk** (great grandmother Meda Sarren), born March 13 at 5:49 a.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. She weighed 6 pounds, 8 ounces and was 19" in length. Her sisters are Alana Mae, Aliana Alicia. Her brother is Lakota William. Her maternal grandmother is Doris Savetilik and her maternal great-grandparents are Ray and Meda Sarren.

Rebecca and Shawn Knoedler of Anchorage announce the birth of their daughter **Juliana Marie Knoedler/NaNa Naq**, born March 28, at 2:23 a.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. She weighed 6 pounds, 2 ounces, and was 19" in length. Her brother is David Knoedler. Her grandma is Flora Simon and her great-grandparents are Belenda and Walter Simon.

Lisa M. and Kenneth J. Stenek of

Shishmaref announce the birth of their son **Norman Charlie Sinakok Stenek**, in memory of Norman "Boy" Kokeok and Daniel Iyatunguk. He was born on April 4, at 1:02 p.m. and weighed 8 pounds, 13.6 ounces and was 21" in length. His siblings are Gabriel, 8; Sarah, 7; Timary, 5; and Timothy, 4. Maternal grandparents are Clarence and Sarah



Norman Charlie Sinakok Stenek

(deceased) Tocktoo of Shishmaref. Paternal grandparents are Timothy (deceased) and Linda Stenek of Elma, Wash.

Monica and Branson Pete of Stebbins announce the birth of their son **George Qessanguau Gabriel Pete**, born April 5, at 1:28 a.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. He weighed 9 pounds, 5.8 ounces, and was 21" in length. His sister is Hillary Diane, 1 year and 9 months. His proud grandparents are Jerome B. Mike and Mary H. Pete of Stebbins and Justina and James Hale in Yakima, Wash.

Jodeva Oozeva and Marvin Kulowiya, Jr. of Gambell announce the birth of their daughter **Elinor Bertha Kulowiya**, born March 26, at 12:04 a.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. She weighed 7 pounds, 4.8 ounces, and was 20" in length. Her big sister is Robin Oozeva and her big brothers are Marvin III, Chaz, and Shade Kulowiya. Her grandparents are Carson Sr. and Jodene Oozeva. Her great-

grandpa is Conrad Oozeva. Her grandpa is Marvin Kulowiya, Sr.

Ruth and Lewis Iyakitan, Jr. of Gambell announce the birth of their daughter **Becky Raye Iyakitan "Pebble" "Allenga"**, born Feb. 28, at 9:11 p.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. She weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces, and was 19" in length. Siblings and other family members are: GERALYNE, William, Mary, nephew Lane, nieces Vivian, Robin, and Cari Jessa.

Amber Bradley and Ulysses Hall of Nome, announce the birth of their son **Phoenix Ryan Hall**, born April 5, 2008 at 12:32 p.m. at the Alaska



Phoenix Ryan Hall

Native Medical Center in Anchorage. He weighed 5 pounds, 12.4 ounces, and was 19" in length. Siblings are Dominique and Athena Hall.

## Distinguished Provider Award

Healthy Alaska Natives Foundation Oversight Committee sponsored the Second Annual Raven's Ball on March 27, 2009. Healthy Alaska Natives Foundation Oversight Committee holds the Raven's Ball annually to benefit the foundation, raising funds to sustain our early stages of development and see our target initiatives comes to fruition: Cancer care improvement for Alaska Natives, sustainability of our world-class wellness and prevention programs, strengthening elder health care, developing healthy village environments and investing in those with a dream of higher education through the HANF Scholarship Fund.

Each year someone is selected and honored statewide with the Distinguished Provider Award and the Community Spirit Award.

This year's award for the Distinguished Provider Award was awarded to Norton Sound Health Corporation's own Dr. David Head. Dr. Head has served as Clinical Doctor for the Norton Sound Health Corporation in Nome for over 20 years.

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## •More Obituaries

### Jerome Trigg, Jr. Koodook

Oct. 2, 1936 - April 9, 2009

Some people take center stage, other people are only too happy to help support them in their efforts; Jerome was the supporter. He was always there, but there to allow others to shine; he seemed happier in that role.

Jerome was born Oct. 2, 1936 in Nome to Nellie and Jerome Trigg, Sr. When born, he joined brothers Bill and Darryl. Later he was followed by sister Barbara, brother Jerry, sister Shirley and sister Darlene.

As a young person he lived in Nome, Anchorage, Seward and Palmer due to his father working in the construction field. He also attended school in those respective places.

In 1960, with permission from his parents, he joined the U.S. Marines and served in San Diego and Kodiak. After a stint in the Marines, Jerome joined the U.S. Army in 1963 and served in Germany. Upon completing his military service he was part of the National Guard from 1965 to 1967.

After a time with the military he met and married Martha Noyakuk, together they had four children: Pamela, Valerie, Jerome Trigg III and Sara. Through Martha, he was introduced to the Baha'i Faith and officially his Baha'i life began in April 1970; where Jerome and Martha became the first Eskimo Baha'i couple in the world.

While Jerome worked with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Wien Airlines, Martha and Jerome served on Baha'i local Spiritual Assemblies throughout Alaska. They were ap-

preciated for the wonderful contributions they made to the communities, and people were sorry when they and their children moved on.

Jerome would make sure his family and friends had everything they needed, and he supported his community. He was a long time member of the Arctic Native Brotherhood and volunteered in the Lonnie O'Connor Iditarod Basketball Classic as an ANB representative. Jerome also volunteered in various community activities; such as ANB Picnic, City Basketball Leagues, and the assorted Native corporations in the region.

Jerome loved his cultural life, which was applied to his life. He went hunting and fishing at every opportunity he could, and spent much time at his camp. He enjoyed carving, making ulus and diamond willow canes and he loved to share them with family and friends.

During Jerome's passing, he was surrounded by family and friends with song and prayers.

Some people took center stage. Jerome helped assure their success.

Jerome was preceded in death by his wife Martha Trigg; daughter Pamela White; mother and father, Jerome and Nellie Trigg; brothers Billy and Darryl, and sister Barbara. He is survived by his daughters Valerie and Sara; son Jerome III; brother Gerald Trigg, sisters Shirley Nicklalaskey and Darlene Trigg; granddaughters Sandra Christian, Yolanda Apted, Ashley and Rebecca Christian; great-granddaughters Sheranda Oliver, Pamela West and Emily Cesani. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews who dearly loved Jerome as well and will miss him.

### Acknowledgement:

Perhaps you sent a lovely card,  
Or sat quietly in a chair;  
Perhaps you sent a floral piece,  
If so, we saw it there.  
Perhaps you spoke in the kindest words,

That any friend could say.  
Perhaps you were not there at all;  
Just thought of us that day.  
Whatever you did to console our hearts,

We thank you so much  
Whatever your part.

—The family of Jerome Trigg Jr.  
Contributions can be made to  
The Trigg Family at  
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Jerome Trigg, Jr.



## Bering Strait School District 2009 Activity Calendar

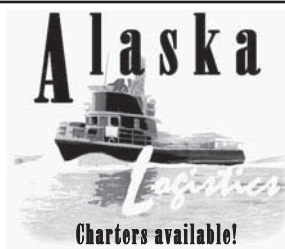
Apr. 23 - 25  
BSSD  
Native Youth  
Olympics  
**Elim**

Apr. 30 - May 2  
State Native  
Youth Olympics -  
**Sullivan Arena  
Anchorage**

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# HOROSCOPES

April 23 - 29, 2009

 <b>CAPRICORN</b> December 22–January 19 Rest assured, Capricorn, that you can count on that dear friend. They said they would help, and they will. Romance reaches a fever pitch at home.	 <b>ARIES</b> March 21–April 19 You receive a chilly reception from a friend. Don't let it get to you, Aries. Something else is going on. The debate continues at home. Join in!	 <b>CANCER</b> June 22–July 22 A home improvement project is no walk in the park, Cancer. Don't bite off more than you can chew. Envy rears its ugly head at an event, but you somehow manage to squelch it.	 <b>LIBRA</b> September 23–October 22 Trouble stalks you at every turn, Libra, but you always find a way to escape it. Sunnier times are on the horizon. Sweet treats top off the gaiety at work.
 <b>AQUARIUS</b> January 20–February 18 Wouldn't you know it? Just when you're ready to enjoy a little one-on-one time with that special someone, pals drop by. Welcome them, Aquarius; they have important news to share with you.	 <b>TAURUS</b> April 20–May 20 You've been wrestling with an issue for what seems like forever. However, this week, it will all come to a satisfying end. Get out the party horns and celebrate, Taurus.	 <b>LEO</b> July 23–August 22 You've been way too busy lately. Finish what's on your plate and take a few days off. Whisk that special someone off on a romantic rendezvous, Leo.	 <b>SCORPIO</b> October 23–November 21 Doesn't matter to you, does it? At least that's the attitude you'll hold this week toward life at home, Scorpio. You're staying out of everyone's business and taking some time to yourself.
 <b>PISCES</b> February 19–March 20 Tact eludes you at a special event, Pisces, and what you do next astounds everyone. Laugh it off. Everyone acts out of sorts from time to time.	 <b>GEMINI</b> May 21–June 21 A hobby loses its allure. Not to worry, Gemini. The magic will return when you need it most. The momentum picks up at work, and assignments compound.	 <b>VIRGO</b> August 23–September 22 You get what you deserve. Lucky for you, Virgo, it's exactly what you hoped for. A trip down memory lane initiates plans for a small reunion. Enjoy!	 <b>SAGITTARIUS</b> November 22–December 21 All right, Sagittarius. Green thoughts make for a flurry of activity at home. Keep up the good work. Every little bit you do to save the earth counts.

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**The City of Nome is accepting applications for the Construction of the New Public Safety Building:**  
**Positions:**  
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**Carpenters - \$51.00/hour**  
**Carpenter Assistants - \$44.00/hour**  
**Hours: Full time until project is completed**  
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**Closing date: Open until filled**  
Applications may be obtained from City Hall, through our website at [www.nomealaska.org](http://www.nomealaska.org), Nome Job Service or call Dana Handeland at 443-6621 for more information.  
Deliver completed application to City Hall.

NOTE: The City of Nome is an equal opportunity employer

**JOB OPENING**  
**The City of Nome is accepting applications for the Construction of the New Public Safety Building:**  
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**General Helpers - \$25.00/hour**  
**Hours: Full time until project is completed**  
**Qualifications: High School graduate or GED; contact City Hall or Job Services for complete job descriptions**  
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**Kawerak Community Services Division- Recruitment Notice –closing date is May 4th at close of business.**

**DIVISION: Community Services**  
**JOB TITLE: Economic Development Planner**  
**POSITION STATUS: Regular Full time**  
**LOCATION: Nome, Alaska**  
**EXEMPT STATUS: Non-exempt**  
**PAY SCALE GRADE: 12-13-14 (\$22.04 – 28.75)**  
DOE  
Reports to: Community Planning & Development Program Director (CP&D)  
**QUALIFICATIONS:**  
1) Bachelors Degree in Economics, Business Management, Rural Development or related field from an accredited college. Work experience in planning or related field may substitute for the degree requirement on a year for year basis.  
2) Possess strong analytical, research, oral and written communications skills;  
3) Must be able to relate effectively in a multi-cultural setting;  
4) Must be able to travel extensively throughout the Bering Straits villages;  
5) Must be dependable, self-motivated and able to work with minimum supervision;  
6) Must possess computer skills in Windows, Microsoft Word and Excel, e-mail and Internet usage. Microsoft Power Point skills preferred.  
**Interested individuals may contact Human Resources with questions at 907-443-5231. Applications can be accessed via Kawerak's website at [www.kawerak.org](http://www.kawerak.org) or by contacting Human Resources at 907-443-5231. Applications may be faxed to Kawerak Human Resources at 907-443-4443 or sent via email to [personnel@kawerak.org](mailto:personnel@kawerak.org). Thank you.**  
4/23-30

**Kawerak Community Services Division-Transportation Dept- Recruitment Notice closing date is April 30th at close of business.**

**DIVISION: Community Services Division, Transportation Department**  
**JOB TITLE: Office Support Clerk**  
**POSITION STATUS: Temporary, Seasonal, Full-Time**  
**LOCATION: Nome, Alaska**  
**EXEMPT STATUS: Non-exempt**  
**PAY SCALE GRADE: 6-7-8 (\$15.46 – 20.17)**  
**DOE**  
**REPORTS TO:** Administrative Assistant  
**QUALIFICATIONS:**  
1. Must have a high school diploma or G.E.D. plus two years of clerical experience.  
3. Must possess effective written and verbal communication skills.  
4. Must be able to type at least 45 WPM.  
5. Steady attendance essential. Must be self-mo-

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tivated and able to work with minimum supervision.  
6. Ability to work effectively with people from a variety of backgrounds.  
7. Skill in operating a variety of office equipment and tools. Knowledge of Windows, Word, Excel and email preferred.  
8. Driver's License preferred.  
Native Preference per Public Law 93-638  
**DIVISION:** Community Services Division, Transportation Department  
**JOB TITLE: Secretary**  
**POSITION STATUS: Regular, Full-Time**  
**LOCATION: Nome, Alaska**  
**EXEMPT STATUS:** Non-exempt  
**PAY SCALE GRADE:** 6-7-8 (\$15.46 – 20.17)  
DOE  
**REPORTS TO:** Transportation Program Administrative Assistant  
**QUALIFICATIONS:**  
• Must have a high school diploma or G.E.D. plus 2 years of clerical experience.  
• Must possess effective written and verbal communication skills  
• Must be able to type at least 45 WPM.  
• Must be dependable and punctual.  
• Must be able to work effectively with people from a variety of backgrounds.  
• Must possess strong computer skills including knowledge of Internet usage, Word, Excel, and Windows.  
• Driver's license required.  
Native Preference per Public Law 93-638  
**Interested individuals may contact Human Resources with questions at 907-443-5231. Applications can be accessed via Kawerak's website at [www.kawerak.org](http://www.kawerak.org) or by contacting Human Resources at 907-443-5231. Applications may be faxed to Kawerak Human Resources at 907-443-4443 or sent via email to [personnel@kawerak.org](mailto:personnel@kawerak.org). Thank you.**  
4/23-30

**WANTED: APARTMENT MANAGER**  
Munaqsri Senior Apartments in Nome. Seeking people oriented, self motivated managers(s) to provide day-to-day administrative, maintenance and caretaking. This position is ideally performed by a team, but not required. Knowledge of Yupik helpful but not required. Interesting and varied work environment, flexible schedule. Must live on site. Rent-free apartment, free utilities plus \$\$\$. Send resume and references to North Star Management, PO Box 188, Benson, MN 56215 or to [northstar@northstarbiz.com](mailto:northstar@northstarbiz.com). Sorry, no pets. EOE  
4/23-30, 5/7

## Real Estate

RENT— 2 studio apartments \$900/month, 1 one-bedroom apartment \$1,200/month. Heat and hot water included. New construction, new Posturepedic beds, etc. 708 E. Third Ave. Call Roger 304-1048 or 443-5632.  
4/16-23-30

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4/23-30

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Easy access to bike path and trails!  
1710 Nome-Teller Highway - \$285,000  
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Cute downtown 2br home with yard!  
Easy to qualify!!! Payments as low as \$550 per month!  
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**OCEAN FRONT PROPERTY – 2BR**  
Large living area with vaulted ceilings, loft, large windows overlooking the Bering Sea. Heated and plumbed shop; detached rental unit.  
1002 Front Street - \$370,000  
**3br home with 1br guest house**  
Greenhouse, shed, large lot  
405 E Tobuk Alley - \$245,000  
**4br/1ba, 7000sq ft lot**  
404 East 5th Ave. - \$156,000  
**2br/1.5ba w/garage & studio apartment**  
803 E 3rd Avenue - \$259,000  
**2br/1ba, full sized lot, low fuel usage!**  
Sunroom!  
206 East Kings Place - \$149,000  
**Newly Remodeled – Near school & new hospital**  
2br/1ba with finished attic rooms  
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Michael Eaton, Manager

## Seawall

**4/14**  
Shelby Cordeiro, DOB: 8/23/92, received a citation for Failure to Stop at a Stop Sign.  
Tyler Ivanoff, DOB: 2/24/83, was arrested and booked into AMCC on an Arrest Warrant for Failure to Report.  
**4/16**  
A Nome male juvenile received a Citation for Possession of an Air Soft gun.  
Beverly Krier, DOB: 5/24/90, received a citation for Failure to Drive on the Right Side of the Road.  
Ernest Ailak, DOB: 9/12/43, was arrested and

booked into AMCC for Assault 4th Degree.  
**4/17** Robert Bahnke, Jr., DOB: 7/9/71, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Driving under the Influence and received a Citation for Operating a Vehicle with Expired Registration.  
**4/18**  
Michael Tucker, DOB: 4/10/71, was arrested and booked into AMCC for two (2) counts of Assault in the Fourth Degree, Domestic Violence.  
Amos Cruise, DOB: 8/1/89, will receive a citation for Expired Registration and a summons for Driving in Violation of Instructional Permit.  
**4/19**

Larry Custer, DOB: 4/21/76, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Criminal Trespass in the 2nd Degree.  
Merrisa Acoman, DOB: 5/10/89, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault on a Peace Officer and Resisting Arrest; and received Citations for Endangering the Welfare of a Child and Minor Consuming Alcohol.  
During this reporting period, there were five persons transported to the hospital for a Title 47 Protective Custody Hold.

## Trooper Beat

On April 7, at approximately 10 a.m. the AST received a report of a theft of money in Shishmaref. Additional information is being withheld due to the ongoing investigation.

On April 9, at approximately 10:51 a.m., Douglas Henry, 30, of Gambell, was arrested on an outstanding arrest warrant for failure to report to jail. Henry was transported to AMCC.

On April 13, at approximately 6:15 a.m., the AST received a report that Susie Tee, 33, of St. Michael, was intoxicated and walking from Stebbins to St. Michael. A hasty team was sent out and located Susie Tee, who had arrived in St. Michael. No injuries were reported.

On April 13, at approximately 11:35 a.m., VPSO John Peratrovich and VPSO Lucas Stotts arrested Andrew Bekoalok, 20, of Shaktoolik on an Anchorage AST warrant for failing to appear to jail. The original charge was DUI and Minor Consuming.

On April 13, at approximately 11:35 a.m., VPSO John Peratrovich and VPSO Lucas Stotts arrested Andrew Bekoalok, 20, of Shaktoolik on an Anchorage AST warrant for failing to appear to jail. The original charge was DUI and Minor Consuming.

On April 14, at 4:20 p.m., VPSOs Peratrovich and Stotts received a report of a disturbance in Shaktoolik. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Charlotte Sookiyak, 42, of Koyuk, for two counts of Assault IV. Sookiyak was remanded to AMCC.

On April 15, Jeffery Nashoanak, 21, of Stebbins, was arrested in Stebbins for assaulting his girlfriend. Investigation revealed that on April 13 and April 14, Nashoanak had assaulted her on two separate occasions at two different locations. Alcohol was involved in the assault on April 14. Nashoanak was transported AMCC in Nome for arraignment without incident.

On April 15, St. Michael VPOs arrested Ben Andrews, 40, of St. Michael on a parole violation warrant. Andrews was transported to Nome and lodged at AMCC to await a parole hearing.

## Legals

**NOTICE OF SALE** Trustee, Alaska Trustee, LLC will sell realty for cash to the highest bidder at the Main entrance to the Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street on April 29, 2009, at 10:00 AM with other sales that may be conducted. Proceeds will apply to the Deed of Trust naming Dana R. Pictou & Lorraine T. Landers, Trustor, Dana R. Pictou & Lorraine T. Landers, Record Owner, recorded on August 29, 2003 under Reception No. 2003-001030-0, Nome Recording District, Second Judicial District, Alaska, describing: Lot 5A, Block 14, ICY VIEW SUBDIVISION, according to the replat of Lots 4 and 5 filed July 26, 1985 as Plat Number 85-5; Records of the Cape Nome Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska, a/k/a 204 Fore And Aft Drive, Nome, AK 99762. \$165,667.54 is due, plus interest, advances, etc. Go to [alaskatrustee.com](http://alaskatrustee.com) or [usa-foreclosure.com](http://usa-foreclosure.com) for status.  
4/2-9-16-23

**NOTICE OF SALE** Trustee, Alaska Trustee, LLC will sell realty for cash to the highest bidder at the Main entrance to the Barrow Courthouse, 1250 Agvik St. on May 5, 2009, at 10:00 AM with other sales that may be conducted. Proceeds will apply to the Deed of Trust naming Seeseei M. Pili, Trustor, Seeseei M. Pili, Record Owner, recorded on December 15, 2005 under Reception No. 2005-001356-0, Barrow Recording District, Second Judicial District, Alaska, describing: Lot 5, Block 12, BROWERVILLE ADDITION NO. 3, according to the plat filed August 8, 1983 as Plat Number 83-6; Records of the Barrow Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska.

EXCEPTING THEREFROM the Subsurface Estate and all rights, privileges, immunities and appurtenances of what so ever nature, accruing

unto said estate pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of December 18, 1971 ( 85 Stat. 688,704; 43 U.S.C. 1601, 1613(f) (1976) as reserved by the United States of America), a/k/a 6028 Boxer Street, Barrow, AK 99723. \$179,836.84 is due, plus interest, advances, etc. Go to [alaskatrustee.com](http://alaskatrustee.com) or [usa-foreclosure.com](http://usa-foreclosure.com) for status.  
4/2-9-16-23

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**  
White Mountain School is seeking artwork proposals for our new school building. Designs must be postmarked by April 30, 2009. To request a packet of project specifics, please call the school at **907-638-3021**, or email Andy Haviland, principal: [ahaviland@wmo.bssd.org](mailto:ahaviland@wmo.bssd.org)  
4/9-16-23

**SPACE FOR UAF-AFES NOME HOUSING EXTENSION**

The University of Alaska currently leases a four-bedroom house with a washer/dryer and garage for housing space in Nome, Alaska. This lease with Jason C. Smith, is due to expire on June 30, 2009. He has expressed a willingness to renegotiate a lease extension for a one (1) year period with one (1) additional one-year renewal option. The University feels that the facility offers unique advantages for the operation of its research programs, thus best meeting the needs of the Nome community. If owners of other facilities or interested parties, who can offer comparable or more suitable space, request us to issue a request for proposals in order for us to evaluate their space and its cost, compared to the current housing location, we will do so. If we do not receive such a

request in writing, by April 27, 2009, at University of Alaska Fairbanks, Real Estate Management, Attn: Nicole Nordstrand, PO Box 757380, Fairbanks, Alaska 99775 [907-474-6757], we will enter into direct negotiations with and execute a space lease with Jason C. Smith.

4/9-16-23

**NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND SALE**  
**Foreclosure Sale to be held June 15, 2009, at 10:00 AM. ****  
RECONSTRUCT COMPANY, N.A., the present Trustee under the Deed of Trust executed by NORMA KAVAIRLOOK AND FRANK KAVAIRLOOK, WIFE AND HUSBAND, Trustor(s), to FIRST AMERICAN LENDERS ADVANTAGE, Trustee, and MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., Beneficiary, recorded March 03, 2008, in Document No. 2008-000173-0 in Book N/A at Page N/A, all in the records of the Nome Recording District, *Judicial District, State of Alaska, encumbering the following real property: *2nd

LOT TWO (2), BLOCK THREE (3), AS SHOWN ON THE OFFICIAL USS 4390, CITY OF KOYUK, FILE ON AUGUST 8, 1986 IN BOOK 315, PAGE 952 CAPE NOME RECORDING DISTRICT, SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT, STATE OF ALASKA. WHICH IS MORE CORRECTLY DESCRIBED AS: LOT 2, BLOCK 3, TRACT “C” OF THE LAND EMBRACED BY U.S. SURVEY NO. 4390; RECORDS OF THE CAPE NOME RECORDING DISTRICT, SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT, STATE OF ALASKA.

and having a corresponding address of 3 4TH AVE, KOYUK, AK 99753, gives notice that a breach occurred because Trustor(s) failed to satisfy obligations secured by the Deed of Trust. The amount owing to the Beneficiary as of March 05,

2009, is \$79,437.98, plus future interest, costs, and other charges.

Upon demand of the Beneficiary, Trustee hereby elects to sell the real property for cash to apply against obligations owed to the Beneficiary, together with any additional interest, costs, or expenses. Beneficiary gives notice that it is preserving its rights against other collateral securing the obligations.

Questions regarding the foreclosure should be directed to RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. at (800)-281-8219 and reference T.S. No. 09-0027916.

Dated: 03/05/2009  
RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A.  
By: Cheryl Lee, Team Member  
**113 Front Street, Room 203, Nome, AK 99762  
4/16-23-30-5/7

**SUB/SUPPLIER BIDS REQUESTED**  
**Norton Sound Regional Hospital**  
Nome, Alaska  
09-102-SOL-00003

Bid Date: May 5, 2009 @ 3:00 PM (PST)  
Quotes Requested by: Monday May 4, 2009 @ Noon (AKST)  
Scope letters and expressions of interest should be faxed by May 1, 2009.

Kiewit Building Group Inc.  
1577 C Street, Suite 101  
Anchorage, AK 99501  
  
Phone: 907-222-9350  
Fax: 907-222-9380

We are an Equal Opportunity Employer and request subcontractor and supplier quotes from all interested small business concerns (incl. ANCs and Indian Tribe), including Veteran-Owned, Service Disabled Veteran-Owned, HUBZone, Small Disadvantaged, and Woman-Owned enterprises.  
4/16-23-30

**NOTICE OF DEFAULT – SALE OF REAL PROPERTY**

A foreclosure sale will be held **June 16, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.** in the lobby at the main front entrance, Nome Superior Court, at the Federal Building, Front Street, Nome, AK of the Deed of Trust recorded October 31, 1985, in Book 314 Page 110, Cape Nome Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska, as a lien against real property described as: Lot 2B, Block 54, NOME, according to Plat No. 83-7, filed June 3, 1983, Records of the Cape Nome Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska; which has a street address of 508 W. 3rd Avenue (aka 182 W. “D” Street), Nome, AK 99762. Trustors/Record Owner Ralph Olanna, Jr. and Belinda A. Olanna, husband and wife, have breached the obligation for which the Deed of Trust is security: failure to make payments when due under the Deed of Trust. Present Beneficiary, State of Alaska-Dept. of Community & Regional Affairs, Housing Assistance Division, by Assignment recorded October 31, 1985 in Book 314 Page 116, is owed the principal amount of \$36,838.81 plus interest from October 1, 2008 at the rate of 8.0% per annum, plus costs, fees, and other charges incurred or advanced thereafter. The Trustee elects to sell the property and to apply the proceeds against the obligation. Trustee re-

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Grubby

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serves the right to postpone the sale, set a minimum bid, submit an offset bid, and establish other bidding procedures at the sale. Questions should be directed to the Law Offices of GROH EGGERS, LLC, 2600 Cordova Street, Suite 110, Anchorage, AK 99503, phone (907) 562-6474.

Dated: March 12, 2009

Fidelity Title of Alaska, LLC, Trustee  
Leslie Plikat, Agent  
4/16, 4/23, 4/30, 5/7

Homeownership Development Program (HDP)

ALASKA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION (AHFC) announces the availability of annual funding for the Homeownership Development Program (HDP). Funding for the SFY2009 HDP in the amount of \$450,000 is made available through the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), HOME Investment Partnerships Program. HDP funding may be used for real property acquisition and site improvements for new construction of permanent, single family housing.

Eligible applicants include only participants in the USDA's 523 self-help homeownership program, AHFC Community Housing Development Organizations, Community Land Trusts and Habitat for Humanity organizations; funds can only be used for eligible projects outside of the Municipality of Anchorage.

If selected by AHFC, successful subrecipients must execute  
For more information, or if unable to access the application via internet, contact:

Colette Slover, Planning Department  
Alaska Housing Finance Corporation  
4300 Boniface Parkway, to a Grantee Agreement and administer the funds in accordance with Federal HOME Program Regulations and the HDP Policies and Procedures.

Application kit is available on the internet: <http://www.ahfc.state.ak.us> (select Notices, and Notices of Funding Availability)

PO Box 101020, Anchorage, AK. 99510-1020  
330-8275 or 1-800-478-2432 (toll-free statewide)

Applications for funding under this program must be received by 4:30 p.m. Local Anchorage Time, May 1, 2009. Proposals received after the deadline or delivered to an incorrect AHFC location before the deadline WILL NOT be considered for funding. Telefax or email applications WILL NOT be accepted.  
4/9 and 4/23

Public Notice

The United States Air Force has issued an Engineering Evaluation and Cost Analysis (EECA) and a Fact Sheet to provide the public information concerning ongoing environmental investigations and planned clean-up efforts for the Granite Mountain Radio Relay Station, located approximately 130 miles east of Nome. The Air Force is accepting comments on these documents until May 15, 2009.

For additional information, please contact:  
Patrick Roth  
611th Air Force Environmental Project Manager  
10471 20th St  
Elmendorf AFB, AK 99506-2200  
(907) 552-7893  
patrick.roth@elmendorf.af.mil

4/23

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA  
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME

CASE NO: 2NO-09-00100CI  
ORDER FOR HEARING.  
PUBLICATION AND POSTING  
In the Matter of a Change of Name for:  
Matthew Thomas Wukovich,  
Current name of Minor.  
Notice of Petition to Change Name

A petition has been filed in the Superior Court (Case # 2NO-09-00100CI) requesting a name change from (current name) Matthew Thomas Wukovich to Matthew Thomas Appolloni. A hearing on this request will be held on May 28, 2009 at 4:14 pm at Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street PO Box 1110 Nome, AK.  
4/23-30-5/7-14

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA  
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME

CASE NO: 2NO-09-00101CI  
ORDER FOR HEARING.  
PUBLICATION AND POSTING  
In the Matter of a Change of Name for:  
Nathaniel Michael Wukovich,  
Current name of Minor.  
Notice of Petition to Change Name

A petition has been filed in the Superior Court (Case # 2NO-09-00101CI) requesting a name change from (current name) Nathaniel Michael Wukovich to Nathaniel Michael Appolloni. A hearing on this request will be held on May 28, 2009 at 4:14 pm at Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street PO Box 1110 Nome, AK.  
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He is counted among a small, elite group of medical professionals who have spent their careers in the Alaska Tribal Health System serving tirelessly to elevate care for Alaska Natives. His many achievements include being the former chair of the Alaska Native Medical Board. His

compassion and service in the north epitomizes a life dedicated to serving others.

Award Winners

Village representatives from across Alaska met recently for the 2009 ANICA, Inc. Annual Delegates Meeting. Each year, the 100 percent Native cooperative selects one from its membership to receive the Store Manager of the Year award.

This year the award was presented to Jodie Steve, manager of the Stebbins Native Store in Stebbins. Steve has earned this title due to her outstanding performance managing the Stebbins Native Store and is to be congratulated for a job well done!

The following managers were also recognized for exceptional performance:

Tommy Anagaiak, Tununak  
Myron Kingeekuk, Savoonga  
Davis Lincoln, White Mountain

The annual award presented for extraordinary performance by a store manager was a high point of this year's Annual Delegate meeting.

Thank you for your support!

Mike Morgan thanks the following sponsors for their help and support during the 2008-2009 snowmobile racing season: Andy and Tammy Baker, Bering Air, Big Lake Powersports, Bruce Friend and Polaris Industries, Campolast Inc., Carl and Ginny Emmons, Carver Performance, Dave Morgan, Evan Booth, Eagle River Polaris/AC, George Kost, Hatcher Pass Polaris, High Performance Engineering, Jake Swan, Jerry Miller, Klim USA, McKinley Polaris, Morgan Enterprises, Morgans Sales and Service, Nome Joint Utility System, Northern Air Cargo, Pat Johanson, Q-Trucking, Reton Coil Spring, Ron Zugg and family, Stan Morgan, Starting Line Products, Tom Dublin, Unique Machine, Woody's Traction and Control Products and Gerald Hughes.

A heartfelt thanks to Dr. Lawrence, health-aide Sara Seetot, VPSO Winfred Olanna Jr., Dolly and Fred Kugzruk from Teller, Brevig Traditional Council, Kawerak, NSHC Behavioral Health, Pastor Brian and Ginger Crockett, Wendy Deering, PA Kim Matthews, Susie Olanna and Johnalee Rock and family. We also thank everyone for prayers, calls and comfort. Thank you to the grave diggers, crossmaker and the pallbearers. Quyanna from the Kakoon, Tocktoo, Olanna and Divers families.

Thank you!

First and foremost to my sister Erma Sookiayak for trekking to the nearest phone to call 911 after my husband suffered a heart attack. To Mr. and Mrs. Terry Day as always, for the generous use of their telephone. To all the emergency personnel who responded, to Dennis Bahnke for driving the snowmachine to transport Butch to the ambulance, to Dr. O'Neill and staff at NSRH. Thanks to Gary Lane and Barb Nickels, Larry Eggart and Darlene Whitney, Jim and Mops Abbott, Mike Hahn and Sara Trigg, Ronna Engstrom and Will Mathisen, John Smelzer, Bob and Ginny Mocan in Anchorage, my daughter Traci Corta, D'Lany Nichols and Maggie Takak. P.S. Ginny we brought our husbands home alive! Once again, thanks to all! Butch and Cindy Anseth



Happy Birthday to the Oliver Boys

Michael Delbert on April 23 and Shea Edward on April 24!

I Love You Sweets and Baby!  
Love, Auntie

Thanks so much for sponsoring me in the Nome Cannonball Snowmachine race! Pat Johanson, my grandma Connie, Dallas Massey, my mom and all her customers, Muffin and Tim, my dad, Skinny's Crane Services in MN and Charley Reader. Thanks again for your support this racing season!  
With sincere thanks, Reese Madden

Thank You!

Thank you to all my sponsors. You made it possible for me to compete in the 2009 Cannonball Snowmachine race. My wife, Glen Tate, Frankie Lane, Stacy Green and Mary Reader, Jerry Miller, Jim West Jr., John Handeland, Stan Sobocienski, Frontier Flying Service, Krier Inc., Fred Moody, Ron and Tula Huffman, Rave 'N cuts, Larry's Auto, conner Thomas, Husky Restaurant, Nome Animal House, Elaine and Joe, PK Electric, ATS and Northern Power Sports of Fairbanks.  
Thank you, Jackie Johnson #32, Fan Class

King Island Native Corporation



The King Island Native Corporation will hold their Annual Meeting of the Shareholders on Saturday, April 25, 2009 at the Nome Eskimo Community on 200 W. 5th Ave at 1 p.m. for the following purposes: Election of four (4) directors and other matters listed on the agenda.

Notice of Koyuk Native Corporation (KNC) Shareholders Annual Meeting



PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the KNC Annual Shareholders Meeting will be held on Saturday, May 30, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. at the Koyuk Community Hall for the following purposes:

Election of (3) Board of Directors & and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

4/16, 4/23, 4/30, 5/7, 5/14, 5/21



• More Sound



Photo by Tyler Rhodes  
**SWING YER PARDNER**—Kristen Widmer and Tom Mute promenade around Old St. Joe’s Hall April 7 during a contra dance.



Photo by Dorothy Van Thiel  
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ESTHER**—Born April 12, 1929, Esther Bourdon poses with her fish-shaped cake (fishing is her favorite pastime) and her 80th birthday cake. She celebrated her milestone with family and friends at Old St. Joseph Hall during a festive celebration!



Photo by Tyler Rhodes  
**AROUND AND ‘ROUND**—Caller Bob Metcalfe directs dancers to circle during a contra dance at Old St. Joe’s Hall April 7 while local favorites Land Bridge Tollbooth play in the background.

EQUIPMENT SOLICITATION

NJUS is soliciting for equipment needed to support construction activities this summer. It is anticipated the following equipment will be required:

- (1) – 1 CY Hydraulic Excavator, 44,000#, w/ 36” wide GP bucket
- (1) – Tractor with 6-way blade, 15,000#
- (2) – 4 CY Articulated Wheel Loader, w/ Balderson quick coupler and both a bucket and fork attachments w/ 8’ forks
- (1) – 10 ton Flatbed w/ 20’ deck
- (1) – Service Truck

A proposal sheet and the detailed request for proposals packet may be obtained from the Utility Office, adjacent to the Snake River Power Plant or from City Hall. For further information, please contact Patty at 443-6587. Technical questions on equipment specifications should be directed to: Toby Schield, 443-6330.

Proposals must be received by May 7, 2009 – 2:00p.m.

NJUS reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive irregularities or informalities in any of the proposals when in its best interest.

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

NJUS is soliciting applications for positions associated with construction activities this summer. It is anticipated the following positions may be required:

- Forman
- Equipment Operator
- Loader/Dozer/Compactor Operator
- Pipe Layer
- Laborer
- Welder’s Helper
- Mechanic
- Mechanic’s Helper/Oiler
- Clerical Assistant

Applications may be obtained from the Utility Office, adjacent to the Snake River Power Plant or from City Hall. For further information, please contact Marilee at 443-6305.

Successful applicants may be required to join unions as a condition of continued employment. **Priority consideration will be given to prior employees who reapply, and then to new applicants whose application is received by April 30, 2009.** Applications will continue to be accepted throughout the year to provide a pool of potential candidates for future vacancies that may occur.



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Court

**Week ending 4/17**  
**Civil**  
Henderson Receivables Origination LLC vs. Shelikoff, Georgianna; Structured Settlement - Superior Court  
State of Alaska, Dept of Revenue, CSSD vs. Smith, Robert L.; Petition for Order re PFD or Native Dividend  
State of Alaska, Dept of Revenue, CSSD vs. O’Conner, Harold; Petition for Order re PFD or Native Dividend  
Hale, Helen vs. Stebbins Native Corporation; Personal Injury Other - Superior Court  
**Small Claims**  
Credit Union 1 vs. Kunnuk, Raymond C.; Small Claims \$2500 or Less  
Cornerstone Credit Services LLC vs. Apangalook Jr., Leonard M.; SC More Than \$2500: 1 Deft. Cert Mail  
Cornerstone Credit Services LLC vs. Soolook, Andrea A.; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Deft. Cert Mail  
Cornerstone Credit Services LLC vs. Kimoktoak, Patrick; SC More Than \$2500: 1 Deft. Cert Mail  
**Criminal**  
State of Alaska v. Roy Sockpick (9/9/66); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault Fourth Degree; Filed by the DAs Office 4/15/09.  
State of Alaska v. Dawn Oozevaseuk (8/30/83); Count 2: Assault 4°; Assault on Peace Officer; Date of offense: 4/9/09; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 1 (001); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 270 days, 180 days suspended; Unsuspended 90 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC by 7:30 p.m.; Seaside recommended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10

days; Probation until 4/14/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in her residence, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol; Alcohol Assessment, contact within 5 days of release of placement at Seaside; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare.  
State of Alaska v. Roy Turner (9/7/53); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109522656; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to 4/10/10; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.  
State of Alaska v. Dawn Ozenna (5/5/92); Minor Consuming Alcoholic Beverage; Date of offense: 1/25/09; Fined \$600 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$500 to Nome Clerk of Court, or show proof of completing 166 hours of community work service, by 11/1/09; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 4/14/09); Shall not consume inhalants or possess of consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages; Shall pay the fine or show proof of community work service, as ordered.  
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**FULL TILT**—Shantah Esparza rockets along the Beam Road on his Skidoo MXZ 800 during Saturday's running of the annual Cannonball Snowmachine Race that takes competitors on multiple laps around Nome and the surrounding countryside.



## 2009 results

Louis Warneke-Green takes overall win

Greeted with a picture-perfect day, more than 30 competitors lined up to race laps around Nome Saturday for the 2009 Cannonball Snowmachine Race. Taking advantage of the stellar conditions and good visibility, Louis Warneke-Green claimed the overall win on his Arctic Cat F6 600.

The top finishers in each class are listed below. (Full results were unavailable.)

**A Class (0-600 cc):** 1) Louis

Warneke-Green [overall winner]  
2) Reese Madden 3) Mike Morgan  
4) Gerald Hughes 5) Cameron Iyatunguk.

**B Class (Open):** 1) Joe Fullwood 2) George Kost 3) Peter Reich Sr.

**Women:** 1) Char Keehn 2) Mercie McGuffey

**Fan-cooled:** 1) Troy Miller 2) Jackie Johnson

**Junior Class:** 1) Jarvis Miller 2) William Booth 3) Colton West

**NO WINDSHIELD NEEDED (left)**—Sean Octuck is all business on his Skidoo MXZ X 800 as he races beside the Beam Road Saturday.

**FAST CROSSING (bottom left)**—Cameron Iyatunguk punches the throttle on his Skidoo Renegade 600 after crossing the Beam Road.



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**CELEBRATION**—The St. Lawrence Island dance group “Masingka” rocked the Dena’ina Center April 23 as they performed an invitational dance during the World Dance Celebration coinciding with the Indigenous Peoples Summit on Climate Change in Anchorage.

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Photo by Kim Antoghame

**SUCCESSFUL HUNT**—Gambell whaling captain Tommy Antoghame sits after the first bowhead whale of the season is brought ashore April 23. The 42’ whale was Antoghame’s ninth. See more photos on page 14.

## Nome on the watch as swine flu spreads

By Tyler Rhodes

The two words have been inescapable for nearly a week now: Swine flu.

Although no cases of the fast-spreading flu were reported in Alaska as of Tuesday, local health officials were taking precautions and starting an awareness campaign in Nome. “The main thing is we’re essentially watching the situation,” said Chris Kilby, director of Public Health Nursing at Norton Sound Health Corp. “We are involved in frequent telephone and teleconference contact with the state.”

In a joint effort, the health corporation and the Local Emergency Planning Committee have put together a proactive plan for the pub-

lic to help try to prevent the spread of the flu if it were to show up in Nome. The recommendations boil down to common-sense practices to prevent the spread of most illnesses:

- Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer
- Cover coughs and sneezes
- Stay at home if you are sick

Beyond following those recommendations and arming themselves with knowledge, there was little else Nomeites could do last week to guard themselves against the outbreak were it to reach Nome and the region. “We don’t want to raise any unnecessary panic, but people need to pay attention,” said Tom Vaden,

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## Indigenous people unite to confront climate change

By Diana Haecker

Yaqui Indian Andrea Carmen wrapped up last week’s Indigenous Peoples’ Summit on Global Climate Change saying that the meeting was “incredibly inspiring as well as heartbreaking to hear everybody’s stories and experiences and struggles we’re going through in the different regions facing the impacts of climate change.”

Anchorage’s Dena’ina Center set the stage for Native delegates from all four corners of the earth trying to come to grips with a changing climate and its impacts on humans, land, water,

animals and plants.

An explosion of color greeted the spectator during plenary sessions and keynote speeches—most discussions were behind closed doors—as participants were decked out in the tribal regalia of their region. While delegates from the sunnier parts of the world had a hard time adjusting to Anchorage’s balmy 45°F weather, arctic representatives sweated under their kuspiks and sealskin vests.

However, it was not a fashion show that inspired the occasion. More than 400 indigenous

people answered the call to come to Anchorage to draw up a declaration (see related story) to be delivered to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, slated for December 2009 in Copenhagen. It was to make a stand and to give a unifying voice to indigenous peoples who have not been heard in the mainstream debate on the impacts on climate change.

This, argued UN General Assembly president Miguel d’Escoto, has to change as “we must integrate indigenous views, policies and deeply held values into the global response to

the challenges of global warming.”

The Inuit Circumpolar Council was one of the leading partners to bring the summit about, and chairperson Patricia Cochran, representing the arctic, hosted the event together with a steering committee of six members representing North America, the Pacific, Africa, the Caribbean, Asia and Latin America. After five days of meetings and a night of a world dance celebration, the summit participants concluded with a sigh of relief to

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## Gillnetters take aim at sport fishers, pollock fleet

*Probable ban on subsistence gillnet fishing for king salmon riles Unalakleet*

By Laurie McNicholas

Unalakleet residents reacted to news of a potential ban on subsistence gillnet fishing for Chinook (king) salmon in their area’s marine waters and rivers by criticizing state regulations that allow catch-and-release sport fishing for kings and a federal plan they say allows the Bering Sea pollock fishery to take too many kings as bycatch.

Jim Menard, Norton Sound and Kotzebue area manager for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, presented 2009 salmon fisheries forecasts for the Shaktoolik and Unalakleet subdistricts during a meeting of the Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. last week in Unalakleet. He said the ADF&G sport fish division will conduct a

telemetry study of Chinook salmon in the Unalakleet River this summer.

Menard’s announcement that no commercial fishery for kings is anticipated this year was not surprising. Unalakleet fishers have faced poor king salmon returns throughout this decade, and last year they endured the poorest king run on record. The ADF&G has allowed commercial king salmon fishing in only one year since 2001 in the Unalakleet and Shaktoolik subdistricts.

King salmon subsistence and sport fisheries in the subdistricts were restricted in 2003, 2004, 2006 and 2007. Both fisheries closed early in 2008. Last week when Menard said he is afraid closures of subsistence gillnet fishing will occur in the area’s marine waters and rivers this year, his

audience boiled with resentment.

Several local residents and NSEDC board members told Menard that catch-and-release sport fishing often kills king salmon. They reported finding dead kings, including females filled with eggs, in their nets while fishing for chum salmon. They reported seeing dead kings on the bottoms of streams.

“There has been sport fishing since the 1970s, commercial fishing since the 1960s and subsistence fishing for thousands of years,” stated Steve Ivanoff of Unalakleet, a commercial fisherman. “My Limited Entry Permit is based on history, so sport fishing should be the first out the door based on user permits. My kids have never fished Chinook commercially; they don’t get to see what it’s like.

“I just recently became a sport fisherman for Chinook,” Ivanoff said dryly. He probably meant that he subsistence fishes for king salmon with hook and line. Menard said an ADF&G survey of Unalakleet subsistence fishers shows that 40 to 50 percent of them take their catch with hook and line.

Ivanoff then aimed barbs at a different target—the NSEDC board of directors. As one of six entities in the Western Alaska Community Development Program, NSEDC receives annual allocations of a portion of the total allowable catch of Bering Sea pollock on behalf of its 15 member communities, which include Unalakleet.

The company annually receives

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Photo by Tyler Rhodes

**SIGN OF SPRING**—There are no green leaves yet in Nome, but the appearance of the green stream along Steadman Street is a sure sign of warmer weather in town.

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Letters

Dear Editor,  
**Subject: Mercury in Alaska's Northern Pike**

The Kuskokwim and the Yukon Rivers are known for their naturally occurring mercury in the water and in the fish. I would like to focus on the Kuskokwim River that traverses a cinnabar (mercury) mineral belt. I would consider this river as "mercury stressed". Just 52 miles upstream from Crooked Creek, there was a mercury mine at Red Devil that closed in 1971. Today, waters

still flow over the tailing and the sediments near the area are extremely high in mercury. The Red Devil Mine was considered to become an EPA Superfund Site and slated for clean-up starting in June, but in a recent conversation with the Department of Natural Resources I learned this will probably not happen.

In the Yukon River the northern pike exceeded the FDA Action Level of 1.0 mg/kg for mercury in their flesh. The potent neurotoxin, methyl mercury (MeHg) in an Alaska Fish

and Game study was at 1.56 mg/kg in the flesh and 1.2 mg/kg in the liver.

The study went on to state that based on EPA guidelines, children should only consume two meals of pike per year.

To date no fish advisory has been issued for pike or any other fish in Alaska. Children are especially sensitive to this neurotoxin.

In the lower Kuskokwim River dried pike with seal oil is a popular, beloved traditional subsistence food. The drying process further concentrates the MeHg.

Recommendations were made by the state on how many meals a week people should consume for many dif-

ferent species of fish including salmon, lingcod, rockfish and halibut, to name a few. Generally the longer, larger and older fish increased the amount of mercury that was bioaccumulated and recommended and decreased the number of meals to be eaten each week. Pike was NOT on this long list of fish species.

I believe, based on the area's geology, mercury concentration in the larger pike in the Kuskokwim River should be greater than in the Yukon River. I believe a fish advisory needs to be issued.

Recently tundra swans have been showing up dead after consuming roots and tubers from a marsh in

northern Idaho. These swans migrate to Alaska. The very high lead content in this marsh was directly linked to metal mining for the past 100 years. Also, southern Idaho has been contaminated with airborne mercury from the gold mines in northcentral Nevada.

I feel there is a good chance that Alaska's fish and game will be contaminated by large mines just as they were in Idaho. I am very concerned about Donlin Creek Gold Mine Project because it will add mercury to an already "mercury stressed" watershed.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Derrick Leedy (Veterinarian)  
Nome

Letters to the editor must be signed and include an address and phone number. Thank yous and political endorsements are considered ads.

Editorial

Revelations

According to an old song, "They say that breaking up is hard to do", and right now break-up in Nome is no picnic. We've had more snow this year than in recent memory and although it is not quite diluvian, it has Biblical significance, as in Revelations. As the snow melts, many forgotten treasures are revealed. Did we forget where we parked that old 4-wheeler? Do we see some old, forlorn flowerpots beginning to surface?

While we await springtime in the arctic, we need to find something to relieve the ennui of patchy fog, closed airports, sleet, drizzle, mud, slush, soggy socks, power outages, wet dogs, and leaky roofs. What we need are a few unique breakup activities. Those folks in Nenana have a good thing going with the Ice Classic. Here we are with two rivers at the edge of our town. Why not have our own ice classic with the ice going out on the Snake and the Nome rivers? Surely we could keep the musk ox and the drunks from stumbling over the tripods. Heck, we could even bet on the structural integrity of the tailings dam at Rock Creek Mine. We could have a contest to see whose street has the biggest puddle, or we could go for quantity instead of quality. Of course there are potholes a.k.a. chuckholes. Some of them are Boone and Crocket candidates. Why not have a pothole-jumping contest? There could be many categories from the mere pedestrian to the more challenging motorized vehicle group.

What should be the incentive to win? How could we contrive a river tripod? Would the prize for the pot hole jumpers be a new set of shock absorbers? Would free swimming lessons at the Nome-Beltz pool make us feel better about those big puddles? Maybe we could go Hawaiian with ukulele music and pineapples on Front Street. We can be creative or we can sit back and snooze till it's time for the Midnight Sun Festival. The sea gulls have arrived. Can summer be far behind?  
—N.L.M.—

Ulu News

By Senator Donald Olson

The first session of the 26th Alaska State Legislature ended on Sunday, April 19. Much of this session was spent deliberating what to do about the budget and the federal economic stimulus plan and funding, given the current economic situation. If that weren't enough, a significant amount of time was consumed over the vacant Juneau Senate seat appointments, as well as by the appointment of Wayne Anthony Ross for Attorney General. Governor Palin finally ended the stalemate over the vacant Senate seat by appointing former Juneau Mayor Dennis Egan, the son of Alaska's first Governor. The nine Senate Democrats, myself included, unanimously and enthusiastically confirmed Egan to the seat. In response to Ross, however, many Native and non-Native Alaskans voiced strong opposition to his appointment as Attorney General. In the end, Mr. Ross proved to be too controversial, and by a 35-23 vote he was not confirmed; no Democrats voted to confirm him.

On Wednesday, I sent out an e-mail to all the communities and school districts in my district with an attachment showing what each of them received from the capital budget that was recently passed by the Legislature and sent on to the Governor for signature. Governor Palin has 20 days (excluding Sundays) from when the appropriation bill is sent to her until she has to sign the bill

and veto any line items she so chooses. Folks who did not receive this information and would like to, please send an email to me or my staff and we will make sure that it reaches them.

Unfortunately, this year there were **NO** discretionary funds included for any legislator. This means that all of the items that I requested on behalf of the communities and organizations in District T were **NOT** funded. This is the first time in as long as anyone can remember, which is at least 15 years, that this has happened. It affected each district in Alaska. Part of what was funded in the capital budget came from the budgets submitted by the Governor. This included the Village Safe Water program, various road and airport projects, \$25 million for Alaska Energy Authority (AEA) projects, in addition to other programs executed by various departments. The good news is that our district had a high proportion of the projects that made it into the capital budget, and so we fared better than most others.

Our work was limited by this year's short, 90-day session, but nonetheless we were successful in passing the following legislation:

**Olson Opens CFEC Public Records to ARDORs:**

My Senate Bill 3, soon to be signed into law by the

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Foster's Report

**Stimulus funds, budgets dominate 90-day session  
By Rep. Richard Foster**

The first session of this Legislature has come to a close. Despite a few issues, this has been a very anticlimactic end.

Legislation that did not pass this session is still in play and will pick up where it left off in its current committee of referral. This is my 21st year representing the district. My focus, as always, is to maintain operating expenditures in the area and to maximize the capital budget dollars in our district. This year our district was second for capital spending, and these dollars do immeasurable good for the communities.

As the rest of the country deals with the recession, I can't help but notice the similarities between the federal economic stimulus package and our capital budget. They are both meant to have a three-fold impact: They provide

jobs where they are lacking, introduce money into the local economy, and improve/create infrastructure, which will hopefully create opportunities for private business. Rural Alaska depends on these projects to keep their communities afloat and its infrastructure up to date.

Due to the low price per barrel of oil, this year's capital budget is significantly more modest than it has been in recent years. Due to the budget shortfall, the vast majority of this year's projects will be departmental in nature. For our district that means mostly airport and water/sewer projects. Along with this was the federal stimulus package, which bolstered these same types of projects, added funding for education and provided for competitive grants. The state has set up an information clearinghouse

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			<b>Peak Wind</b>	<b>32 mph, E, 4/26/09</b>	
<b>Sunset</b>	<b>04/30/09</b>	<b>11:27 p.m.</b>	<b>Precip. to Date</b>	<b>4.87"</b>	
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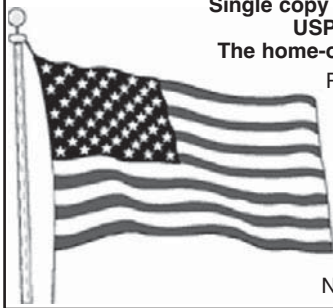
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# Struck by cab, 2-year-old dies

**By Tyler Rhodes**  
A 2-year-old boy died in Nome Monday after wandering in front of a cab in which he had just ridden. According to a press release from the Nome Police Department, Christopher George Johnson-Ozenna exited a Checker Cab with his father in front of their residence on McClain Lane just after noon on April

27. While the father was unloading items from the rear of the cab, the toddler wandered in front of the 2008 Ford passenger van. When the father closed the rear doors, the cab pulled forward, striking Johnson-Ozenna. McClain Lane is on Belmont Point near the mouth of the Snake River. The cab driver, who police identified as 31-year-old David D. Evans, and the

father drove the child to Norton Sound Regional Hospital where he died as a result of his injuries. Johnson-Ozenna would have turned 2 years old in June. Nome Police Chief Dallas Massie said Tuesday that while the department's investigation continues, it appears no charges will be filed as a result of the incident. "It's a very tragic accident," he said.

# Troopers investigate infant death

Alaska State Troopers are investigating the death of a 4-month-old girl in Unalakleet that occurred Sunday. According to a press release, Troopers were advised April 26 that the baby was found unresponsive in

her parent's bed at 6:30 a.m. The baby was taken to the Unalakleet Clinic and pronounced dead at 7:30 a.m. The child's body was taken to the state medical examiner in Anchorage for an autopsy. Troopers say that al-

cohol was a factor and that the investigation is ongoing. Trooper Sgt. Andrew Merrill of the Nome post said Tuesday morning that no further information, including names, were being released at the time.



Compiled by Diana Haecker

## Legislature allocates millions to challenge polar bear listing, BP lawsuits

The legislature funded two lawsuits brought by the state of Alaska's Department of Law. One litigation relates to the listing of polar bears as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act. The legislature's budget for FY 2010 gave the Department of Law \$1.25 million to protect the state's interests related to the ESA, including funding lawsuits and other activities challenging the listing of polar bears as a threatened species and the listing of beluga whales in Cook Inlet as endangered, said a DoL press release. The state seeks to defend the right of the state to develop its natural resources. The second litigation funded by the legislature is aimed to assert substantial claims of the state for damages caused by BP Exploration Alaska's negligent practices on the North Slope. On March 31, the De-

partment of Law filed a civil lawsuit against BPXA, stemming from the 2006 crude oil pipeline spills and production shutdowns at Prudhoe Bay. In the lawsuit, the state seeks penalties for violations of environmental laws and just compensation for state revenues lost as a result of BPXA's negligent corrosion prevention practices. The legislature allocated \$3.5 million in FY 2010 funding requested by the department to allow the state to litigate its claims against BPXA.

## Alaska Airlines waives ticket change fees to Mexico

In response to recent outbreaks of the swine flu in Mexico, Alaska Airlines allows for ticket changes for passengers surrounding to and from Mexico from April 27 through May 20. Change fees and additional fare collection will be waived if the rescheduled flights are booked in the original class of service to the same city pairs as originally ticketed. Rescheduled travel must commence on or before May 20, 2009. Travelers reconsidering a visit to Mexico can keep their travel date, but can change their destination without being charged a change fee. According to the Centers for Disease Control, the Government of Mexico has reported 18 laboratory confirmed human cases of swine influenza A/H1N1 infection. Investigation is continuing to clarify the spread and

severity of the disease in Mexico. CDC and state public and animal health authorities are currently investigating 20 cases of swine flu in humans in California, Texas, Kansas, Ohio and New York City. No swine flu has been linked to Alaska. At this time, only two of the 20 cases in the U.S. have been hospitalized and all have recovered, but deaths are reported to have occurred in Mexico.

## Recovery Act funds 88 Fish & Wildlife projects in Alaska, none near Nome

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced on April 27 that Alaska is slated to receive \$10.7 million for 88 projects including fish passage and salmon habitat restoration, improvements to visitor centers and energy efficiency projects. According to the Fish and Wildlife Service, the \$10.7 million is broken down in the following way: \$3.86 million for habitat restoration; \$3.27 million for energy efficiency retrofits of service facilities; \$2.37 million in deferred maintenance of facilities/ infrastructure; \$1.14 million for reconstruction and repair of service buildings; and \$650,000 for capital improvements. USFWS units in Anchorage, Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, Bethel, Dillingham, Galena, Kotzebue and McGrath, as well as several national wildlife refuges, are listed to get a piece of the pie.



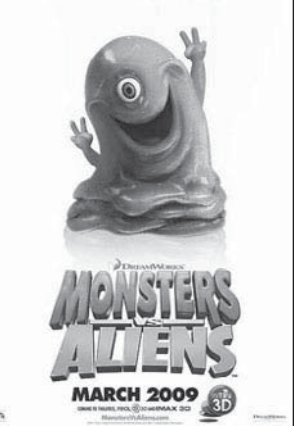
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April 30 - May 7, 2009

EVENT	PLACE	TIME
<b>Thursday, April 30</b>		
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Preschool Story Hour	Kegoayah Library	10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Kinderswim & Lap Swim	Pool	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	noon - 5:30 p.m.
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 8 p.m.
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	noon - 1 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 10 p.m.
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*All About Babies video	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Eating for Two video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
*City League Volleyball	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
*Overeaters Anonymous meeting	Baptist Comm Church	7 p.m. - (across from KNOM)
*Swing Dancing	Nome Rec Center	7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
*Narcotics Anonymous	Behavioral Health Bldg.	7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
<b>Friday, May 1</b>		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	noon - 5:30 p.m.
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 6 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 4 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50
*Tried and True	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Nutrition Class	Prematernal Home	3 p.m.
*Kids Soccer K - 3rd grade	Nome Rec Center	4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Cardio Kick Boxing	Nome Rec Center	4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
*Kids Soccer 4th - 7th grade	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 6 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Adult Drop-in Soccer	Nome Rec Center	8 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.
<b>Saturday, May 2</b>		
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*UMW Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	noon - 5:30 p.m.
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 6 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 8 p.m.
*H2O Aerobics	Pool	1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Breastfeeding/feeding Your Baby video	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*RELAX Award Winning Stress Relief vid	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*AA Meeting	BHS Bldg. 2nd floor	8 p.m.
<b>Sunday, May 3</b>		
*Pool		Closed
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*After Pregnancy:A New Start video	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Pilates	Nome Rec Center	2:30 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.
*Newborn Care: A Guide to the First Six Weeks video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Beginning Baton with Jay	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.
*AA: Big Book Study	HR Conf. Room, NSHC	6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
<b>Monday, May 4</b>		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 8 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 10 p.m.
*Strength Training with Jennie	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Audiology class	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Beginning Yoga with Kari	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Pregnant Teens Taking Care video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Cardio Kickboxing with Kelly S.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*H2O Aerobics	Pool	6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Drop-in Volleyball	Nome Rec Center	7:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.
<b>Tuesday, May 5</b>		
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 8 p.m.
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	noon - 1 p.m.
*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	noon - 5:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Making A Difference: A Mother's Guide To Prenatal Care video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	2:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*Wiffle Ball Grades 4-6	Nome Rec Center	3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Wiffle Ball Grades 7-8	Nome Rec Center	4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
*Infertility The New Solutions video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim & Adult Lessons	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*AA Teleconference: 1-800-914-3396	(CODE: 3534534#)	7 p.m.
<b>Nome Planning Commission Reg Mtg</b>	<b>Council Chamers</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
*City League Volleyball	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
<b>Wednesday, May 6</b>		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Dental class	Prematernal Home	10:30 a.m.
*Rotary Club	Airport Pizza	noon
*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	noon - 5:30 p.m.
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 8 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 3 p.m.
*Strength Training with Jennie	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Ping Pong Grades 4-6	Nome Rec Center	3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
*Ping Pong Grades 7-8	Nome Rec Center	4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
*Play It Safe What You Should Know About RSV video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Step Box with Kelly S.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*H2O Aerobics	Pool	6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Hello Central (also on Channel 98)	Nome Visitors Center	7:30 p.m.
*AA Meeting	BHS Bldg. 2nd floor	8 p.m.

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chair of the LEPC.

Just as when it was feared that a wave of norovirus would reach Nome via the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race a few years ago, a public information effort is underway to urge community members to follow the simple recommendations to reduce the spread of illness. "We will be increasing public awareness in restaurants, bars and local facilities, such as the school, so people are aware to do those things—hand washing, cover their coughs and sneezes," Kilby said. The message is also being spread through public service announcements on local radio stations.

"Just do what you would do when there's a cold going through town," said Louis Murphy, a local health care provider who specializes in infection control. Murphy's comments were representing his own opinion and not that of his employer.

In the case of the norovirus, it appeared the precautions worked. "Nobody got real sick. Everybody did what they were supposed to do," Murphy said.

Nome Emergency Services Administrator Elaine Tate agrees. "Nome did not suffer like other communities did. The aggressive campaign is given credit for preventing a big outbreak here," she said. "We're going to do the same thing with the swine flu."

For those who are experiencing flu symptoms—which Murphy says

somewhat mirror those associated with a cold, only much worse, along with an accompanying fever—it is recommended that they see a physician. According to the Centers for Disease Control, the symptoms of swine flu are similar to the symptoms of regular human flu and include fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. Some people have reported diarrhea and vomiting associated with swine flu.

Early in the week the government recommended avoiding any unnecessary travel to Mexico, the origin of the outbreak. As of Tuesday afternoon, at least 20 deaths were confirmed and nearly another 150 were suspected due to the swine flu in Mexico.

Those who have been travelling in areas where known infections have occurred and are experiencing symptoms are strongly encouraged to consult a doctor. "If anyone has been in Mexico and has symptoms, they should come by for evaluations," Kilby said.

Tests to determine if a sick person has indeed contacted swine flu will be conducted by the state virology lab in Anchorage. "It is a fairly sophisticated test, so it's not done locally," Kilby said.

As of Tuesday, the closest confirmed swine flu cases to Alaska were two reported in British Columbia. Public health officials in the state have been quoted as saying it's not a matter of if but when the flu will appear in Alaska. Sixty-four cases were confirmed in the United States as of

Tuesday with 28 of those coming from one New York City high school. In Mexico, 20 fatal cases had been confirmed. However, as of Tuesday, at least 1,600 infections and 150 deaths were suspected in that country due to the outbreak. The number of people infected as well as the locations at which the flu has been found continued to grow each day early this week. By Tuesday, seven nations—spanning from Canada to New Zealand—had reported cases.

Cases in the United States and elsewhere around the globe as of Tuesday did not appear to be life-threatening. The apparent dichotomy between the severity in the Mexican cases and those elsewhere has puzzled health experts.

### Flu shot still advised

Those who received their flu shot this year should not feel immune to swine flu should it arrive in the area. "The flu vaccine is not proven to necessarily protect against swine flu," Kilby said. "However, health officials at the CDC and the Alaska Department of Health and Human Services are both recommending the use of flu shots for anyone who has not received the flu vaccine."

If there are fewer cases of seasonal flu due to more people receiving the flu shot, potential cases of swine flu will stand out, helping epidemiologists track the disease, Kilby said. Flu shots received since October are still considered good, and the current vaccine is good until June 30. Flu shots are available by appoint-

ment through the Public Health department at 443-3221.

Kilby said Norton Sound Health Corp. should soon receive a limited supply of anti-viral medication that could be used as needed if cases of swine flu do appear in the region. She said the medication would be reserved for high-risk populations, such as "anyone who appears to have severe illness or anyone with pre-existing conditions who could have more severe response to flu than a healthy person would have."

Emergency Services Administrator Tate said the city's ambulance and fire crews will soon be wearing

masks when they respond to calls. For the moment, she said, the masks are more of a training and preparedness measure than a guard against any perceived widespread threat. "It's not that, 'Gee, we think you have germs.' We just want them to get used to wearing the masks, so when it's the real thing, they are already used to wearing the masks," she said.

Tate also said the LEPC will hold a special meeting Thursday at which a flu pandemic presentation will be held as well as a discussion of the public information campaign. The meeting, slated for noon at the fire hall on Bering Street, is open to the public.

## What you should know

### Symptoms of swine flu

Fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. Some people have reported diarrhea and vomiting associated with swine flu. If you have these symptoms or suspect you have the flu, it is recommended you see a physician.

### Who to call

Nome Public Health Nursing can be reached at (907) 443-3221. Call the department for general information on swine flu or to schedule a flu shot.

### How to avoid the flu and other illnesses

- Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer
- Cover coughs and sneezes
- Stay at home if you are sick

### For more information

- Centers for Disease Control: [www.cdc.gov/swineflu](http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu)
- State of Alaska: [www.pandemicflu.alaska.gov](http://www.pandemicflu.alaska.gov)



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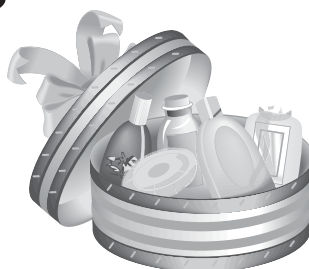
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# NSEDC chips in \$1 million for Unalakleet wind farm

By Laurie McNicholas

Last week the Unalakleet Valley Electric Cooperative bagged a \$1 million donation from Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. to help fund a wind farm for the community.

NSEDC board members approved the funding allocation April 24 on the third and final day of their quarterly meeting in Unalakleet.

NSEDC's donation will supplement \$4 million in state monies that UVEC soon will receive from the Alaska Energy Authority's renewable energy fund. UVEC submitted a proposal to the AEA in the first round of renewable energy fund grants, requesting nearly \$8.8 million to construct a wind diesel hybrid project.

The AEA also authorized a first-round grant allocation of \$4 million to Nome Joint Utility System for wind farm construction on Newton Peak.

UVEC Manager Ike Towarak said the \$4 million in state funds will pay for four wind turbines and a power line, and the \$1 million NSEDC provides will help pay for two additional turbines. The wind farm site has not yet been selected.

NSEDC board member Wilfred Katcheak of Stebbins asked Towarak how many gallons of fuel UVEC uses annually and the cost per gallon. Towarak said the utility uses 300,000 gallons at rates ranging from \$2.17 to \$4.19 per gallon.

Some board members questioned the proposal for NSEDC to help fund a wind farm for Unalakleet. An initial funding request for \$1.3 million for two wind turbines was introduced in a motion by Don Stiles, Nome's representative on the NSEDC board. He reasoned that the turbines will benefit the community and reduce electricity costs at NSEDC's salmon processing plant in Unalakleet. Earlier in the meeting, Stiles had asked the board to consider a future donation of \$1 million as matching funds for a proposed project to construct a seawall at Unalakleet.

Dan Harrelson, NSEDC's president and board chairman, asked where the company would get \$1 million to donate to the UVEC wind farm project. Janis Ivanoff, NSEDC's chief executive officer, said it would come from an escrow account.

Elvina Naranjo of Koyuk asked Towarak whether he had submitted proposals for funding from sources other than NSEDC. He replied that he hasn't had time and was waiting to determine how much project financing would be needed.

Stiles noted that \$4 million in state revenues had been approved for the project. Towarak said he expected the state to mail him a grant agreement that afternoon. Naranjo requested a role call vote on the motion, noting that some board members may have questions about it.

"What about other communities that don't have the facilities?" asked Joel James of Gambell.

"High energy costs are a major concern," Harrelson replied. "Unalakleet is lucky to get its act together and go for a grant. Most of our communities don't know jack about power distribution."

Harrelson announced that he and CEO Ivanoff have discussed setting up a fund for \$1 million for each of NSEDC's member communities to help them get power projects. As one of six entities in the Western Alaska Community Development Program, NSEDC represents 15 Bering Strait communities. The CDQ program receives a 10 percent allocation of the annual total allowable catch of Bering Sea pollock, along with allocations of other fish and crab species in the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands area.

Harrelson said it scares him that slick salesmen may sell junk turbines to communities. He advised a cautious approach to renewable energy projects and suggested that staff look into alternatives to determine what works best for each community. Stiles suggested adding the topic to the agenda for the next board meeting. Charles Saccheus of Elim said a geothermal energy project would be appropriate for his area.

"If we give Elim \$1 million, that's

not enough to cap geothermal and bring it over power lines, but if three villages combined energy funds from NSEDC they might be able to attract enough money from other sources to fund a geothermal project," Harrelson commented. Saccheus noted that the state is offering many millions of dollars in energy project grants and he wonders how to access them.

Harrelson, who resides in White Mountain, said representatives of his village and Golovin have discussed a joint wind project with power lines running between the villages. "AVEC told us the power lines would cost \$300,000 to \$400,000 per mile," he added.

Towarak said he had seen a proposed power line from Pilgrim Hot Springs to Kotzebue and Noorvik drawn on a map at an energy conference. The Alaska Center for Energy and Power, University of Alaska Fairbanks, has requested \$2.4 million for a Pilgrim Hot Springs assessment in the second round of Alaska Renewable Energy Fund proposals. The AEA has recommended the proposal for funding, but it is not among the 30 top-ranked project proposals totaling \$25 million included in the capital budget. The UAF energy center and AEA are among sponsors of a major geothermal conference held April 28-30 at Chena Hot Springs resort.

Joe Garnie of Teller said the Alaska Village Electric Cooperative is planning a wind analysis project for Brevig Mission and Teller. The AEA has recommended a second-round funding allocation of \$117,610 for the project. If a wind project proves feasible for the area, Garnie said Teller could use its energy funds from NSEDC to help implement it. "Teller people are still using honey buckets and [NSEDC's] funding needs to be more equal," he stated.

"The board feels that some communities get more than others," Saccheus noted.

"I feel the northern villages are left out of the funding our board gives us," added Frank Oxereok of Wales.

Harrelson suggested a friendly amendment to Stiles' motion to reduce the amount of funding for the Unalakleet wind farm from \$1.3 million to \$1 million, in keeping with NSEDC's plan to allocate \$1 million for renewable energy projects in each of its other member communities.

"Sure," replied Stiles. "I certainly understand any community's efforts to reduce their cost of energy." He reminded board members that last year they had approved Naranjo's proposal to provide an electricity subsidy (\$500) for each eligible household in the region this winter as a short-term solution to high energy costs. "This is a long-term solution we're looking at," he said. "I like to see a long-term solution, and we are heading in the right direction with this, one step at a time. This is only the first step."

"No community should feel left out," said Harvey Sookiayak of Shaktoolik. "It's up to each community to look for funding sources and come to NSEDC.... The more aggressive a community is, maybe the quicker it will get accomplished." The AEA has recommended a second-round funding allocation of nearly \$2.5 million for a wind project

in Shaktoolik.

"At the same time we all recognize that some communities need more help in those areas than others," Harrelson said.

"Have other staff focus on these energy issues and help [such communities]," suggested Stiles.

"It's a big problem," noted Saccheus. "We don't have time to focus on these problems. Another thing, we've got a lot of potential for energy that might be a helluva lot better than these turbines you're talking about. We pay higher and higher costs every year—fuel surcharges."

"Back to the issue before us," said Harrelson. Frank Katchatag of Unalakleet seconded Harrelson's amendment to Stiles' motion, reducing the amount of NSEDC funds allocated to UVEC from \$1.3 million to \$1 million. Thirteen board members voted to approve the motion as amended, while Naranjo and James abstained.

## Changes at Siu Alaska Corp.

The board of Siu Alaska Corp., NSEDC's wholly owned investment subsidiary, adopted a resolution to combine the positions of the Siu CEO and president. This will require a revision of Siu's original bylaws, which state in part: "The President shall be the Chairman of the Board of Directors and, subject to the control of the Board of Directors, shall in general supervise and control all of the business and affairs of the Corporation and shall preside at any board or shareholder's meeting.... The President may delegate the operation of the corporation's business to a Chief Executive Officer or Chief Operating Officer, including executing any deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, or other instruments as provided herein" (Article V, Section 6).

The Siu board also informed the NSEDC board of a need to restate Siu's articles of incorporation to ensure that the power to alter, amend or repeal Siu's bylaws is vested in the NSEDC board rather than the Siu board. Siu's original articles of incorporation read in part: "The power to alter, amend, or repeal the Bylaws, or to adopt new Bylaws, shall be vested in the Board of Directors, provided, however, that any change shall require an affirmative two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire Board of Directors...." (Article VIII).

The NSEDC board approved a motion to adopt the changes in Siu's articles of incorporation and bylaws as recommended by the Siu board. This means that Stiles, who has served as Siu's board chairman and president for several months, will relinquish the presidency to John Eckles, who became Siu's CEO on April 1. Previously Eckles had served as both a Siu board member and as interim CEO on a temporary contract. He has resigned from his Siu board seat.

Eckles, who was born in Nome, said he has been associated with the surrounding region throughout his work life. "I have a business background and the training needed for the job," he stated.

Siu's financial report will be prepared and presented to the NSEDC board following completion of NSEDC's 2008 audit, Eckles said. Noting that NSEDC had transferred assets including its ownership interest

in Glacier Fish Co. to Siu in January, Eckles said GFC representatives will give reports to the Siu board instead of the NSEDC board in the future. "We'll have vehicles to report to you," he assured NSEDC board members.

"Where is your office?" asked Garnie.

Eckles said Siu's office is in NSEDC's headquarters in Anchorage, that he resides in Anchorage, and that NSEDC is providing administrative services to the subsidiary that Siu will reimburse. He said the Siu board has met four times. He stated that Siu board meetings are open to NSEDC board members but are closed to the public.

Harrelson presented the NSEDC board with the following options for filling Eckles' seat on the Siu board, the term of which will expire in November 2009. (1) Vote for either Paul Johnson of Unalakleet or Ben Rowe of Nome, both of whom were previously considered for seats on the Siu board. (2) Identify other candidates and take from one to three months to fill the seat. (3) Have staff advertise for candidates, as is done for at-large seats on NSEDC board committees, and take from one to three months to fill the seat. (4) Make other suggestions.

Frank Katchatag said he favors option 3, to advertise for interested candidates from communities in the region. Doing so would show honor and would address criticism the NSEDC board has received for not following a public process in recruiting candidates for the initial Siu board seats, he added.

Noting that only five months are left in Eckles' board term, Wilfred Katcheak said that might discourage some persons from applying for the seat. Sookiayak and Harrelson agreed with Katcheak.

Harrelson called for a show of hands on each option to determine which option is favored by a majority of board members. For option one, Katcheak and Stiles immediately raised their hands. After a pause, Harrelson asked other board members to raise their hands higher, and seven more hands rose above heads. No one indicated an interest in option 2. Six board members raised their hands for option 3.

Elvina Naranjo reminded fellow board members that when NSEDC previously invited Rowe to apply for a Siu board seat, he had said he is fully committed to his work at Bering Air. "So that leaves only one [candidate under option 1]," she pointed out.

"Any opposition to using option 1?" asked Harrelson. No one replied. "If none, take a piece of paper and vote on option 1 for either Ben Rowe or Paul Johnson," he said.

Each board member wrote a name on a piece of paper, folded it and handed it to a staff person, who read each vote aloud as a different staff person tallied the vote. The results: Johnson, eight votes; Rowe, seven.

Harrelson said NSEDC will invite Paul Johnson to take the vacant Siu Alaska Corp. board seat, and if he declines, the seat automatically will be offered to Rowe.

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**SIGNING (above)**—After having tried to hammer out a climate change declaration and plan of action to be submitted to the United Nations, representatives of the world's indigenous peoples signed a paper signaling the intent to submit a declaration soon. Pictured seated are (left to right) Joseph Ole Simel, representing Africa; Victoria Tauli-Corpuz, Asia; UN general assembly president Miguel d'Escoto Brockmann; Patricia Cochran, Arctic. Standing are (left to right) Cletus Springer, Caribbean; Andrea Carmen, North America; and Ben Namakin, Pacific.

**MAKING FRIENDS (right)**—Russian Saami representative Tatiana Matrehkina, left, makes friends with Nomeites Jonella Larson White, center, and Karlin Itchoak, right, during last week's summit in Anchorage. White and Itchoak helped out as staff during the week-long event.



## Indigenous summit ends with UN-bound declaration

By Diana Haecker

For the first-of-its-kind meeting, more than 400 indigenous people from 80 countries congregated in Anchorage's Dena'ina Center last week to attend the Indigenous Peoples' Summit on Global Climate Change.

The event was hosted by the Inuit Circumpolar Council, Alaska and presided over by ICC chairperson Patricia Cochran, born and raised in Nome.

The purpose of the summit was to bring together indigenous peoples from around the world to tell their stories on how climate change affects their ecosystems and how they cope and adapt to the impacts. Also on their plate was the development of key messages and recommendations to be presented to the Conference of Parties at a meeting of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Copenhagen, Denmark, in December.

However, formulating the declaration to be handed to attending United Nations General Assembly president Miguel d'Escoto Brockmann didn't go smoothly.

By the end of the five-day summit, two out of seven world regions hesitated to sign on to the declaration.

The Pacific and the North American caucuses held back on grounds of language technicalities, but the major sticking point was language of a moratorium dealing with new fossil fuel developments. In its final version, the document includes two options: one that calls for the phase-out of fossil fuel development and a moratorium on new fossil fuel developments on or near indigenous lands and territories. The second option calls for a "process that works towards the eventual phase-out of fossil fuels, without infringing on the right to development of indigenous nations."

However, all regions agreed on the

common plight and stated in the resulting declaration that "indigenous peoples are deeply alarmed by the accelerating climate devastation brought about by unsustainable development."

After a press conference that did not produce straight answers from the steering committee on why the Pacific and North America regions didn't approve of the declaration and the moratorium language, Cochran said, "As we started, we said that we are like a mini-United Nations and that everyone in the United Nations does not agree hardly on any issues. We are the same. We represent indigenous people from all across the world with very diverse opinions, however very united in our culture, our spirit and our traditions. It's the politics that get in the way in all of the things that we try to accomplish."

Asia representative Victoria Tauli-Corpuz added that Native peoples struggle to live in two worlds, as traditional custodians of the earth and also as part of the modern world that focuses on economic opportunities. And as such, it is a daunting task that resource developing Native parties need to find an economic substitute to the oil and gas cash cow. However, the arctic region had no qualms with the declaration including the two options on new oil and gas. "The language satisfied the concern of the arctic," said Cochran when pressed for an answer how the resource-rich circumpolar representatives reacted to the declaration.

She said that the good, the bad and the ugly of the discussions would be available as a full report to be released in a couple months.

The declaration also supports a binding emissions reduction target for developed countries of at least 45 percent below 1990 levels by 2020 and at least 95 percent by 2050. "In recognizing the root causes of climate change,

the participants call upon countries to work towards decreasing dependency on fossil fuels and also to develop decentralized and locally owned renewable energy resources to achieve energy security and sovereignty.

"We have more that unites us than divides us," said Cochran after the all-night debate marathon last Friday behind closed doors that led to the so-called Anchorage Declaration. In a rather emotional signing ceremony—the Pacific committee member broke out in tears—UN general assembly president Miguel d'Escoto Brockmann congratulated summit participants on coming up with a strong declaration and action plan. "It represents a step in the right direction in changing the dominant mindset that brought us so close to destruction," d'Escoto Brockmann said.

The document starts with the statement that, "Mother Earth is no longer in a period of climate change, but in climate crisis."

The declaration echoes what speakers have testified in plenary sessions all week, namely that the in-

digenous peoples are the least to contribute to greenhouse gas emissions, yet suffer the brunt of the global warming effects. "Indigenous peoples are living in areas that are the most vulnerable to the impacts and root causes of climate change," says the paper and goes on to affirm "the unbreakable and sacred connection between land, air, water, oceans, forests, sea ice, plants, animals and our human communities as the material and spiritual basis for our existence."

It upholds that human rights and status of indigenous peoples, affirmed in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, must be respected in all decision-making processes and activities related to climate change. "This includes our rights to our lands, territories, environment and natural resources," says the statement. "When specific programs and projects affect our lands,

territories, environment and natural resources, the right of self determination of indigenous peoples must be recognized and respected, emphasizing our right to free, prior and informed consent, including the right to say no."

The declaration calls on the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change to involve and engage with indigenous peoples, and also includes provisions dealing with food and water supplies. "In order to provide the resources necessary for our collective survival in response to the climate crisis, we declare our communities, waters, air, forests, oceans, sea ice, traditional lands and territories to be 'Food Sovereignty Areas,' defined and directed by Indigenous Peoples according to customary laws, free from extractive industries, deforestation and chemical-based industrial

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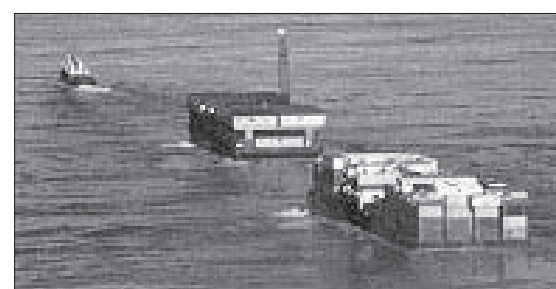
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millions of dollars from CDQ pollock harvest royalties and additional millions from its 37.5 percent ownership interest in Glacier Fish Co., which owns and operates three factory trawlers in the pollock fishery. NSEDC operates a salmon processing plant in Unalakleet, provides loans to fishermen for vessels and gear, funds scholarships and vocational training and provides other benefits to its communities with pollock revenues.

Ivanoff acknowledged the great benefits NSEDC's pollock revenues have provided to Unalakleet and to his family. However, like many residents of Norton Sound and other Western Alaska communities such as those along the Yukon River, Ivanoff sees a correlation between the drastic decreases in Chinook salmon runs in this decade and sharp increases in Chinook bycatch in the pollock fishery. Genetic information indicates that a substantial portion of the Chinook taken as bycatch is bound for rivers in Western Alaska.

Chinook salmon are a prohibited species in the pollock fishery. When they are taken as bycatch they must be counted but cannot be retained, and most of them are returned dead to the sea. The Chinook bycatch peaked at more than 121,000 fish in 2007 and then dropped dramatically to fewer than 20,000 fish last year.

In an effort to reduce Chinook salmon bycatch in the pollock fishery, the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council adopted a management program April 6. The program allows the pollock fleet to catch up to 60,000 Chinook in a year, but includes a performance standard involving complex industry incentive plans to keep the bycatch level at or below 47,591 fish on average over time. The plan, which is subject to approval by U.S. Commerce Secretary Gary Locke, is to take effect in 2011.

Like many Western Alaskans, Ivanoff believes a 60,000 Chinook bycatch hard cap is too high. He favors a simple hard cap of no more than 32,000 Chinook annually. "I had supported an incentive plan before I realized it was just shuffling money among the pollock fleet," he said. "I think a tax would be better. NSEDC does a lot for my family, but we need to find a way to bring money back to us." He said the industry that NSEDC is part of should consider compensating western Alaskans for the loss of Chinook salmon.

Outside the NSEDC meeting, Ivanoff said the Alaska Federation of Natives has requested a meeting with Commerce Secretary Locke in early May, and that if the meeting is held he plans to participate in it. The AFN has advocated for a Chinook bycatch cap of no more than 30,000 fish a year.

### NSEDC's Chinook bycatch position

Simon Kinneen, NSEDC's chief operating officer and a member of the NPFMC advisory committee, distributed copies of the motion the

council adopted for the Chinook bycatch management plan to board members. Kinneen and Charlie Lean, director of Fisheries Research and Development for NSEDC, reviewed highlights of the motion with the board.

NSEDC board member Joe Garnie said the board had unanimously voted for a Chinook salmon hard cap of 47,591 fish. "Was that brought to the council?" he asked.

Lean, who presented NSEDC's position on the Chinook bycatch issue in testimony to the council, said he had talked with Kinneen and Dan Harrelson, NSEDC's president and board chairman, before testifying. Lean said big changes had come down, so he had testified adamantly for a 47,591 performance standard. "A 47,591 hard cap in my opinion is less effective than a 47,591 performance standard," he added.

"I feel we need a special panel, a bycatch committee of the board, to be able to bring forward the board's plans on bycatch, to observe at [council] meetings and report back to the board," Garnie said. He said he thinks board members should attend council meetings to observe firsthand the concerns of others in the state about bycatch issues.

Kinneen said the council will deal with chum salmon bycatch management in the pollock fishery and with issues related to the Northern Bering Sea Research Area at its June meeting in Anchorage.

"Can board members attend this meeting?" asked Reggie Barr of Brevig Mission.

"Absolutely," Kinneen replied.

### Other fishery forecasts

ADF&G's Menard predicts a silver (coho) salmon harvest of 80,000 to 100,000 fish this year in Norton Sound, and William Johnson, manager of the Unalakleet salmon processing plant operated by NSEDC, is gearing up for it.

Menard also anticipates a run of about 1 million pink salmon in the Unalakleet River drainage. Johnson has asked Glacier Fish Co. to send the *Northern Glacier*, a 200-foot factory trawler, to the Unalakleet area to help process pinks this summer. Rob Wood of GFC said that may be possible if NSEDC agrees to pay a daily rate for the service.

Ivanoff said that 80 to 90 percent of Chinook salmon is caught north of the Unalakleet River, so pink salmon could be caught south of the river without interfering with protection for kings.

"We can say we will fish [pinks] south of the river," Menard said.

He anticipates an average run of chum salmon in southern Norton Sound this year. The onset of the 2008 chum fishery was delayed until mid-July in southern Norton Sound to conserve Chinook salmon.

The Norton Sound commercial red king crab harvest quota will total roughly 400,000 pounds, Menard estimates. "This year, spring will be so late that we may run the CDQ and open-access fisheries at the same time," he added.

### Herring camp to operate

ADF&G will run a herring camp at Cape Denby for a couple of weeks this summer because a fleet manager at

Icicle Seafoods has expressed interest in buying Norton Sound herring next year, Menard reports. He said Norton Sound has the state's second largest

herring fishery with more than 7,000 tons of quota. Earlier he had said the camp would not operate this year because there was no market for herring.



*Photo by Denise Olin*

**FIVE GENERATIONS**—Celebrating Frances Johnson's 99th birthday, five generations of the family got together for a photo April 23. Standig (l to r) are Krystal Wongittilin holding 11-month-old Kailey Ong-towasruk, Phyllis Punguk and Caroline Schubert.

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# Heavy snow keeps spring at bay in Nome

By Tyler Rhodes

Nome's long-term weather outlook for the next month could be described with that old glass half-empty, half-full cliché.

The half-empty? From what the weather experts are saying, don't waste your time digging out shorts or sandals. Temperatures are not predicted to creep into the 60-degree range anytime soon.

The half-full? With one of the deepest snow packs in Nome's recorded weather history, moderate temperatures should slowly melt the snow, reducing the chance of flooding in the area. "It's probably favorable for us that we won't have a fast breakup," said Jerry Steiger of Nome's National Weather Service office.

As of Tuesday, Nome's average snow depth stood at almost four feet. Steiger said that "official" measurement of 44 inches is actually a calculation based on the amount of snowfall received, winds and any melting through sublimation—rather than marching out to a specific spot to measure the depth with a yardstick.

Given the way the wind distributes the snow in the area, Steiger said that measurement is not ironclad. "Obviously in some places there's 10 feet of snow and other places there's 2 feet of snow. The 44 inches is a sort of average," Steiger said.

Last year at this time, the Weather Service's measurement of the snow depth came in at 27 inches.

Steiger said both this winter and that of 2007-2008 were comparable in the amount of snow Nome received. The two winters parted ways, however, when it came to temperatures. "It's very significant that we didn't have any warm-up to do any sort of melting," Steiger said. "Last year we had a significant warm-up in late January. This year we didn't have

that, so that's why we still have a high on-the-ground amount of snow."

Steiger said between Oct. 1 and April 23, Nome only saw 18 days where the temperature climbed above 32 degrees. Normally in that time period, Nome will experience between 30 and 50 days above freezing. "The last time we had that kind of number was 1974/1975," he said.

After a white weekend, Nome achieved the mark of having the second snowiest winter on record. Nome's total snowfall as of Tuesday was 113.2 inches, compared to 107.7 on the same date last year. The previous second-place mark was 112.5 inches. The record, set in 1994, is 128 inches.

Bolstered by cool temperatures all winter, the abundant snow pack should work to continue to keep the mercury from climbing too high. "Spring won't be anytime soon," Steiger said. "It takes a lot of energy to melt the snow. I can't see temperatures in the 50s or 60s when we have as much snow on the ground as we do." Steiger said the long-term outlook for May calls for cooler-than-normal temperatures and average precipitation.

While that's bad news for those who are ready to see the snow disappear tomorrow, a slow melt-off means less potential for flooding. "Obviously there's lots and lots of variables that go into runoff measurement that then go into whether it's going to flood or not," Steiger said. "Mostly you need to have a combination of things."

Additional ingredients in that recipe for flooding are rain and ice jams. "We'd have to have a fair amount of rain to fall in addition to the melting process [to provoke flooding]. Another scenario would be a pretty substantial ice jam," he said. The National Weather Service does not



Photo by Nikolai Ivanoff

**HERE FOR A LONG STAY**—Road crews began the task of plowing out portions of the Nome-Council Highway last week. Weather experts say Nome's snow pack, several feet deep in spots, won't completely melt any time soon.

measure the thickness of ice on area rivers.

While Steiger said there does not appear to be a current flood risk, he noted that if a perfect storm of conditions did occur, the area most likely at risk for flooding due to an ice jam would be the Snake River at the bridge on the Nome-Teller Highway. There are a handful of homes in that area.

Other spots in the area with homes that could be prone to cresting rivers are the Banner Creek and Dexter areas along the Nome River. Steiger again stressed that he believed the potential for flooding was low, noting that storm surges from the Bering Sea provide the greatest flood risk to the area.

Homes would not be the only

structures at risk if the Snake River were to see any significant flooding. Bob Madden Jr., who works for the state Department of Transportation at the airport, said although it would take a significant event, the runway could be impacted by flood waters. "It's come up before, but it's never shut the runway down—not since I've been here," he said at a Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting April 23.

**STILL UNDER ICE**—Snomachine tracks can be seen skirting the overflow on the Snake River near the bridge by the postal annex. A rapid melt-off could spur concerns of flooding farther up river.



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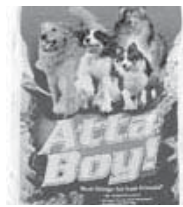
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# Nanooks set records, earn medals at state NYO

Breaking a record that was set years before he was born, Nome's Calvin Bell brought home one of two first-place medals earned by the Nanooks at last week's statewide Native Youth Olympics in Anchorage. Bell set the new high mark in the state in the Seal Hop competition, breaking a 22-year-old record.

The other first-place medal was earned by Neka Luce in the Wrist Carry.

The first day of the statewide Native Youth Olympics saw the Nome Nanooks garner three medals. Luce hung in there in the Wrist Carry while Lonny Booshu and Bell ran for 500-plus feet and first place. Booshu had a good hang with carriers Calvin Bell and Mose Charles of the Lower Kuskokwim School District carrying him to a fifth-place finish.

The Alaska High Kick proved to be one of the best competitions of day one, with records set in both the ladies' and men's divisions. Booshu made a personal best of 86 inches, which was good for a third-place finish for the Nanooks.

Total tally of the first day for the Nanooks was nine points.

In the end, Nome's team placed third overall in a tie with the Anchorage No. 2 team.

## NYO team results

1) Wasilla 2) Lower Kuskokwim School District 3) Anchorage No. 2/Nome (tie) 5) The Bethel Regional High School

## Nome NYO individual results:

Neka Luce: Wrist Carry, 1st  
Dylan Johnson: Seal Hop, 2nd  
Jeremy Head: One Foot High Kick, 2nd  
Vanessa Tahbone: Indian Stick Pull, 4th  
Lonny Booshu: Alaskan High Kick, 3rd; Wrist Carry, 5th  
Calvin Bell: One Arm Reach, 3rd; Seal Hop, 1st (new state record)

## Nanooks nab honors at Dillingham meet

The Nome NYO team competed at the Dillingham tournament the weekend of April 18. Results are listed below.

Calvin Bell: Toe Kick, 1st; Eskimo Stick pull, 1st; One Hand Reach, 1st; Indian Stick Pull, 1st; Seal Hop, 1st  
Kyle Clark: Kneel Jump, 3rd  
Jeremy Head: Two Foot High Kick, 1st  
Lonny Booshu: Wrist Carry, 1st; Alaska High Kick, 1st  
Dylan Johnson: One Hand Reach, 1st  
Taylor Pomeranz: Toe Kick, 2nd  
Neka Sherman-Luce: Kneel Jump, 1st

## Next home event

May 27-30: Nanook Basketball Camp

For all girls and boys entering grades 3-9. See [www.nomeschools.com/athletics](http://www.nomeschools.com/athletics) for complete details.



Photo by Diana Haecker

**GO NANOOKS**— Dylan Johnson, left, and Taylor Pomeranz, right, take a break during the Native Youth Olympics held in Anchorage last week, during the Alaskan High Kick competition. Teammate Lonnie Booshu placed third in the high kick event.

# BSSD NYO reps recordbreakers

With 500 high school athletes and hundreds of spectators erupting in full-throated roars, no place can match the emotion and intensity of the state Native Youth Olympics held every year in Anchorage.

This year was no different, and the 14 athletes representing the Bering Strait School District again gave strong performances, breaking records and thrilling the crowd.

The Wrist Carry is a painful event that requires coordination of three athletes in a concerted effort. Troy Lockwood of Unalakleet—with carriers Zach Pete of Stebbins and Darrell Takak of Golovin—showed his mental and physical toughness by

hanging by one wrist and traveling 611 feet, 4 inches to break the state record and take the gold medal.

Not to be outdone, Beverly Nakarak of Elim took the Toe Kick record to new lengths with a jump of 53 inches to break Renae Ivanoff's (Unalakleet) record. She tied with another girl and had to settle for second due to a number of early misses.

BSSD sported additional medal winners in the following events:

Kneel Jump: Darcie Kingeekuk, Savoonga, 3rd  
Indian Stick Pull: Katiya Erickson, Unalakleet, 3rd; Vincent Tomaloni, White Mountain, 5th  
Seal Hop: Zach Pete, Stebbins, 5th

# HOROSCOPES

April 30 - May 6, 2009

 <b>CAPRICORN</b> December 22–January 19 Watch it, Capricorn. Tons of surprises are headed your way, but some may come with strings attached. Know what you are getting into. The mad dash at work begins.	 <b>ARIES</b> March 21–April 19 Budget cuts begin at work. There is no need for you to worry, Aries. They will not involve you. A clever plan hatches at home. Do your part to make it happen.	 <b>CANCER</b> June 22–July 22 How good of you, Cancer. A friend falls, and you are right there to pick them up. A coworker milks you for information. Be careful what you say.	 <b>LIBRA</b> September 23–October 22 Some rules have to be broken, Libra, and even though you don't want to, you are going to have to dispose of one of yours to get anywhere at work. Good luck.
 <b>AQUARIUS</b> January 20–February 18 Do not, under any circumstance, mix business with pleasure this week, or a relationship could come under fire. A charity event requires much more than your participation.	 <b>TAURUS</b> April 20–May 20 You're running ahead of the pack, Taurus, and all the right people know it. Someone may be eyeing you for a promotion. A road trip brings the weekend to a satisfying end.	 <b>LEO</b> July 23–August 22 You've dodged the bullet long enough, Leo. State what's on your mind, and the world will be at your feet. In this case, nice guys really do finish last.	 <b>SCORPIO</b> October 23–November 21 Pull out all the stops to welcome a new family member, and you will have a friend for life. A financial proposal is on the up and up, but could use some improvement, Scorpio.
 <b>PISCES</b> February 19–March 20 Wonders never cease, Pisces, and you get off on the right foot with a cantankerous buddy. They accept your help gladly. A risky financial venture pays off.	 <b>GEMINI</b> May 21–June 21 What a rip, Gemini. That family member you were counting on builds on you. Fortunately, you've got the resources to finish the job. A pot of blooms freshens up the house.	 <b>VIRGO</b> August 23–September 22 Fighting words are tossed your way, Virgo. Ignore them. Something else is at work. A tickle of the ivories gets the energy flowing at home and chores done.	 <b>SAGITTARIUS</b> November 22–December 21 Can it, Sagittarius. Keep your opinions to yourself this week, and more importantly, do not gossip. Someone in authority is watching you like a hawk.

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# Nome-Beltz musicians hit the right notes at state level

The Nome-Beltz music program recently wowed the judges at the Region I Music Festival in Bethel.

Kellen Baker, Martina Painter and Richelle Horner each qualified for the ASAA State Solo and Ensemble Competition that will be held in Anchorage on May 6-7.

Baker, playing baritone horn, Richelle Horner, singing, and Martina Painter, playing clarinet, each received a superior rating on their solo performances. Baker and Horner each earned a Command Performance

award and were asked to perform their solos on Saturday afternoon before the entire group of participants. All nine of the Nome-Beltz band students who attended the festival qualified through recorded audition to play in the Regional Honor Band.

Those students were Baker, Jacob Martin, Niki McGuffey, Painter, Keven Rodgers, Jeffrey Rose, Lauren Steiger, Dona Strickland and Brendan Wehde.

All of our choir students participated in the Festival Choir. Those students are Taylor Booth, Cori Eide, Homer, Catherine Pomrenke, Vanessa Tahbone and Iris Wanke-Green.

More information on the state music competition is available at [www.asaa.org/sportsactivities/music/index.html](http://www.asaa.org/sportsactivities/music/index.html).

# Hall of Fame honors past and present Alaska coaches

It isn't easy to gain entry into the Alaska Schools Activities Association Hall of Fame.

It is only open to elite athletes, coaches, officials, administrators

and contributors—the best of the best. The hall opened its doors to one of Norton Sound's own this past week as Myra (Slwooko) Harris was inducted with several others in the 2009 class.

Harris was a multi-sport elite athlete in the mid-1990s for the Unalakleet Wolfpack. She starred in crosscountry, basketball and Native Youth Olympics. She was selected to innumerable all-star teams and set records in NYO. She continued this excellent record with stellar play at Whitworth College in Spokane, Wash., where her coach said, "Her aggressive and smooth style made her the team favorite."

Harris returned to Norton Sound to teach and coach in Koyuk, bringing the boys basketball team to a level of excellence they had never approached. She now resides in Galena with her family, continuing to lead youth.

Also inducted into the hall was Dan Eide, the current principal in St.

Michael, whose Valdez basketball teams dominated for 20 years in their region, winning two 3A state titles and 15 conference titles.

Richard McCormick, a former basketball coach at Nome High

School from 1960-61, was also selected to the ASAA Hall of Fame. McCormick spent most of his career in Southeast Alaska.

Others selected to the hall of fame were: Peter Hilts (Susan B. English,

Seldovia); Michael More (West, Anchorage); Stan Smith (Spenard Builders Supply); John T. Jones Jr. (basketball official, Anchorage); and Mao Tosi (East Anchorage basketball and football).



**HALL OF FAME HONOR—Myra Harris receives her award.**

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### BERING STRAIT SCHOOL DISTRICT Board of Education Meeting



The Bering Strait School District Board of Education is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, May 5, 2009 for the 180th Regular Session. The 180th Regular Session will be held in Elim at 2 p.m. at the Aniguiin Gymnasium and in Koyuk at 7 p.m. at the Koyuk Malemute School Gymnasium.

The public is invited to attend. Tentative agenda items include, but are not limited to:  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

#### ACTION ITEMS:

FY 10 School Calendar Proposal  
2009/10 Maintenance Service Plan  
BSSD Priority List for FY 10 6-Year CIP Application  
FY 10 Fuel Oil Bids  
FY 10 Housing Leases  
AHFC Grant Applications 2009  
Graduation Requirement Revisions (Second Reading)  
Negotiated Agreement  
FY 10 Classified Staffing Proposal  
FY 10 Certified Staffing Proposal  
Personnel  
FY 09 Budget Revision  
FY 10 Operating Budget Plan

#### REPORTS ITEMS:

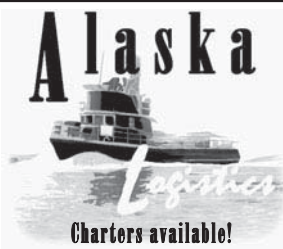
Strategic Planning Report  
Capital Projects Update  
Financial Report-3rd Quarter  
21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant/After School Tutoring  
NACTEC Update  
Juneau Lobby Report  
Spring 2009 HSGQE Results for Seniors  
Superintendents Report

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

## Alaska Logistics Barge Schedule

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## Church Services Directory

**Bible Baptist Church Service Schedule, 443-2144**  
Sunday School 10 a.m./Worship Hour 11 a.m.

**Community Baptist Church-SBC**  
108 West Third, 443-5448

**Small Group Bible Study** 10 a.m.  
**Sunday Morning Worship** 11 a.m.  
Pastor Bruce Landry

**Community United Methodist**  
2nd Ave. West, 443-2865

**Sunday** 11 a.m. Worship  
**Tuesday** 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

**Thrift Shop** — Tuesday & Thursday 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

**Nome Covenant Church**  
101 Bering St. 443-2565 • **Pastor Harvey**

**Sunday School** 9:45 a.m./**Sunday Worship** 11 a.m.

**Wednesday:** Fellowship Meal 5:30 p.m./Ladies' Bible Study, Mens' Fraternity & Children's Choir 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday:** Youth Group 7 p.m. (call 443-7218 for location)

**Friday:** Community Soup Kitchen 6 - 7 p.m.

**Our Savior Lutheran Church**  
5th & Bering, 443-5295

**Sunday School** 10:30 a.m./Morning Worship 11 a.m.

**River of Life Assembly of God, 443-5333**  
**Sunday School** 10 a.m.

**Sunday Worship Service** 11 a.m.  
**Wednesday Night Service** 6:30 p.m.

**St. Joseph Catholic Church, 443-5527**  
Corner of Steadman and Kings Place

**Mass Schedule: Saturday** 5:30 p.m./**Sunday** 10:30 a.m.

**Seventh-Day Adventist (Icy View), 443-5137**  
**Saturday Sabbath School** 10 a.m.

**Saturday Morning Worship** 11 a.m.

**Nome Church of Nazarene**  
3rd & Division, 443-2805

**Sunday:** Prayer Meeting 9:30 a.m./Sunday School 9:45 a.m./Worship Service 11 a.m.

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4/23-30

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**Kawerak Community Services Division- Recruitment Notice – closing date is May 4th at close of business.**

**DIVISION: Community Services**  
**JOB TITLE: Economic Development Planner**  
**POSITION STATUS: Regular Full time**  
**LOCATION: Nome, Alaska**  
**EXEMPT STATUS: Non-exempt**  
**PAY SCALE GRADE: 12-13-14 (\$22.04 – 28.75) DOE**  
Reports to: Community Planning & Development Program Director (CP&D)  
**QUALIFICATIONS:**  
1) Bachelors Degree in Economics, Business Management, Rural Development or related field

from an accredited college. Work experience in planning or related field may substitute for the degree requirement on a year for year basis.  
2) Possess strong analytical, research, oral and written communications skills;  
3) Must be able to relate effectively in a multi-cultural setting;  
4) Must be able to travel extensively throughout the Bering Straits villages;  
5) Must be dependable, self-motivated and able to work with minimum supervision;  
6) Must possess computer skills in Windows, Microsoft Word and Excel, e-mail and Internet usage. Microsoft Power Point skills preferred.  
**Interested individuals may contact Human Resources with questions at 907-443-5231. Applications can be accessed via Kawerak's website at [www.kawerak.org](http://www.kawerak.org) or by contacting Human Resources at 907-443-5231. Applications may be faxed to Kawerak Human Resources at 907-443-4443 or sent via email to [personnel@kawerak.org](mailto:personnel@kawerak.org). Thank you.**  
4/23-30

**Kawerak Community Services Division- Transportation Dept- Recruitment Notice closing date is April 30th at close of business.**

**DIVISION: Community Services Division, Transportation Department**  
**JOB TITLE: Office Support Clerk**  
**POSITION STATUS: Temporary, Seasonal, Full-Time**  
**LOCATION: Nome, Alaska**  
**EXEMPT STATUS: Non-exempt**  
**PAY SCALE GRADE: 6-7-8 (\$15.46 – 20.17) DOE**  
**REPORTS TO: Administrative Assistant**  
**QUALIFICATIONS:**  
1. Must have a high school diploma or G.E.D. plus two years of clerical experience.  
3. Must possess effective written and verbal communication skills.  
4. Must be able to type at least 45 WPM.  
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6. Ability to work effectively with people from a variety of backgrounds.  
7. Skill in operating a variety of office equipment and tools. Knowledge of Windows, Word, Excel and email preferred.  
8. Driver's License preferred.  
Native Preference per Public Law 93-638  
**DIVISION: Community Services Division, Transportation Department**  
**JOB TITLE: Secretary**  
**POSITION STATUS: Regular, Full-Time**  
**LOCATION: Nome, Alaska**  
**EXEMPT STATUS: Non-exempt**  
**PAY SCALE GRADE: 6-7-8 (\$15.46 – 20.17) DOE**  
**REPORTS TO: Transportation Program Administrative Assistant**  
**QUALIFICATIONS:**

• Must have a high school diploma or G.E.D. plus 2 years of clerical experience.  
• Must possess effective written and verbal communication skills  
• Must be able to type at least 45 WPM.  
• Must be dependable and punctual.  
• Must be able to work effectively with people from a variety of backgrounds.  
• Must possess strong computer skills including knowledge of Internet usage, Word, Excel, and Windows.  
• Driver's license required.  
Native Preference per Public Law 93-638  
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## Legals

**NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND SALE Foreclosure Sale to be held June 15, 2009, at 10:00 AM. ****

RECONSTRUCT COMPANY, N.A., the present Trustee under the Deed of Trust executed by NORMA KAVAIRLOOK AND FRANK KAVAIRLOOK, WIFE AND HUSBAND, Trustor(s), to FIRST AMERICAN LENDERS ADVANTAGE, Trustee, and MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., Beneficiary, recorded March 03, 2008, in Document No. 2008-000173-0 in Book N/A at Page N/A, all in the records of the Nome Recording District, *Judicial District, State of Alaska, encumbering the following real property: *2nd

LOT TWO (2), BLOCK THREE (3), AS SHOWN ON THE OFFICIAL USS 4390, CITY OF KOYUK, FILE ON AUGUST 8, 1986 IN BOOK 315, PAGE 952 CAPE NOME RECORDING DISTRICT, SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT, STATE OF ALASKA, WHICH IS MORE CORRECTLY DESCRIBED AS: LOT 2, BLOCK 3, TRACT "C" OF THE LAND EMBRACED BY U.S. SURVEY NO. 4390; RECORDS OF THE CAPE NOME RECORDING DISTRICT, SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT, STATE OF ALASKA.

and having a corresponding address of 3 4TH AVE, KOYUK, AK 99753, gives notice that a breach occurred because Trustor(s) failed to satisfy obligations secured by the Deed of Trust. The amount owing to the Beneficiary as of March 05, 2009, is \$79,437.98, plus future interest, costs, and other charges.

Upon demand of the Beneficiary, Trustee hereby elects to sell the real property for cash to apply against obligations owed to the Beneficiary, together with any additional interest, costs, or expenses. Beneficiary gives notice that it is preserving its rights against other collateral securing the obligations.

Questions regarding the foreclosure should be directed to RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. at (800)-281-8219 and reference T.S. No. 09-0027916.

Dated: 03/05/2009  
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A foreclosure sale will be held **June 16, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.** in the lobby at the main front entrance, Nome Superior Court, at the Federal Building, Front Street, Nome, AK of the Deed of Trust recorded October 31, 1985, in Book 314 Page 110, Cape Nome Recording District, Second Ju-

dicial District, State of Alaska, as a lien against real property described as: Lot 2B, Block 54, NOME, according to Plat No. 83-7, filed June 3, 1983, Records of the Cape Nome Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska; which has a street address of 508 W. 3rd Avenue (aka 182 W. "D" Street), Nome, AK 99762. Trustors/Record Owner Ralph Olanna, Jr. and Belinda A. Olanna, husband and wife, have breached the obligation for which the Deed of

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## Seawall

**4/22**  
Jordon Lockwood, DOB: 6/17/85, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault in the 4th Degree, Domestic Violence, Interfering with Report of Domestic Violence and Violating Conditions of Probation.

**4/23**  
Reginald Bright, DOB: 7/3/50, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault in the 4th Degree, Domestic Violence.

Arnold Takak, DOB: 7/5/64, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault in the 4th Degree, Domestic Violence and Violating Conditions of Probation.

**4/24**  
Tabitha Patino, DOB: 2/7/78, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.

**4/25**  
Merrissa Acoman, DOB: 5/10/89, was arrested

and booked into AMCC for Violating Conditions of Release.

Yvonne Aukon, DOB: 2/5/89, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violating Conditions of Release.

Dannita Malewotkuk, DOB: 2/18/86, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.

**4/26**  
Patrick Rued, DOB: 10/2/82, was issued a citation for Failure to Stop at a Stop Sign.

**4/27**  
Gary Cantrell, DOB: 10/7/83, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Driving While Under the Influence of Alcohol, Driving While Licensed is Revoked and Misconduct Involving Controlled Substance in the 6th Degree.

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# •Foster’s Report

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for these grants. Staff are available for questions at the toll-free number 1-888-480-4321 or at 907-271-1414. The Legislature spent a large amount of time this session determining the requirements and consequences of accepting different portions of the stimulus package. It looked originally like acceptance of these funds would leave the state in a situation where it would be responsible for increased operating expenditures which it might not be able to afford once the stimulus money was gone. Our research indicated that the vast majority of the money would be usable in a one-time form. That led the Legislature to send a resolution to Congress accepting all the funds. We still do not know what, if any, of

these will be vetoed by the governor. Also, the governor does not have to order her departments to fill out the paperwork required to receive the funds. If she does not so order, there is no recourse available for the Legislature to compel her to do so. I am hopeful that she will recognize our budget and use of the stimulus funds as responsible. The FY10 operating budget was \$1.5 billion below FY09. This reduction was forced by the drastic fall in the price of oil (the main funding source for the state). The main point of contention with this year’s operating budget was the forward funding of education. The funding for schools is formula-driven, and the funding of those formula funds for FY10 was appropriated during the FY09 budget process. Last year, oil prices were high

enough that we were able to fund two years worth of education budgets. So this year’s and next year’s funding of education were already taken care of before the Legislature convened. This year, even with the \$1.5 billion reduction in expenditures, there was not enough revenue to fund education for FY11. The only solution available was to tap into the state’s savings account, the Constitutional Budget Reserve (CBR). This requires a three-quarters vote, which means that the minority—or in this case, four members of it—would have to agree to spend from the CBR. The operating budget itself was adopted unanimously, with no members of the minority objecting. The vote to forward-fund education using the CBR was rejected with all members of the minority voting against it. Very little legislation passed this year, but a few of these bills were of great importance to rural Alaska. SB 88 removes the provisions that sunset the increase to Power Cost Equalization. SB 116 extends the increases to the heating assistance program that were approved during last year’s

special session. Municipal assistance was also continued at last year’s level. The House majority, comprised of Republicans and rural Democrats, worked very well this year. Having myself and Reps. Bryce Edgmon, Bob Herron and Reggie Joule together, along with the Republican members of the Bush caucus, has been a strong uniting force, with only one member of the caucus not being in the majority. I look forward to the continued cooperation across party lines for the benefit of Alaska’s rural areas. The 90-day session left us with very little time to do much beside the budgets and consider the stimulus package. It will be hard to tell exactly how the new session time limit will affect the entire process until the end of session next year when all bills not passed will die. That being said, there is consensus among many that the current limit allows neither enough time to consider legislation and provide public comment nor to adequately delve into the intricacies of the operating budget. The Legislative Council will prepare a report

on how it is working and will be making recommendations. I look forward to reviewing this report upon its completion. My health has been good this year. Rather than a walker, I am now getting around mostly with the use of a cane and occasionally without any assistance. I am hopeful that I will receive a transplant this summer. I cannot tell you how much your support has meant to myself and my family. It humbles and is a constant reminder of what is so special about our district. It seems that while urban Alaska tends to bicker and fight, the rural areas focus on taking care of each other. I thank you again for the honor and privilege of representing you. Please feel free to contact me or my staff if you have any question or need any help. The session number is (800) 478-3789. If you are out of the district the number is (907) 465-3789. I can also be reached by email at Representative_Ricahard_Foster@legis.state.ak.us.

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Governor, will allow the state’s regional economic development organizations to obtain public information from the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission free of charge. I introduced this legislation so that ARDORs would be able to gather fishery harvest data and economic information from the CFEC in order to assist with trend identification and strategic planning for their regions, particularly those where commercial fishing is the mainstay of the local economy. This legislation does not allow for the dissemination of confidential information, nor does it provide for cost-free custom research. Instead, it ensures that information is routinely and publicly available. **HB 88 Power Cost Equalization** HB 88 makes permanent the changes to the PCE program approved last year by removing the June 30, 2009 sunset date. This bill retains the \$1 per kilowatt-hour cap instead of dropping back to the rate of 52.5 cents per kilowatt-hour. **SB 116 Energy Assistance** SB 116 funds the Alaska Heating Assistance Program (AkHAP) for another year. AkHAP and the federal Low Income Heating Assistance Program (LIHEAP) provide assistance with their energy bills to individuals who meet income qualifications. **SB 89 Retirement Benefits for Alaska Territorial Guard** This bill holds harmless the April 1, 2009 reduction/elimination of Territorial Guardsmen’s retirement. It authorizes the payment of the amount of the reduction until the federal government begins paying a monthly federal retirement payment that treats an individual’s service in the Alaska Territorial Guard as active service under federal military law. **SB 1 Minimum Hourly Wage** This bill raises Alaska’s minimum wage from \$7.15 per hour to \$7.25 per hour on July 24, 2009. The federal minimum wage increase occurs on the same date and for the same amount. On January 1, 2010, the minimum wage increases to 50 cents above the federal minimum wage, which at that time will be \$7.75 per hour. Thereafter, as the federal minimum wage increases, so will our state minimum wage.

**Interim Legislative Offices Open to Serve You:** Now that the legislative session is finished, I will maintain fulltime offices in Juneau and in Anchorage and I will also open interim offices in Nome and Kotzebue, in order to accommodate your service needs. My main office in Juneau will be overseen by my Chief of Staff, Denise Liccioli, who can be reached at (800) 597-3707 or denise_liccioli@legis.state.ak.us. Tim Benintendi will staff the Anchorage office, 716 W. 4th Avenue, Suite 560. Tim can be reached at (907) 269-0254 or tim_benintendi@legis.state.ak.us. The Nome office number is (907) 443-3707, and we are located at 103 Front Street, in the Legislative Information Office (LIO). The Kotzebue office is located at 373 2nd Street, Pillautuq Centre, in Kotzebue’s LIO. Feel free to contact any of my staff members whenever they can be of help to you. Please continue to send any written mail to my Juneau office address, which is: Senator Donald Olson, Alaska State Capitol, Juneau, AK 99801. Between now and next session, I will be busy spending time with family, reindeer herding, working on my house in Golovin, and fishing and hunting when I can. I may send out an occasional newsletter, but knowing how time can go by quickly, and because there are no special sessions planned at this time, it may not be until next January when another newsletter is done. Just in case, I wish all of you a productive and enjoyable spring, summer and fall!

# • More Legals

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Trust is security; failure to make payments when due under the Deed of Trust. Present Beneficiary, State of Alaska-Dept. of Community & Regional Affairs, Housing Assistance Division, by Assignment recorded October 31, 1985 in Book 314 Page 116, is owed the principal amount of \$36,838.81 plus interest from October 1, 2008 at the rate of 8.0% per annum, plus costs, fees, and other charges incurred or advanced thereafter. The Trustee elects to sell the property and to apply the proceeds against the obligation. Trustee reserves the right to postpone the sale, set a minimum bid, submit an offset bid, and establish other bidding procedures at the sale. Questions should be directed to the Law Offices of GROH EGGERS, LLC, 2600 Cordova Street, Suite 110, Anchorage, AK 99503, phone (907) 562-6474.

Dated: March 12, 2009  
Fidelity Title of Alaska, LLC, Trustee  
Leslie Plikat, Agent  
4/16, 4/23, 4/30, 5/7

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA  
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME  
CASE NO: 2NO-09-00100CI  
ORDER FOR HEARING,  
PUBLICATION AND POSTING**  
In the Matter of a Change of Name for:  
**Matthew Thomas Wukovich,**  
Current name of Minor.  
**Notice of Petition to Change Name**  
A petition has been filed in the Superior Court (Case # 2NO-09-00100CI) requesting a name change from (current name) **Matthew Thomas Wukovich** to **Matthew Thomas Appolloni**. A hearing on this request will be held on **May 28,**

**2009 at 4:14 pm at Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street PO Box 1110 Nome, AK.**  
4/23-30-5/7-14

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA  
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME  
CASE NO: 2NO-09-00101CI  
ORDER FOR HEARING,  
PUBLICATION AND POSTING**  
In the Matter of a Change of Name for:  
**Nathaniel Michael Wukovich,**  
Current name of Minor.  
**Notice of Petition to Change Name**  
A petition has been filed in the Superior Court (Case # 2NO-09-00101CI) requesting a name change from (current name) **Nathaniel Michael Wukovich** to **Nathaniel Michael Appolloni**. A hearing on this request will be held on **May 28, 2009 at 4:14 pm at Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street PO Box 1110 Nome, AK.**  
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**Request for Proposals**  
The Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation (NSEDC) is requesting qualified persons and companies to propose supervisory, electrical and plumbing services along with incidental equipment and installation for completion of vertical wind turbine projects in Nome and Unalakleet, Alaska. Proposals may be for both installations.

To obtain a copy of the request for proposals, please contact Paul Ivanoff, III, Community Development Coordinator, at (907) 624-3190 or by email at pivanoff@nsedc.com.

Bid closure: **Friday, May 1, 2009 at 4 p.m.**  
4/30

# Notice of Koyuk Native Corporation (KNC) Shareholders Annual Meeting



PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the KNC Annual Shareholders Meeting will be held on Saturday, May 30, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. at the Koyuk Community Hall for the following purposes:

Election of (3) Board of Directors & and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

4/16, 4/23, 4/30, 5/7, 5/14, 5/21

# EQUIPMENT SOLICITATION

NJUS is soliciting for equipment needed to support construction activities this summer. It is anticipated the following equipment will be required:

- (1) – 1 CY Hydraulic Excavator, 44,000#, w/ 36” wide GP bucket  
(1) – Tractor with 6-way blade, 15,000#
- (2) – 4 CY Articulated Wheel Loader, w/ Balderson quick coupler and both a bucket and fork attachments w/ 8’ forks  
(1) – 10 ton Flatbed w/ 20’ deck (1) – Service Truck

A proposal sheet and the detailed request for proposals packet may be obtained from the Utility Office, adjacent to the Snake River Power Plant or from City Hall. For further information, please contact Patty at 443-6587. Technical questions on equipment specifications should be directed to: Toby Schield, 443-6330.

**Proposals must be received by May 7, 2009 – 2:00p.m.**

NJUS reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive irregularities or informalities in any of the proposals when in its best interest.

# ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

NJUS is soliciting applications for positions associated with construction activities this summer. It is anticipated the following positions may be required:

- Forman Equipment Operator Loader/Dozer/Compactor Operator  
Pipe Layer Laborer Welder’s Helper Mechanic  
Mechanic’s Helper/Oiler Clerical Assistant

Applications may be obtained from the Utility Office, adjacent to the Snake River Power Plant or from City Hall. For further information, please contact Marilee at 443-6305.

Successful applicants may be required to join unions as a condition of continued employment. **Priority consideration will be given to prior employees who reapply, and then to new applicants whose application is received by April 30, 2009.** Applications will continue to be accepted throughout the year to provide a pool of potential candidates for future vacancies that may occur.



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Saying it Sincerely

By Pastor David Elmore  
Community United Methodist Church  
for the Nome Ministerial Association  
Reference: Isaiah 51:1-6

This past Sunday Morning, we remembered Community United Methodist Church’s history rather than God’s history of saving God’s people as recorded throughout both the scriptures. We do this because by remembering our own history we remember our forebears who are no longer with us and their ex-ample of faithfulness, so that we may grow in grace and the knowledge of God. When we look back at our own history we can come to appreciate where God has been active in our own community. We can see how God has called us together to live in God’s way, and that understanding can help us to live out that calling in ever more faithful ways today.

Community UMC’s history parallels that of Nome. It all started when gold was discovered in Nome. Progressive theology of the early 20th century con-sidered civilizing the people and exploiting the resources of the earth as progress. As part of this civilizing, children were sent to boarding schools which not only severed language ties, but also taught that the Alaska Native subsistence economy was inferior to that of the cash economy of the west. Cultural ties were also broken. One example is the missionary’s suppression of carving and weaving activities which they viewed as pagan but were re-ally more about the Native Alaskan’s telling their story of how they viewed the world. This is an example of while we might have much to celebrate, there are actions of which as a church we need to repent. This disrespect of the Alaskan Native people was not only unloving, but bad theology – if God created humanity in God’s own image, aren’t cultures also created in God’s image? How might this failure on our part affect how we view those who are different from us?

A pivotal moment in our church’s history was in 1949 when the Federated Church and the “Native Church” merged at a time when whites were still re-quired to sit in the lower level of the movie theaters, and Alaskan Natives were required to sit in the balcony. This merger was the sort of prophetic witness that embodies the truth of the Gospel: That God created all of us, and loves all of us, and became human and walked among us that we may be rec-onciled to one another through being reconciled to God who created us.

As we remember our history, we must ask how can we further God’s reign in our community. What can we do to provide an alternative environment for youth to experience God’s presence and gain hope in a way that speaks to teens? How can we as Christ’s Church welcome persons who are lonely and without friends, family and support systems feel a part of a new family, a family of faith here in Nome? As a church, what we can we do make these persons feel more a part of our faith family?

Trooper Beat

On April 17, at 5:30 p.m., the AST received a report of a domestic disturbance at a Gambell res-idence. Mark Henry, 22, of Gambell, was subse-quently charged with Assault IV and Probation Violation. Charges are forwarded to the DA’s Of-fice.

On April 18, at 1:00 p.m., the AST arrested William Iyakitan, 20, of Gambell, with an arrest warrant for failure to appear for arraignment. Iyakitan’s original charge was Minor Consuming Alcohol. Iyakitan was remanded to AMCC with \$250.00 bail.



Bering Straits Native Corporation

Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders  
Saturday, October 3, 2009 at 10 a.m.  
TO BE HELD IN NOME, ALASKA.

Shareholders who are at least 18 years of age and wish to run for one of the five Board of Director’s seats open for election are requested to send a **letter of intent**, including current address, telephone number and a **resume** listing qualifications to:

Nominating Committee  
Bering Straits Native Corporation  
P.O. Box 1008  
Nome, Alaska 99762

IMPORTANT - all letters of intent and resume must be postmarked by: **June 12, 2009**

4/30, 5/7

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE for the Year 2009,  
listing Delinquent Real Property Taxes for the  
Years 2006 & 2007.

CITY OF NOME

TAKE NOTICE that on or about the 28th Day of April, 2009, the City of Nome filed in Superior Court at Nome, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska, a certified copy of the foreclosure list for the years 2006 & 2007, together with a Petition for Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure. Notice will be given by four weekly publications of the foreclosure list in *The Nome Nugget* weekly newspaper on April 30 and on May 7, 14, 21, 2009. In addition to publication, a notice will be mailed, postage prepaid, to the

last-known owner of the property as their name appears on the foreclosure list.

During the time of publication of the foreclosure list, and up to the expiration of the statutory period for redemption, the property listed on the foreclosure list may be redeemed by payment in full for all taxes, penalties, and interest due and owing on the parcel(s) sought to be redeemed together with payment for a proportionate share of the costs of foreclosure, including but not limited to, the costs of publication, mailing,

and attorney's fees.

The foreclosure list is available for public inspection at the Clerk's Office in City Hall, Nome, Alaska, at 102 Division Street, Nome, Alaska 99762. PAYMENT IN FULL OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT SHOWN ON THE FORECLOSURE LIST PLUS INTEREST, PENALTIES, AND A PROPOR-TIONATE SHARE OF THE COSTS OF FORECLOSURE MUST BE MADE BEFORE ANY PROPERTY WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE FORECLOSURE LIST.

CITY OF NOME, ALASKA 2006-2007 FORECLOSURE LIST

OWNER OF RECORD	TAX LOT #	LEGAL	2006 TAX	2007 TAX	PENALTY	INTEREST*	GRAND TOTAL**
Apok, Martha (Estate) c/o Sharla Pate	001.121.31	South ½ of Lot 12, B 48 NT		814.00	65.12	115.08	994.20
Aukon, Danny Wayne Jr. & Barbara Lee	001.151.02A	Lot 13A, B 31 NT	685.30	685.30	109.65	248.44	1728.69
Ayek, Mary (Estate) c/o Sylvester Ayek	001.121.02	Lot 2, B 46 NT	1009.84			73.71	1083.55
The Cooperative Small Boat Fishermans Association of Alaska	001.411.24	Lot 49, B 57 NT		372.22		0.98	373.20
Eaton, Mike, Gloria & Lorriane	001.281.64	Lot 25A, B 27 Official plat 83-22 of U.S. Survey 451	596.20	596.20	95.39	216.14	1503.93
Eberl, Hatto H.	001.119.06	Lot 6, B 119 NT		333.30	26.66	47.12	407.08
Eberl, Hatto	001.221.08	L 4A and the Westerly 14 feet of Lot 5A, B 92 NT	193.60	193.60	30.98	70.19	488.37
Eberl, Hatto	001.221.08A	Lot 5A, B 92 NT	1059.30	1059.30	169.49	384.03	2672.12
Eberl, Hatto	001.241.31A	Lot 8A, B 30 of the replat of Lots 5,6,7,8,9 & N.1/2 of L10 excepting the East 25', NT		1538.90	123.11	217.56	1879.57
Hager, John & Tina	198.2.181	Lot 4A Flat Creek Subdivision	1773.20	1773.20	283.71	642.83	4472.94
Halladay, Duffy	001.231.28	North 65' of the South 97' of Lot 1, B 65 NT		650.10	52.01	91.91	794.02
Hoogendorn, Betty Ann	198.2.250	Section 24 MS # 1120 East Bench Placer		2788.50	223.08	394.21	3405.79
Kakik, Sam & Zarcone, Beatrice Lee,	001.311.15	West ½ of Lot 11 & all of Lot 12, B 96 NT	1083.50	1083.50	173.36	392.80	2733.16
Luce, Robert	001.111.16	Lot 6, B 69 NT	1656.60	1656.60	265.06	600.56	4178.82
Merkouris, John & My Quyen	001.281.39	North 46' of Lot 16, B 25 NT	397.78	695.20	55.62	127.75	1276.35
Milligrock, Lydia	198.2.464	Lot 6, B 14, Icy View Subdivision	1443.46	2054.80	164.39	373.24	4035.89
Mogg, Gloria J.	001.311.16	L 9,10,11(E 1/2) B 96 NT		577.50	46.20	81.65	705.35
Oleson, Joleen D.	001.281.23	East 20' of Lot 1, B 26 NT	256.85	513.70	61.64	83.16	915.35
Trigg, Clarence	001.161.25	L 29 & 30 (L 30 exc W 3'), B 66 NT	838.20	838.20	134.11	304.02	2114.53

*Interest for this total is computed as of April 21, 2009. Additional interest at eight percent (8%) per year on the tax due continues to accrue until paid in full. **In addition, each property or owner must pay its proportionate costs of foreclosure, including but not limited to attorney fees, court costs, costs of notice and publication, and costs of mailing. The costs must be paid before the property may be removed from the foreclosure list. I certify that I am the City Clerk/Treasurer of the City of Nome, Alaska and that the foregoing foreclosure list is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

/s/ Sandy Sturgis-Babcock, City Clerk/Treasurer

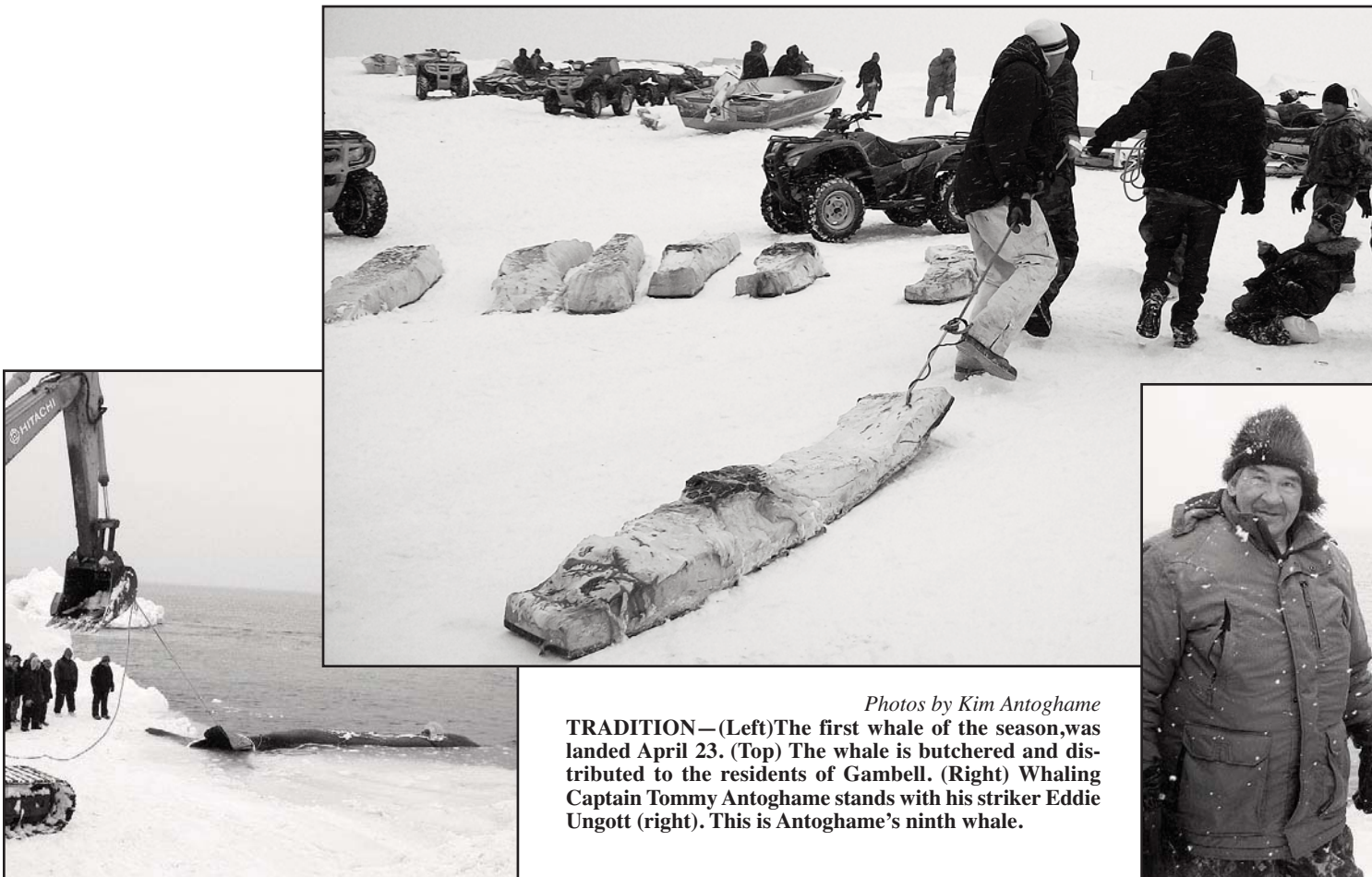
/s/ Joelene M. Kacena Notary Public, My Commission expires: 3/29/13

THIS LIST IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AT THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK FOR THE CITY OF NOME, ALASKA, AT 102 DIVISION STREET, NOME, ALASKA 99762. A PETITION FOR JUDGMENT AND DECREE OF FORECLOSURE HAS BEEN FILED WITH THE SUPERIOR COURT IN NOME, ALASKA.

4/30, 5/7, 14, 21



# Gambell lands season's first whale—a 42-foot bowhead



Photos by Kim Antogham

**TRADITION**—(Left) The first whale of the season was landed April 23. (Top) The whale is butchered and distributed to the residents of Gambell. (Right) Whaling Captain Tommy Antogham stands with his striker Eddie Ungott (right). This is Antogham's ninth whale.

## Court

### Week ending 4/24

#### Civil

Discover Bank vs. Titus, Thiry J.; Debt - District Court  
Sneed, Linda D. vs. Tall, Charles; Stalking Protect Proceed: Both Ex Parte & Long Term  
In the Matter of: Analook, Nancy T.; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear  
In the Matter of: Bockman, John; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear  
In the Matter of: Bopp, Kevin; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear  
In the Matter of: Clark, Christian; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear  
In the Matter of: Jennings, Marcia A.; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear  
In the Matter of: Kooley, Nelvie; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear  
In the Matter of: Kunayak, Andrew J.; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear  
In the Matter of: Moriarty, James E.; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear  
In the Matter of: Murdock, Marilee T.; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear  
In the Matter of: Ningealook, Roberta; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear  
In the Matter of: Noyakuk, Thomas R.; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear  
In the Matter of: Olanna, Darin W.; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear  
In the Matter of: Patino, Tabitha A.; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear  
In the Matter of: Ross, Samaria K.; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear  
In the Matter of: Walcott, Louise; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear  
Alaska Growth Capital BIDCO Inc vs. Luce, Robert F. et al; Other Civil Action - District Court  
Streyle, Jessica Lynn vs. Streyle, Shaun M.; Divorce Without Children - Superior Court

#### Small Claims

Solid Green Bingo & Pulltab vs. Ahkvaluk, Carolyn; Small Claims \$2500 or Less

West Rentals vs. Hooper, Robin et al; Small Claims More than \$2500  
Cornerstone Credit Services LLC vs. Aukongak, Esther June; SC More Than \$2500: 1 Deft. Cert Mail

Koyuk Native Store vs. Kimoktoak, Jeffrey; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Deft. Cert Mail  
Elim Native Store vs. Daniel, Jesse C.; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Deft. Cert Mail  
Savoonga Native Store vs. Noongwook, George W.; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Deft. Cert Mail

Stebbins Native Store vs. Otten, Marjean; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Deft. Cert Mail  
Stebbins Native Store vs. Henry, Dorothy M.; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Deft. Cert Mail  
Stebbins Native Store vs. Hunt II, Joseph J.; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Deft. Cert Mail

#### Criminal

State of Alaska v. Dannita Malewotkuk (2/18/86); Count 1: Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 3/2/09; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 2 (002); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 270 days, 210 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 4/17/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not contact, directly or indirectly, or return to the residence of Marie Malewotkuk without consent; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in her residence, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer and

warrantless search of residence for alcohol; Not be where alcohol is present; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare including up to 30 days residential treatment.

State of Alaska v. Ernest Booshu (9/2/92); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Minor Consuming Alcohol; Filed by the DAs Office 4/23/09.

State of Alaska v. Frank M. Kavairlook, Jr. (2/4/80); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 20 days, shall report to AMCC by 8/31/09; Subject to immediate remand for any violation of probation conditions; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Eric Trigg (1/13/80); Count II: Disorderly Conduct; Date of offense: 2/14/09; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count I (001); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 10 days, 5 days suspended; Unsuspended 5 days have been served; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 4/22/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer.

State of Alaska v. Pauline Hoelscher (8/30/85); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault Fourth Degree; Filed by the DAs Office 4/24/09.

## SERVING THE COMMUNITY OF NOME



### BERING SEA WOMEN'S GROUP

BSWG provides services to survivors of violent crime and promotes violence-free lifestyles in the Bering Strait region.

**24-Hours Crisis Line**

**1-800-570-5444 or**

**1-907-443-5444 • fax: 907-443-3748**

**EMAIL [execdir@nome.net](mailto:execdir@nome.net)**

P.O. Box 1596 Nome, AK 99762



**Arctic ICANS — A  
nonprofit cancer  
survivor support group.**

For more information call  
**443-5726.**

### Narcotics Anonymous

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**COMMON PLIGHT** (above)—Shishmaref's Tony Weyiouanna, left, and Mikaele Maiava of the South Pacific island of Tokelau greet each other last week at the Dena'ina Center in Anchorage where indigenous peoples discussed climate change in a United Nations-sanctioned summit. Weyiouanna and Maiava can relate as both their home islands suffer from severe erosion problems.

**SAVOONGA DANCER** (left)—Yaari Kingeekuk with the St. Lawrence Island dance group "Masingka" is decked out in Siberian Yupik regalia during a Celebration of World Dances, part of the Indigenous Peoples' Summit on Climate Change held in Anchorage last week.

## • Indigenous

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have found common language for the declaration.

UN general assembly president Miguel d'Escoto Brockmann of Nicaragua brought the gist of the meetings to the point saying, "It is a time for change and for rethinking our relationships with Mother Earth, including our unsustainable patterns of production and consumption." He pleaded for healthy societies that are not driven by "hyper-consumerism or the obsessive accumulation of wealth and dominance over others."

"We need a reorientation of society in the direction of solidarity, social and ecological responsibility, brotherhood and sisterhood," he said as he ended his address to the delegates.

### Capitalism blamed for climate crisis

The Alaska Inter-Tribal Council as well as ICC have close relationships with Bolivia, as the South American country's president Evo Morales is one of the few indigenous heads of state in the world. Morales was prevented from attending the summit—prior to traveling to Alaska, there was an attempt on his life—and in his stead foreign minister David Choquehuanca delivered a passionate speech blaming greed and the values of capitalism for the climate crisis.

Through a translator, Choquehuanca said that the world's system is unbalanced as the dominant culture embraced a culture that places profit and money at its center. He said that life itself is at risk as mankind has learned to live by the laws of man, and has yet to learn by living by the laws of nature that take into account not only the wellbeing of man but also of mountains, oceans, animals, birds and plants. Choquehuanca said it was a struggle to get the rights of indigenous peoples recognized, and it will be a tough sell to talk about the cosmic rights for fish, birds and plants, and the rights for Mother Earth.

Kawerak chair and Elim IRA president Robert Keith said that the Alaska Inter-Tribal Council had a good meeting April 23 with the Bolivians and explained why they are not mincing words when it comes to protecting the environment from first-world countries. Keith said that the Bolivians have strong viewpoints due to large multinational companies with seemingly endless financial resources coming into Bolivia and extracting resources without any environmental restraints. "You can see why the Bolivians had some pretty strong view points on resource development," Keith said.

Keith said that a lot of foreign companies also come in to Alaska to extract oil, gas, minerals and gold, but that he feels that here at least, are some environmental restraints put on developers. "And we have the ability to become engaged in the process," Keith said.

### Common plights

Discussions held in front of the plenary room revealed tales of nature out of balance

*"We found that we have other relatives around the globe to call upon now."*

— Patricia Cochran, Inuit Circumpolar Council

from the high Arctic to the savannas of Africa and to tiny South Pacific islands.

Tony Weyiouanna with the Native Village of Shishmaref found that his village of 600 on the tiny barrier island of Sarichef shares the same plight as Tokelau Islands of native Mikaele Maiava. Both islands, worlds apart, are slowly but surely losing ground in a rising ocean. Maiava said that his island rises only nine feet above sea level and measures 800 yards in width and maybe a mile in length. "The 300 people left there are coping by building seawalls," he said. "But a seawall is just an immediate adaptation program, not a long-term solution to the village." Asked about if the village thinks about relocation, Maiava said that there are no plans for relocation, but many do leave for New Zealand, which Tokelau is part of, or to Samoa, where he lives now.

"Everybody has many issues, and everybody comes to a consensus that we as indigenous people see the climatic changes firsthand and that our experiences are basically similar," Weyiouanna said. "Coming up with a declaration I think will help us and others address climate change."

In Africa, the plight is not rising water but too little of it. Adam Kuleit Ole Mwarabu of Tanzania told *The Nome Nugget* that his people face problems of drought, diseases and land issues.

"We are experiencing droughts and the spread of diseases, especially malaria due to climate change. Mosquitoes are spreading all over even in areas that used to be cold," Mwarabu said.

He went on to say that there is fierce competition over natural resources, and that the conflicts arise because of the scarcity of water. "Many young people migrate to cities because we lost so much of our livestock, because of drought and animal diseases," he said, bringing up the point of so-called climate change refugees.

Mwarabu also felt that the summit could make a difference. "We see a need of all peoples of the world to come together and create a good future for the next generations," he said. "In this conference we realize there is a need, because we share the same ecosystem, to bring all local communities together to have a common voice on this issue of climate change."

In Hawaii, problems manifest subtler, albeit equally dangerous, in form of invasive species that push the native flora and fauna to the brink of extinction.

### One voice

The UN general assembly adopted a resolution to recognize the rights of indigenous peoples in September 2007. But even the UN's good in-

tentions are not adequate, said the head of the 30-member African delegation, Kenyan Joseph Ole Simel. He expressed his frustration that even the UN does not listen to the voice of the indigenous peoples. "We need to revisit the whole structure of UN initiatives and programs," Simel told UN delegates. He especially criticized the carbon dioxide trade, as it would only foster a new sort of colonialism. Simel also said that the UN needs to go beyond government-only contacts and directly engage with indigenous people on the local level. "You have no idea how we are coping," he said.

Although a rift became apparent when two of the seven regions represented in the summit hesitated to sign the Anchorage declaration, the members of the steering committee as well as delegates stressed their common ground rather than their differences. Caribbean delegate Cleatus Springer shared Simel's point of view that the UN has structural limitations, but he also said that he believes the summit has achieved bringing indigenous peoples together and that they reached the point of critical mass.

Cochran added that there is strength in numbers, that dialogues have been initiated. "We found that we have other relatives around the globe to call upon now," Cochran said.

Closer to home, Alaska lacks that unified voice that the Indigenous Peoples' Summit manifested with the Anchorage declaration. "What is lacking right now, is an organization statewide," Keith said. "We need a center voice to deal with these issues. At the regional level in Nome we are able to do that, but that cohesiveness and structured unity is needed on a statewide basis." Keith said that the lack of a unified Native voice weighing in on climate change and development policies for the state is going to hurt Alaska in the long run. "On the state level, there is a lot of interest in development at any cost. But there needs to be a balance between development and keeping our environment healthy," he said.

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food production systems (i.e. contaminants, agro-fuels, genetically modified organisms)."

UN assembly president d'Escoto Brockmann left the event with the promise to deliver the declaration to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change in Copenhagen.

In a separate declaration to the Denmark conference, the youth caucus opted to adopt a stronger stance. Eriel Tchekwie Deranger of the Athabasca Chipewyn First Na-

tion in Canada told *The Nome Nugget* that the youth have a harder stance on many items that didn't achieve a consensus in the larger group. "Because the youth are bearing the burden of the declarations and the agreements in the future, we decided to include uncompromised language that was hard-hitting and set harder targets for the future," said the 30-year old Deranger. "Even though it's just a youth declaration, at least it's on the books." The youth declaration has not been drafted yet, but d'Escoto said he would accept it.

Nome's Karlin Itchoak, 38, participated in the summit as volunteer staff and added that his generation needs to step up to the plate and get educated on the issues. "It's important for me and my generation and people younger than me to listen and pay attention and to become as educated as we can on these issues, because five or 10 years from now we're going to be the ones sitting at the table and having to come up with the solutions," Itchoak said. He said that another aspect of the event was to petition multi-national companies that extract fuel, oil,

gold, minerals and that are clear-cutting forests, further contributing to the increase in carbon dioxide emissions and further exacerbating the problem of global climate change. He said that his take-home message from the event is that everything is connected. "What this whole meeting mostly represents is that no matter where you cut down the trees or take oil out of the ground or mine for gold, all of the negative adverse cumulative affects done in one part of the world will impact somebody on the other side of the world."





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SUNSHINE AND ICE—A cabin along the Nome-Council Highway stares out at the extensive sea ice anchored to the coast east of Nome.

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SCARY STORY—Jamison Thrun reads the tale he wrote about a werewolf at the Young Authors' Showcase May 6 at the Nome Elementary School commons. Thrun hid the disguised half of his face until the story's end, which warned of the creature's continued presence in the area.

## EPA violations cost NovaGold nearly \$900,000

*Fine covers sediment releases into three area creeks during mine's construction*

By Tyler Rhodes

The owner and operator of the Rock Creek Mine has agreed to settle with the federal government to the tune of nearly \$900,000 for environmental violations.

According to a U.S. District Court filing May 12, NovaGold Resources Inc. has entered into a settlement agreement with the Environmental Protection Agency for what it alleges were Clean Water Act violations. The settlement, subject to a public comment period and court approval, calls for the Canadian mining firm to pay the federal government \$883,628.

"From April 2007 until September 2008, Alaska Gold and NovaGold violated their permit on multiple occasions by discharging storm water into Rock Creek, Lindblom Creek and Glacier Creek in violation of state water quality standards," reads a statement from the U.S. Department of Justice. "The companies also failed to adequately prepare and update a storm water pollution prevention plan and failed to implement and maintain best management practices to control the discharges."

Alaska Gold Co. is a subsidiary of NovaGold. The Rock Creek Mine has sat idle since last fall after NovaGold decided to suspend production due to mechanical and financial shortcomings.

According to Eva DeMaria, a

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## Wind and sun put the arctic on thin ice

By Sandra L. Medearis

Sea ice grows and shrinks each year in the arctic, with the most coverage in March at the end of the cold, dark period, and the most open water in fall.

In the last several years, the ice has thinned or totally melted at record rates. This year, satellite observation shows that thinner new ice is replacing old, thicker ice, enabling various forces to continue to erode the shield that keeps arctic water from warming.

These changes come from variations in the amount of sun reaching the surface, as well as the amount of solar energy being absorbed and reflected off the water. A change in wind patterns lately also shoves ice around in patterns that affect ice formation.

Yeah, OK, so why do we give a rat? Shrinking sea ice affects animals and people, including negative affects on subsistence lifestyles. Sea ice affects global climates. Changing sea ice and navigation patterns have

pushed increasing interest in the north and its resources, raising possible conflicts in geopolitics.

Ice expert and professor Hajo Eicken of the University of Alaska Fairbanks addressed these concerns in his lecture May 6 at the UAF Northwest Campus in Nome. Eicken and other scientists outside of Alaska have been working with International Polar Year and National Science Foundation to determine what sorts of information communities and industry need to form

sound policies for use of arctic resources undergoing changing access. "We have to think about overlapping uses of the northern waters and plan for conflicting uses," Eicken said.

Recent years have shown smaller amounts of sea ice, making some scientists to think the Arctic Ocean may be totally without ice in summer sometime later this century, although ice will continue to form on the Arctic Ocean in winter.

The thinning and receding of the

ice will not be easy to reverse, Eicken said, but we can learn about the patterns and rates for thin ice or its utter disappearance that affects subsistence animals, brings change in lifestyles and raises transportation and international territorial issues. The science community, in partnership with northern communities, hopes to gain knowledge to share and predict effects to enable northern people to plan and

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## Harvey joins police department, Erickson named ambulance chief

By Laurie McNicholas

Nicholas Harvey was sworn in as Police Officer I at the Nome Common Council meeting Monday night. He has worked as a Nome Police Department dispatcher since July 2008. Proud family members attending the ceremony included his mother, Sandy Harvey.

A resolution confirming the appointment of Vickie Erickson as Volunteer Chief of the Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department with a monthly stipend of \$500 was unanimously approved by the council. City Manager Josie Bahnke appointed Erickson to the position

upon recommendation of the NVAD. Erickson succeeds Charlie Lean, who recently resigned from the post.

The council approved a recommendation by the Nome Planning Commission to charge a fee to ask permission of the NPC to use land for purposes other than its zoning designation under the City's new land use law. The process involves a public hearing on a conditional use permit application conducted by the commission after the City prepares a hearing notice for posting on the applicant's property, notifies adjacent property owners of the hearing and publishes notice of

the hearing in a newspaper. The application fee is \$200 if the hearing is held during a regular commission meeting, or \$300 if the commission calls a special meeting for the hearing.

The council adopted a resolution to approve a contract with Resource Data Inc., to perform workflow and business requirements for the City Clerk and Finance Department. The FY 2009 budget provides \$9,000 to retain the services of a computer software professional to assist with conversion of property tax and sales tax records to a computerized system.

A resolution to request distribution from the

FY 2010 Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) Program by the Alaska Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development was adopted by the council. The DCCED distributes PILT payments to cities in the unorganized borough that contain certain federally-owned lands known as "entitlement lands." PILT payments to local governments are intended to help offset losses in property taxes due to non-taxable federal lands within their boundaries.

The federal PILT formula calculates pay-

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Enrollment continues to decline:

School district requests level funding from City for FY 2010 budget

By Laurie McNicholas

A drastic decline in students enrolled at Nome Public Schools during the current school year is reflected in the district's budget for the coming year, NPS Superintendent Rick Luthi told the Nome Common Council at a work session on Monday. He said the NPS FY 2010 budget is based on a projected enrollment of 659 students, compared to the anticipated enrollment of 731 students on which the FY 2009 budget was based.

Only 699 students actually enrolled in NPS in September 2008, resulting in a \$500,000 shortfall in the FY 2009 budget as the school year began. The student count is a major element of the State's education funding formula for allocating monies to school districts. Luthi explained that the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development made up for part of the shortfall under a hold harmless provision for school districts that experience sud-

den drops in enrollment.

"The State gave us help by funding students we don't have," Luthi said, adding that the Department of Education will again provide some help to NPS in FY 2010. He said the State's "hold harmless" assistance is available to a district for a maximum of three years. Luthi credited NPS Business Manager Jenny Martens and Assistant Superintendent Jon Wehde with trimming expenses to balance the FY 2009 budget and for developing an FY 2010 budget that helps shield classrooms from the impacts of cost-cutting. Wehde will succeed Luthi as NPS superintendent in July.

"We took a hard look at expenses," Luthi stated. "People are a large part of what we deal with. We eliminated positions by natural attrition and reduced some. We've done what's possible. Jon is still looking for additional changes."

Luthi said NPS is requesting status quo funding from the City of

Nome for FY 2010. "We know there are a lot of economic question marks out there and we know we must do our best," he said. "We don't know if the 659 [student enrollment projection] will hold in the fall. We tried to be conservative. We don't know the future. We hope the price of fuel will hold."

Council member Mary Knodel asked whether Luthi knows the amount of federal economic stimulus funds the district will receive. Martens said NPS expects to receive \$60,000 in Title I funds, \$178,000 for K-12 special education, \$10,000 for preschool special education,

flow through grants.

Martens emphasized that the \$371,000 in fiscal stabilization funds can be used to supplement but not supplant other revenues. She anticipates a requirement to place them in a revenue fund separate from the NPS general fund so they can be tracked closely. Luthi suggested using the stabilization funds to replace the boiler at Nome Elementary School.

Knodel asked how much NPS will receive under the State's education funding formula. Based on an enrollment of 659 students, Martens said the district will receive approx-

ing to reduce energy costs. Luthi cited current work to reinsulate the entire downstairs level of the 14-plex on the Nome-Beltz High School campus. Replacing the elementary school boiler will save a lot of energy, Martens pointed out. Luthi reported that Margaret Thomas, formerly employed at the elementary school, has moved to the district office to help identify and contact potential funding sources for energy saving projects.

Knodel noted that the NPS FY 2010 budget indicates the maintenance supervisor position will disappear, and she asked whether Charles Richardson plans to retire. Richardson, a foreman with 30 years experience, will advise the administration in selection of a person to fill his position and will train his replacement before retiring in October, Luthi replied. He said Wehde may develop a staff position in the district office to oversee maintenance and custodial work and do federal accounting. Luthi noted that Wehde's current position as assistant superintendent will not be filled after he becomes the NPS superintendent.

Councilman Stan Andersen said

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Letters to the editor must be signed and include an address and phone number. Thank yous and political endorsements are considered ads. Note: There were no letters this week.

Editorial

Pulse of Prosperity

There is somethinga bout the plaintive call of a train whistle calling in the distance at night that is both peaceful and reassuring. The railroads are the pulse of our nation's economy. The mighty steam locomotives drove the growth of industry and the development of the western states. Industrial goods and raw materials were transported across the plains and over the mountains.

Something happened about 50 years ago when America became obsessed with Interstate Highways. We lost sight of the importance of railroads. Other nations didn't. The high speed, energy efficient railroads in Europe and Asia put us to shame. We need to reinvent our rails and get back on track for railroad transportation. The Alaska Railroad is a fine feature that can strike pride in the hearts of Alaskans when they watch diesel engines haul long lines of freight cars into the distance. It's time to build a spur of this fine rail system into the Seward Peninsula.

Oh, it won't be cheap. The only thing cheap is the talk about building it, and we've been spending words on that account for over 100 years. Western Alaska has a colorful history with railroads. We need to start thinking about economic development coming our way on train tracks. All aboard! —N.L.M.—

\$6,000 for education technology and \$371,000 in fiscal stabilization funds—a total of \$625,000. She said some of the stimulus monies will

imately \$7 million. "The final student count for funding this year was 662," she added.

Knodel asked whether NPS is try-



Photo by Tyler Rhodes

READY TO READ—Charles Kokoluk shares a laugh with Nikki Polk of the Nome Literacy Council before he steps up to the microphone to read an original work at the Young Authors' Showcase May 6 at Nome Elementary School. Dozens of students read their works to a packed house.

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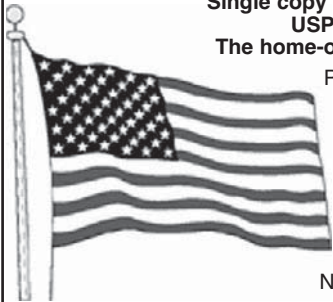
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News Briefs

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Funding for Denali Commission on chopping block

President Barack Obama's proposed budget for the next fiscal year includes a significant cut for the Denali Commission, an independent federal agency designed to provide critical utilities, infrastructure and economic support throughout Alaska. The proposed cuts include \$6 million for the agency's transportation program, \$20 million for health clinic construction and \$3 million for job training.

The U.S. Senate passed an amendment in the budget resolution supporting funding for the Denali Commission. They did not set a number, Senator Mark Begich's spokeswoman told *The Nome Nugget*. Historically, funding for the Denali Commission ran \$140 million. Obama appropriated \$40 million to the Denali Commission, keeping it alive, but hobbled the health clinic construction program. Also not included in the President's \$3.55 trillion budget proposal are \$9 million for the Village Safe Water Program and \$524 in ground-based missile defense spending.

U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski said, "For Alaska's Native people, these unwelcome changes are a nightmare, not changes that we can believe in."

U.S. Sen. Mark Begich commented on \$90 million in the Pacific Coast Salmon Recovery Fund, which he wants to go to western tribes and states, including Alaska, to conserve and recover Pacific salmon and their habitat. "Instead, the budget directs this funding for nationwide Endangered Species Act programs. Salmon enhancement must have this funding," said Begich.

U.S. Rep. Don Young and Governor Sarah Palin voiced their outrage over the proposed cuts, alleging that Obama is playing politics with the budget.

Yukon and Kuskokwim communities destroyed, flooded

After a winter with record snow-

fall and ice depth, breakup of the Yukon and the Kuskokwim rivers destroyed the village of Eagle River on the Yukon and caused severe flooding elsewhere. A massive ice jam on the Yukon River pushed house-sized chunks of ice into the village of Eagle in what was called the worst flooding in 70 years. The village's grocery store, clinic and VPSO office have been destroyed. On Monday, the old village of Eagle, about two miles upstream of the main town, was destroyed as floodwaters lifted and carried off some homes and submerged others, reports the *Fairbanks Daily News Miner*.

The American Red Cross of Alaska opened a shelter at the Eagle Community School for the 65 to 70 residents who have been displaced. Governor Palin traveled to Fort Yukon last week to assess the situation there. She then issued a disaster declaration for the interior.

On Sunday, the state division of Homeland Security issued a release that flooding continues in Akiak on the Kuskokwim. From there, 37 elders and pregnant women were evacuated to Bethel. Most residents of Stevens Village pre-evacuated, with only 20 residents remaining. As of press time on Monday, three river watch teams reported active flooding in Stevens on the Yukon River and in Akiak on the Kuskokwim River. The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation recommends that all residents boil their water prior to consumption in Aniak, Eagle, Circle, Ft. Yukon, Red Devil, Beaver and Stevens Village. Flood warnings have been canceled for Beaver, McGrath and Ft. Yukon.

AFN to be held in Fairbanks

The Alaska Federation of Natives announced last week that the 2010 AFN convention would take place in Fairbanks. This will mark the third time that Fairbanks is the host after having been the host city of the event in 2005 and 2007.

Eighteen of the 27 AFN board members voted to hold the Native gathering in Fairbanks. This year, Anchorage will host the convention, slated to take place from October 22-24.

Point Lay landed first whale in 70 years

Two crews from Point Lay have landed the community's first bowhead whale in 70 years, reports the Associated Press last week. Whaling

captains Julias Rexford Sr. and Thomas Nukapigak caught the whale for the 250-head community on the Chukchi Sea coast. The Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission last year lifted restrictions to allow the village to catch one whale per year. Resident Sophie Henry tells Anchorage television station KTUU that everyone was excited but it was difficult and long work getting the whale onto the ice, inch by inch. She says Point Lay plans to share its bounty with other communities, including Wainwright, Point Hope and Barrow.

Salazar sides with Bush administration regarding polar bear ruling

Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar last week announced that he would retain a special rule made under the Bush administration in December for protecting the polar bear under the Endangered Species Act. The action means the ESA will not be used to control carbon emissions or oil and gas development in polar bear habitat. Last year, Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne declared the polar bear as a threatened species under ESA. Critics of the ruling said that the ESA should not be used to regulate greenhouse gas emissions. The polar bear is a species listed as threatened for climate change reasons.

Palin cleared of ethics complaints

Remember ballot measure 4? Last year's election put a measure before the voters that aimed to impose more stringent requirements for new hard rock mines – especially the proposed mega-project of the Pebble mine. Governor Sarah Palin then opined publicly that she would not support the measure. Brian Kraft, a lodge owner at Lake Illiamna, filed an ethics complaint with the Alaska Public Offices Commission that said the governor's comment may have swayed the outcome of the vote, as most Alaskans voted No on ballot measure 4.

The Alaska Public Offices Commission last Friday voted unanimously that Palin did not violate any state law by broadcasting her opinion and argued that the governor has first amendment rights to state her position. "I appreciate the commission recognizing the constitutional right of free speech and the implications of trying to regulate what a governor can say," Palin commented after the ruling.

APOC also cleared Palin of wrongdoing in regards to an ethics

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

May 14 - May 20, 2009

EVENT	PLACE	TIME
<b>Thursday, May 14</b>		
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Preschool Story Hour	Kegoayah Library	10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Kinderswim & Lap Swim	Pool	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	noon - 5:30 p.m.
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 8 p.m.
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	noon - 1 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 6:30 p.m.
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*AIDS & Women: The Greatest Gamble video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Care of the Sick Child video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
<b>DEADLINE for Grad Now &amp; Then ad</b>	<b>Nome Nugget</b>	<b>5 p.m.</b>
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
<b>Community Workshop host by ACSA</b>	<b>Nome Elem School</b>	<b>6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.</b>
*Family Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Thrifty Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
*City League Volleyball	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
*Overeaters Anonymous meeting	Baptist Comm Church	7 p.m. (across from KNOM)
<b>Arctic Icans Meeting</b>	<b>XYZ Center</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
*Swing Dancing with Seiji	Nome Rec Center	7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
*Narcotics Anonymous	Behavioral Health Bldg.	7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Friday, May 15

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	noon - 5:30 p.m.
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 6 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 4 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50
*Pathways to a Healthy Life video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Nutrition Class	Prematernal Home	3 p.m.
*Kids Soccer K - 3rd grade	Nome Rec Center	4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Circuit Training with Kelly S.	Nome Rec Center	4:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.
*Kids Soccer 4th - 7th grade	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 6 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Adult Drop-in Soccer	Nome Rec Center	8 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.

Saturday, May 16

<b>Bird Outing meet at Nat'l Park Svc</b>	<b>Sitnasuak Bldg</b>	<b>7 a.m.</b>
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*UMW Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	noon - 5:30 p.m.
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 6 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 8 p.m.
*H2O Aerobics	Pool	1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Discipline: Teaching Limits with Love video	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Pool	3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Knowing the Unborn video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*AA Meeting	BHS Bldg. 2nd floor	8 p.m.

Sunday, May 17

*Pool		Closed
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*The Innocent Victim video	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*WIC Program:Expecting the Best video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Beginning Baton with Jay	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.
*AA: Big Book Study	HR Conf. Room, NSHC	6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Monday, May 18

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 8 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 10 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Best for Baby's Sake video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
<b>Teacher Workshop hosted by ACSA</b>	<b>Nome-Beltz HS</b>	<b>4 p.m. - 6 p.m.</b>
*Beginning Yoga with Kari	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*14 Steps to Better Breastfeeding video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Cardio Kickboxing with Kelly S.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*H2O Aerobics	Pool	6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Drop-in Volleyball	Nome Rec Center	7:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.

Tuesday, May 19

*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 8 p.m.
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	noon - 1 p.m.
*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	noon - 5:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	1 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*WIC class	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	2:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*Wiffle Ball Grades 4-6	Nome Rec Center	3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*We're Having a Baby Again a Childbirth Refresher video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Wiffle Ball Grades 7-8	Nome Rec Center	4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*AA Teleconference: 1-800-914-3396 (CODE: 3534534#)	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m.
*City League Volleyball	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
*Thrifty Shop		

Wednesday, May 20

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Dental class	Prematernal Home	10:30 a.m.
*Rotary Club	Airport Pizaa	noon
*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	noon - 5:30 p.m.
*Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 8 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 10 p.m.
*Strength Training with Jennie	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*They Baby System: The 1st Yr video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Ping Pong Grades 4-6	Nome Rec Center	3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
*Ping Pong Grades 7-8	Nome Rec Center	4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
*Injury Prevention class	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Step Box with Kelly S.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*H2O Aerobics	Pool	6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Hello Kental (also on Channel 98)	Nome Visitors Center	7:30 p.m.
*AA Meeting	BHS Bldg. 2nd floor	8 p.m.

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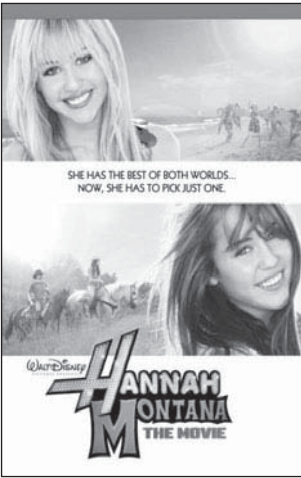
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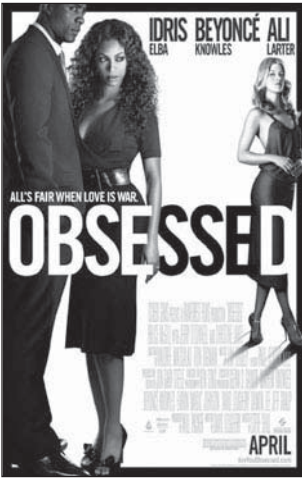
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compliance officer with the EPA, the number of discharges violating the permit conditions numbered in the hundreds. She said pollutants in the discharges were mainly silt and sediment, noting that since the violations occurred during construction and not actual mining, testing was not conducted for heavy metals or other chemicals.

"The construction at Rock Creek Mine resulted in virtually unchecked runoff of silt and sediment to important fish habitat. Companies taking on construction projects of this scale need to do so responsibly and in accordance with the law," Michelle Pirzadeh, EPA's Acting Regional Administrator in Seattle, said in a prepared statement.

NovaGold faulted extreme weather and litigation from environmental groups as factors delaying the construction of the storm water facilities, according to a press release from the company. NovaGold said it has since spent millions on its infrastructure to deal with storm water. It says the system has functioned well in subsequent

extreme weather conditions. "EPA did not allege that existing storm water facilities at Rock Creek mine are inadequate, nor has EPA alleged that any harm occurred to fish or wildlife as a result of Alaska Gold Company's operations during this period," reads the company press release.

NovaGold could have been fined as much as \$32,500 per day for each violation, according to the government's complaint. The EPA's DeMaria said the settlement constitutes the second largest fine issued for a General Construction Permit violation in the EPA's Region 10, which includes Alaska, Idaho, Washington state and Oregon. The largest occurred in 2006 against the Idaho Department of Transportation for \$1.4 million.

"Today's settlement shows that the government will hold accountable any company that does not fully comply with storm water requirements," said John C. Cruden, Acting Assistant Attorney General for the Justice Department's Environment and Natural Resources Division. "We expect all companies to take the necessary steps to control storm water discharge from their operations."



*Archive photo by Diana Haecker*

**MUDDY**—This aerial photo shows the Rock Creek Mine in May 2008 as the winter's heavy snows give way to a soggy spring. The Environmental Protection Agency settled with mine owner NovaGold for nearly \$900,000 for Clean Water Act violations due to hundreds discharges of silt and sediment into streams from April 2007 to September 2008.

## Whiskey-fueled gun offense nets at least two years in jail

**By Tyler Rhodes**

A Nome man was sentenced Monday to at least two years in prison Monday for brandishing a loaded rifle on Front Street in March.

Superior Court Judge Ben Esch handed Alvin Amaktoolik, 22, a four-year sentence with two years suspended and two years probation May 11. Before the sentencing, Amaktoolik waived his right to a grand jury and entered a guilty plea to one count of felony assault in the third degree. The charge carries a maximum sentence of up to five years in prison and a \$50,000 fine.

Nome Police Department officers encountered an extremely intoxicated Amaktoolik on Front Street March 26 carrying a .204-caliber rifle with a round in the chamber. According to the police, Amaktoolik was taken into custody after attempting to raise the rifle toward the officers. Police said he also pointed the rifle at another person.

Police responded to the scene after getting a report of Amaktoolik heading south toward Front Street with the rifle in one hand and a bottle of whiskey in another. After being apprehended, Amaktoolik was transported to Norton Sound Regional Hospital to be treated for alcohol poisoning. District Attorney John Earthman said at the sentencing that Amaktoolik's blood alcohol content at the time was above 0.5 percent, a level that many consider lethal.

Prior to Amaktoolik's sentencing, Earthman referenced several of his

prior courtroom appearances, including a conviction for sexual assault. "Every single one of these incidents heavily involved alcohol," Earthman told the court.

Earthman said the recommended sentence with at least two years behind bars would hopefully deter Amaktoolik from excessive drinking in the future. "The sentence is what he makes of it," Earthman said.

Amaktoolik's attorney, Public Defender Kirsten Bey, said in working with the state over potential sentencing recommendations, her client preferred the four-year sentence with two suspended versus a flat three-year sentence. The preferred, and imposed, sentence could have Amaktoolik serving more time if he fails to meet the terms of his probation. "He does think he can be successful on probation," Bey said. "I think this [two-year sentence] does help with rehabilitation."

Judge Esch agreed with the suggested sentencing, recommending Amaktoolik serve his time at the Wildwood Correctional Facility in Kenai. "I will recommend placement at Wildwood so you can get more treatment," Esch said.

Following the sentencing, Esch warned Amaktoolik that the consequences of his actions—beyond being extremely dangerous for the public—could have proved lethal for himself. "This is a situation where you put yourself at risk. It's entirely possible another police officer would have taken out their weapon and shot you," Esch said.

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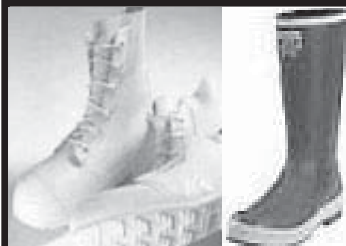
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**GREETINGS, NOME**—Shari Biscotti, Nome Elementary School's new principal for next year, greets Nome parents, students and residents gathered at a reception for her Monday evening at the school.

## Nome greets new NES principal

By Tyler Rhodes

Although she may not have known it yet, Nome Elementary School's new principal for the 2009-2010 school year got her first taste of life in Nome before she even set foot on the ground.

As a thick fog hugged Nome and its environs Sunday, Shari Biscotti heard the announcement on the Alaska Airlines jet that so many Nomeites know all too well. With the visibility on the ground reduced to near nothing, she joined the legions of Nome residents who have had to fly over Nome back to Anchorage.

Monday dawned with clearer skies, however, allowing Biscotti to arrive in time to attend a welcoming reception in her honor at the elementary school that evening. Flanked by parents, children and other community members munching on desserts provided by the Nome Parent Teacher Student Association, Biscotti showed no hesitation in introducing herself and her expectations for the coming school year.

Biscotti's comments were peppered with jokes. "I don't take myself very seriously, but I do take my job very seriously," she said.

Biscotti said she was nearly ready to take a job as the principal of the Tyonek School in the Kenai Penin-

sula Borough School District. A call—actually several calls, she said—from departing Superintendent Rick Luthi changed those plans. "This guy would not let me off the phone," she said. Biscotti said she was won over by the description of the community and its kids.

"I don't work for [incoming Superintendent] Jon [Wehde]. I don't work for the City of Nome. I don't work for the State of Alaska. I work for you. I'm accountable to you and accountable to your kids," she said.

Biscotti was born and raised in southern California—a fact she asked the audience to not hold against her—and has taught and held administrative positions there for years. Before moving into administrative roles, Biscotti taught in a Head Start program, kindergarten and fifth-grade classrooms. She later moved on to a couple of mid-level administrative jobs before accepting principal positions in several schools.

Noting she has worked in public schools for 21 years, Biscotti touched on stories of taking jobs at under-performing schools. Crediting the involvement of parents and the community, she said those schools were able to turn around. "The thing that has made my school a success is

not Sherri Biscotti," she said. "What flipped every single school I was at were parents and community involvement. ... If you don't have a home and a parent connected, you're dead in the water."

Biscotti ran with that theme, saying she would devote substantial energy to getting parent participation at the school. She told parents in the audience to expect phone calls among other methods of communication. She even called out to Richard Beneville to go door to door with her to bolster parental interest.

Beneville returned the favor later in the evening, recruiting Biscotti in front of the audience to act in a play should he produce another one in the near future. Needing no time to ponder the offer, she said she was game.

After her short introduction and taking a few questions from the audience, Biscotti mulled about the room, passing from person to person who wanted to introduce themselves or just say welcome.

Biscotti said her initial impression of Nome was positive. "I love it," she said. Biscotti was to stay in Nome through Thursday before moving here toward mid-July.



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**I'LL READ TO YOU**—Kenosha Kiyuklook (right) in Nanci Tungwenuk's kindergarten class reads a book to Sara Bioff Monday when the Head Start Salmonberry Class visited kindergarten classrooms.

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# Piscoya named full-time CEO of Norton Sound Health Corp.

## Nome native has served as interim president and CEO since February of this year

By Tyler Rhodes

Carol Piscoya's job title got a little shorter last week.

The Norton Sound Health Corporation's Board of Directors May 7 lopped off the word "interim" that had preceded "President and Chief Executive Officer" on her nameplate.

After sorting through more than a dozen candidates from the area, other regions of the state and the Lower 48, the board of directors selected Piscoya to lead the health corporation. The former Vice President of Community Health Services for the health

corporation had served as its acting president and CEO since February.

"I was surprised and honored," Piscoya said Monday. She said she fully expected to be bringing a new CEO up to speed on the operations rather than accepting a contract for the position herself. Piscoya's contract is for one year, which is standard for NSHC, according to the corporation general counsel Rick Helms.

Helms said Piscoya's stint as interim CEO gave the board of directors ample time to view her performance. "It was a good opportunity to see her

in the position. One of those long job interviews, perhaps," Helms said.

NSHC Board Chair Emily Hughes said Piscoya performed well in that interview. "We are pleased that Carol has accepted the position," Hughes said in a press release. "Carol has done a good job in the position in an acting capacity."

Born and raised in Nome, Piscoya has worked at NSHC since 2003. She was appointed to be the acting president and CEO after the former holder of that position, Michael Lake, abruptly resigned just before his one-year contract was to expire. Lake took over for Trevor Colby, who served in the position from October 2006 until early 2008. At the time he was hired, Colby was the third CEO brought on at NSHC in the space of a year.

Piscoya's desk on Monday supported several piles of paperwork giving a hint to the amount of work on the new CEO's plate. Tons of steel and construction materials are on their way to Nome to become part of the new Norton Sound Regional Hospital. The corporation aims to move into the new facility by 2012.

While that brick-and-mortar project moves forward, the corporation also needs to direct attention to the digital world. "We're required to have electronic health records by 2014," she said. Piscoya said the hospital wants to make the transition by the time it moves into its new facility in three years.

The health corporation is also working to complete or build new clinics in several of the area's villages. Piscoya said Teller should already be

moved into its new facility and Breig Mission should soon be able to move into its clinic. She said new clinics are also planned for Shaktoolik, Gambell, Savoonga, Shishmaref, Wales and Little Diomed. "That should round out all the villages with new clinics," she said.

Piscoya said a continued priority for the corporation will be to work for increased federal funding for the maintenance of village clinics as rapidly climbing fuel costs eat away at the bottom line. She said funding for the facilities has been flat for a decade. "Each year it is a priority," she said.

Piscoya also said she would focus on the recruitment of new staff and the retention of those who are al-

ready on board.

Prior to working for NSHC, Piscoya worked for Nome Eskimo Community, Bering Straits Native Corp. and the state Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development. Piscoya said her ties to Nome, as well as the travel and work she did in the region while under the employ of the state will aid her in new role at NSHC. "The villages know me, and I know the villages," Piscoya said.

As she starts her tenure as president and CEO, Piscoya lauded the employees of the corporation and the board of directors. "In spite of the turnover of the CEO, we've had a very stable board of directors," Piscoya said.



Photo by Tyler Rhodes

**INTERIM NO MORE**—Carol Piscoya is now the official president and chief executive officer of Norton Sound Health Corp. after a vote by the board of directors May 7 allowed her to remove the word "interim" from her title.

## • State

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complained filed by Sondra Tomkins. Tomkins alleged that Palin had violated the state ethics act in forming a political action committee and in traveling to Indiana near the end of the legislative session to make a speech to a right-to-life group. Tompkins also alleged that Palin used her public office for personal gain by establishing SarahPAC.

The governor's attorney Thomas Van Flein said in a written statement that of 14 ethics complaints filed against the governor or her staff, nine have now been resolved. Another five complaints are still pending. According to a press release, Palin so far has spent \$500,000 in legal fees dealing with the flurry of ethics complaints filed against her.

### Dana Fabe recommended for U.S. Supreme Court

Soon President Barack Obama will face his first appointment of a Supreme Court judge, and Alaska's junior Senator Mark Begich threw an Alaskan name in the ring of candidates. Begich recommended the consideration of Alaska Supreme Court Chief Justice Dana Fabe. Fabe has a 33-year legal career in Alaska and was the first woman appointed

to Alaska's highest court. She is currently serving the last year of her second three-year term as Chief Justice of the Alaska Supreme Court. The current U.S. Supreme Court vacancy is due as Justice David Souter plans to retire at the end of the court's current term. Although pundits predict that the appointment is likely to be a woman in her early 50s and among the Democratic Party's ranks, they have not officially discussed the likelihood of the Alaskan justice to fill the position. Fabe visited Nome last year, holding a round-table brainstorm event dealing with juvenile justice and underage drinking issues.

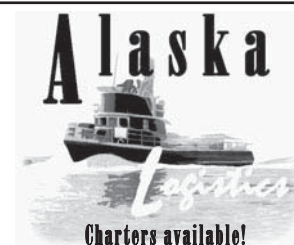
### Grants headed to Nome and region

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Transportation and Safety Administration has released \$1,158,203 to be divided among the Bethel, Nome and Kotzebue airports for explosive detection systems and advanced technology X-ray units that will streamline baggage screening and enhance security capabilities. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development announced Indian Housing Block Grants headed to Kotzebue, \$1,054,778, to Point Hope, \$377,218; to Nome Eskimo Community, \$814,205 and \$363,746 to the Stebbins Community Association.

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**BIRD'S-EYE VIEW** (above)—Graduates spy down on the crowd as it assembles for the Northwest Campus' 33rd annual commencement ceremony at Old St. Joe's May 7.

**HONORED** (left)—Northwest Campus Director Lee Haugen adorns Wilma Brown as she is conferred her master's degree in education.

**FLIPPING THE TASSLE** (right)—Christopher Aningayou flips the tassel on his cap after his class was awarded general education diplomas May 7.



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## • Ice



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perform with their environments.

Dan Karmun, a Nome elder attending the ice lecture, cited an example of ice going out overnight in one community, robbing them of any chance to harvest walrus or bearded seal for food.

Solar energy, wind patterns, water flow and the ways of humans on the planet affect the ebb and flow of the ice cover.

Climate changes, including record ice melt in the summer of 2007, have spawned scientific sampling studies in polar regions. Warm inflows from the Pacific and Atlantic oceans by way of Greenland contributed to the extreme ice loss that year.

"2007 rattled everyone's cage that maybe something was going on," Eicken said.

Climate changes come from variations in the ice cover that regulates the amount of sun reaching the surface, as

**COMPARING NOTES—Biologist Charlie Lean gets the word from subsistence hunter and elder Dan Karmun at a presentation on disappearing sea ice May 6 at the UAF Northwest Campus. The conversation underlines the partnership between scientific and traditional sources of information on arctic seawaters.**

well as the amount of solar energy being absorbed and reflected off the water. Dark, open water absorbs nine-tenths of the heat from the sun, speeding the melt. Ice cover reflects three-fourths of the warmth. Thinner and reduced ice cover allows the winds to blow the ice around more easily so that the ice spends less time in the Arctic Ocean, leading to more episodes of extreme heat. Unusual weather patterns recently with persistent southerly winds have warmed the polar air and pushed ice toward the North Pole and Europe.

"The winds are unusual anymore," Karmun said, "making it difficult to determine how to hunt safely."

Charlie Lean, a local fish biologist, agreed that the ice scene is undergoing a flux in forces. "For the last five years, Kotzebue Sound has not frozen solid," he said. "We used to say that Norton Sound was the ice factory for the Bering Sea. There is not a big ice shelf between [Norton Sound coastal villages] Shaktoolik and Saint Michael anymore."

Lean observed that melting ice had altered the salinity of seawater affecting the region's crab population, threatening them with intolerable fresh water and altering their distribution in the Sound.

Such forces have made the ice more vulnerable to trapping of heat by greenhouse gases, Eicken said.

The arctic is a major influence on global climates. On the other hand, as

the globe as a whole warms, it always warms much more in the arctic, Eicken said. There is a belief that the doubling of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere by the end of the century will warm the arctic by more than 20 degrees.

While increased open water in the arctic is opening transportation routes and commercial uses, receding ice is curtailing and changing subsistence hunting established over thousands of years. Traditional food as well as oil recovery depends on ice as a platform for activities. Unfavorable shore ice conditions can and have blocked the launch of whaling boats and hunting crews into whale and walrus migrations. The ice studies under the aegis of International Polar Year and other science groups are working with hunters and community leaders on St. Lawrence Island and coastal villages such as Wales and Barrow.

"If you want to understand how the climate is changing, you have to work with local people and find out what is happening there. It's very important," Eicken said. "Local change may or may not track with global changes."

Karmun gave that a big "amen."

"Local elders represent thousands of years of experience living on those resources," Karmun said. "We need to make use of elders from the Inupiaq community. There is a need for opening up communications with scientists. We have no diploma, but we have lots of experience."

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**NEW CHIEF—Vickie Erickson, seen in this 2007 file photo, is now the chief of the Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department.**

## • Council

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ments based upon the local government's population and acres of entitlement lands. Entitlement lands include lands in the National Park and National Forest systems, federal lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management, lands dedicated to federal water resources development projects, and lands withdrawn from the public domain in other categories.

The council appointed Jeff Darling to the Port Commission.

### Upcoming events

The council will meet May 18 at noon for a work session to discuss the City's FY 2010 budget. The next regular council meeting is scheduled Tuesday, May 26 at 7:30 p.m.

Bahnke said the City's annual

spring clean-up is scheduled for May 30. Collection sites will be at the East End Park, Elementary School, Belmont Point, Recycle Center and Icy View Fire Hall. The Public Works department will pick up used vehicles, yard debris and old washers, dryers or refrigerators on request from May 26 to 29.

A picnic to celebrate 50 years of statehood is planned for July 4 at 2:30 p.m. Other events that day will include the 32nd annual Anvil Mountain Run; a parade and games on Front Street; ice cream for all; and traditional games of the past such as catch the greased pig, climb the greased pole to capture Ulysses S. Grant, kayak races, an ear pull contest, one hand stand, head stand, rock pull and people carry. Alaska's 50-Year Celebration of Statehood Commission is the sponsor.



## Telemetry study to identify spawning sites of Unalakleet River king salmon

By Laurie McNicholas

A radio-tagging project to track Chinook (king) salmon to their spawning grounds in the Unalakleet River drainage will begin this year in late June and run through July. Brendan Scanlon, Northwest and North Slope area biologist for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game Sport Fish Division, will direct the two-year telemetry study.

"It's a repeat of the 1996-1997 telemetry project on the Unalakleet River," Scanlon said. "Both years showed that approximately 40 percent of the run headed up the North River and the remainder went up the main stem." The North River flows into the main stem about four miles east of Unalakleet.

Scanlon outlined the following plans for this year's study. A total of 150 king salmon are to be radio-tagged at the rate of three to five fish per day. "We'll try to space them out through the run, but if the run is small, we will put them out as fast as we can," he said.

The fish will be captured one to two miles above Unalakleet, mostly by gillnet. A radio-tag (a transmitter with an 18-inch antenna) will be inserted down the throat, through the esophagus and into the upper stomach of each fish, using a polyvinyl chloride plastic tube. This esophageal implant does not require surgery, is very non-invasive and takes only about 15 seconds to implant into the fish. A sphincter attached to the stomach holds the

radio-tag in place. Part of the antenna protrudes from the mouth of the fish, but does not hamper the movement of the fish in any way. King salmon don't eat after they enter fresh water.

### Tracking radio-tagged kings

Scanlon described strategies for tracking radio-tagged kings. "We'll have one tracking station at the mouth of the North River and a couple of tracking stations up the Unalakleet River," he said. "There are two antennas at each station—one pointing upstream, one pointing downstream. The receiver is powered by gel cell batteries that are kept charged with solar power." At the North River tracking station, the downriver antenna first picks up a signal from a radio-tagged fish, and as the fish passes the salmon counting tower, the upriver antenna picks it up, he explained.

Scanlon said one of the tracking stations on the Unalakleet River will be located below the tagging site to detect any radio-tagged king salmon that may drop out of the drainage. Some salmon sense they are in the wrong river and turn around and leave, he added.

Tracking strategies will include aerial surveys with a wing-mounted antenna to identify the exact spawning locations of the radio-tagged fish. Scanlon cited results of the 1996-97 telemetry study of Unalakleet River king salmon showing that all radio-tagged fish in the North River

spawned above the counting tower, and almost none that went up the main stem spawned below the confluence of the Unalakleet and Chi-

roskey rivers.

Results of this year's telemetry study should be available soon after the king salmon spawning season

ends. "By August we'll have down-loaded the tracking stations and conducted a couple of aerial surveys," said Scanlon.



**FISH CAMP**—Lots of salmon are cut and dried in summer months at this fish camp at the mouth of the Unalakleet River.

Photo by Laurie McNicholas

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 <b>AQUARIUS</b> January 20–February 18 <b>You connect instantly with a new face.</b> Invite them out to lunch, Aquarius, and get to know them better. You will be working with them a lot. A candid letter sets a matter straight.	 <b>TAURUS</b> April 20–May 20 <b>Picky, picky, Taurus.</b> You are much too concerned with the details and are missing out on the big picture. A new menu offers you a wider range of choices.	 <b>LEO</b> July 23–August 22 <b>Tsk, tsk, Leo.</b> You open mouth and insert foot once again with a dear friend. Make an apology and vow to yourself not to let it happen again. A deadline draws near.	 <b>SCORPIO</b> October 23–November 21 <b>You misunderstand a question at home,</b> and chaos ensues. Take it in stride, Scorpio. You'll be a better listener next time. A recipe requires some major altering.
 <b>PISCES</b> February 19–March 20 <b>Eek, Pisces!</b> You barely get by this week. Rein in your spending and be more frugal. A tip from an old friend starts you on the path to financial wellness.	 <b>GEMINI</b> May 21–June 21 <b>A special occasion calls for some extra-special planning.</b> Gather the troops and don't leave any stone unturned, Gemini. The guests of honor deserve a big bash.	 <b>VIRGO</b> August 23–September 22 <b>There's no stoppin' you, Virgo.</b> You've got the mind, body and spirit to make things happen. A medical record glitch proves frustrating but fixable.	 <b>SAGITTARIUS</b> November 22–December 21 <b>Sweet Sagittarius.</b> You are well aware of the value of saving for a rainy day, but you just can't help yourself. You like to buy things. That is about to change, though.

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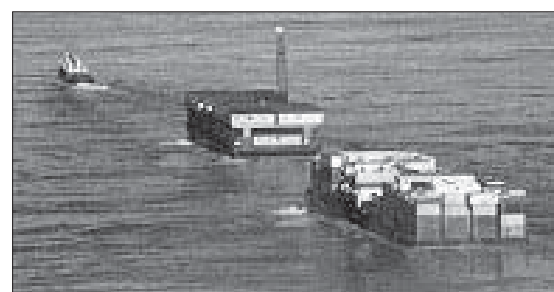
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## School Board

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the City has a good building maintenance staff that NPS could lean on and a new Public Works director who should be able to help. "We'll take it," Luthi replied.

"Why is there an assistant principal at the high school when there are more kids at the elementary school?" asked Knodel.

The amount of activity at the high school, the level of discipline and interaction with children of those ages requires more one-on-one attention to deal with issues, Luthi explained.

Without an assistant principal, the principal would not have time to be an instructional leader, he added.

Noting that a high school business education teaching position had been eliminated in the FY 2010 budget, Andersen asked what the position had entailed. Luthi said the person in the position had taught accounting for two to three periods along with one or two technology courses and had produced the yearbook. Next year there will be 1.5 technology positions instead of three, and an instructor in one of the remaining positions will teach three technology classes at the high school, Luthi said.

Andersen asked what the NPS social worker does. Luthi said the elementary school social worker has done wonderful things and has coordinated with local staff of the Alaska Dept. of Health and Social Services. A half-time position for testing and assessment at the high school has been eliminated, so next year the social worker will divide her time between the elementary school and high school to deal with students who have problems with substance abuse and at home, Luthi added.

Mayor Denise Michels asked if the State requires a social worker in the district.

"No," Luthi replied. "Counselors are hard to come by and are trained in specific areas." They are able to get help for kids with alcohol and drug abuse problems and shattered homes, he explained.

Councilman Jon Larson asked for information on the teacher-student ratio at NPS. Unable to provide a detailed response during the work session, Luthi later obtained the information and presented it at the regular council meeting Monday night.

Based on projected student enrollment at the elementary school next year, the teacher/pupil ratio will be 1:17 for kindergarten classes; 1:18, first grade, 1:16, second grade; 1:19, third and fourth grades, 1:23.5 for fifth grade classes; and 1:16, sixth grade.

Based on tentative schedules and projected student enrollment, next year the teacher/pupil ratio will be 1:12 for junior high students and 1:15 for high school students, Luthi reported.

Councilman Randy Pomeranz asked whether the community schools position had been cut from the general fund budget and reinstated with grant monies. Luthi verified that the position would no longer be included in the general fund budget, and that Wehde had found grant monies to fund it for one more year.

Noting that the FY 2010 budget allocates \$1.3 million for heat and electricity, councilman Jerald Brown said there must be a way to reduce energy costs at NPS in the long run. He acknowledged that shortage of funds is a barrier, but said it makes no sense to keep paying for high energy costs instead of investing in energy-saving alternatives.

Luthi agreed with Brown and said Wehde and Margaret Thomas are working to find funds for that purpose.



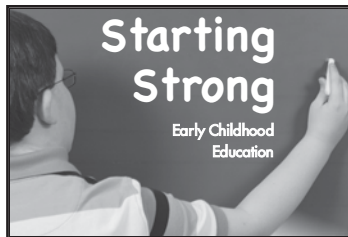
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## Learning doesn't stop at school's end

**By Kelly Thrun,  
Kindergarten Teacher**

It is already May, and although school will soon be over, the importance of providing opportunities for



your child to be successful in school continues to be of utmost importance.

Recognizing that parents are the first and most important teacher in a child's life, summer is a good time to foster skills necessary for a child to be successful in school and throughout life.

The following are ways that I have observed parents help their children become successful learners. These suggestions can be used over the summer and throughout the school year.

Johnathan L.'s mom makes sure he is on time to school every single day. Johnathan is learning the importance of his education and being punctual.

Sarah W.'s mom whispers a motivational saying to her every morning. This encourages Sarah to always try her best every single day. To be successful, early learners often need reminders over and over again.

Hailey's mom shows her that schoolwork is a priority by writing comments and placing stickers or gold stars on completed homework. Hailey's homework comes back to school completed and marked as a job well done.

Owen J.'s mom comes to the classroom every Friday to check in with the teacher to see how everything is going. What is the new word-wall word this week? What is the theme this month? This shows Owen that his mom thinks school is important. It is an excellent idea to check in with your child's classroom teacher on a regular basis.

Ada's mom has a place for everything in their home. Ada has a basket to put things in and a hook for her outdoor clothing. She has tubs for this and totes for that. For Ada, everything has a place and that has

taught her the skill of organization. Being organized is a terrific skill to have in school. It helps to keep track of all your things independently, including your homework folder!

Reese's mom helps him by asking him to recall details such as "who, what, when, where and why" every day. This shows Reese that his mom thinks school is important, and it helps Reese to recall details about his day. Retelling a story in sequential order is a very important early reading skill.

When Bethany's mom has a holiday off from work, she volunteers in our classroom and reads to groups of students. She lets the children pick the books for her to read aloud. She engages the children by asking questions. For example: "Why did all the other ducks make fun of the ugly duckling?" "How do you think he felt when they made fun of him?" Recalling story details helps students with comprehension.

Aver's mom has taught her self

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**In memory of  
BONNIE JUNE  
JOHNSON**

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## Church Services Directory

**Bible Baptist Church Service Schedule, 443-2144**  
Sunday School 10 a.m./Worship Hour 11 a.m.

**Community Baptist Church-SBC**  
108 West Third, 443-5448

**Small Group Bible Study** 10 a.m.

**Sunday Morning Worship** 11 a.m.

Pastor Bruce Landry

**Community United Methodist**

2nd Ave. West, 443-2865

**Sunday** 11 a.m. Worship

**Tuesday** 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

**Thrift Shop** — Tuesday & Thursday 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

**Nome Covenant Church**

101 Bering St. 443-2565 • **Pastor Harvey**

**Sunday School** 9:45 a.m./**Sunday Worship** 11 a.m.

**Wednesday:** Fellowship Meal 5:30 p.m./Ladies' Bible Study,

Mens' Fraternity & Children's Choir 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday:** Youth Group 7 p.m. (call 443-7218 for location)

**Friday:** Community Soup Kitchen 6 - 7 p.m.

**Our Savior Lutheran Church**

5th & Bering, 443-5295

**Sunday School** 10:30 a.m./Morning Worship 11 a.m.

**River of Life Assembly of God, 443-5333**

**Sunday School** 10 a.m.

**Sunday Worship Service** 11 a.m.

**Wednesday Night Service** 6:30 p.m.

**St. Joseph Catholic Church, 443-5527**

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**Mass Schedule: Saturday** 5:30 p.m./**Sunday** 10:30 a.m.

**Seventh-Day Adventist (Icy View), 443-5137**

**Saturday Sabbath School** 10 a.m.

**Saturday Morning Worship** 11 a.m.

**Nome Church of Nazarene**

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Job Description: In charge of a Fishing Tender used for buying and transporting live crab. Qualifications: Six Pack highly desirable, familiarity with Norton Sound waters, ability to work with a diverse crew, ability to comply with Coast Guard Regulations. Must be a clear headed drug and alcohol free individual.

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Applications are available at WWW.NSEDC.com, Nome Job Service, NSEDC offices and Village Liaisons. We expect to fill these positions quickly. Please apply early.  
5/7-14

**Native Village of Unalakleet**  
P.O. Box 270  
Unalakleet, AK 99684  
Ph: (907) 624-3622  
Fax: (907) 624-3621  
Email: unkira@kawerak.org

**NOTICE OF JOB VACANCY**  
May 6, 2009  
**CLOSING DATE:** Open until filled  
**JOB TITLE:** General Manager, Native Village of Unalakleet  
**SALARY:** DOE / Exempt  
**WORK SCHEDULE:** Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM; may vary due to travel and after hours work  
**BRIEF SUMMARY OF JOB:** Administers and oversees the day-to-day operations of the Native Village. Is directly involved in strategic and long-term planning; oversees and monitors the Village's financial viability through contract agreements; identifies and pursues funding from the Federal Government and other sources. Monitors the pulse of the organization and maintains a good working relationship with the staff, the community and other government agencies. Is responsible for assuring that the activities are conducted in accordance with the by-laws, resolutions and policies of the Native Village of Unalakleet. Reports directly to the Unalakleet IRA Council.  
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Native Village of Unalakleet  
P.O. Box 270  
Unalakleet, AK 99684-027  
Phone: (907) 624-3622  
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E-mail: unkira@kawerak.org

Applications are available at the Native Village of Unalakleet office.  
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**JOB OPENING**  
**The City of Nome is accepting applications for:**  
**Position: Communications Officer I**  
Range 11  
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Hours: Full Time – Shift Work  
Qualifications: Applicant must be 18 years of age or older; High School diploma or GED required; must write, spell, type accurately and legibly and speak clearly; maintain confidential information; work independently, sometimes alone; have the ability to multi-task; proficiency in MS Office programs; must be willing to work shifts and overtime and submit to a background investigation.

Closing Date: Open until filled

Applications may be obtained from City Hall 443-6663, Nome Job Service or through our website at [www.nomealaska.org](http://www.nomealaska.org). Fax completed applications to 443-5349 or deliver to City Hall. For more information call Dana Handeland at 443-6621.

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Local air carriers were notified and requested to be on the look out for Blodgett during flight over the area. On May 8, Blodgett had still not returned to Nome. Nome Volunteer Search and Rescue and Teller Search and Rescue groups were contacted. Both groups determined that search via snow machine or ground bases equipment would be extremely difficult and dangerous due to the conditions. Weather has precluded an aerial search. Once weather conditions improve search aircraft will be launched to search the area for Blodgett.

**Editor's note: On Friday night around 6 p.m. a Bering Air plane with emergency personnel on board located Blodgett 60 miles outside of Nome near Canyon Creek. He was taken into Nome by helicopter but refused transport to Norton Sound Hospital. Nome Police and Troopers took him to Norton Sound Hospital under Title 47 protective custody. He was treated for hypothermia and frostbite. )**

On May 6, at 10:00 a.m., AST received a report of a disturbance in Savoonga. A male juvenile was subsequently charged with Minor Consuming Alcohol and Disorderly Conduct.

On May 7, at approximately 5:49 a.m., Stephan Apangalook, 18, of Gambell was held at the Gambell Police Department for his safety due to his level of intoxication. Stephan Apangalook was also issued a summons for Minor Consuming and violating his probation conditions by consuming alcohol.

On May 9, at 7:45 a.m., AST received a report of a disturbance in Gambell. Stephen Apangalook, 18, of Gambell, was subsequently charged with Minor Consuming Alcohol and Probation Violation.

On May 9, at 5:15 p.m., AST received a report of a disturbance in Gambell. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Travis Kaniingok, 23, of Gambell, for Probation Violation.

On May 10, Nome ABADE contacted Andrew C. R. Weyiouanna, 26, of Nome, at a local air carrier in Nome. Incident to contact, 3-750ml bottles of alcohol were removed from his person. Charges will be forwarded to Office of Special Prosecutions and Appeals.

On May 10, at 2:10 p.m., AST received a report of an intoxicated man with a firearm in Gambell. Ernest Apangalook, 26, of Gambell, was subsequently arrested for Misconduct Involving Weapons IV, and Criminal Trespass I.

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## Trooper Beat

On April 15, at approximately 1 p.m., Alaska State Troopers and Alaska Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Enforcement intercepted a box that had been shipped to Shishmaref that contained alcohol. The investigation is ongoing.

On April 24, Alaska Wildlife Troopers in Anchorage issued a citation to Clorissia Raymond for failure to return her Nome Subdistrict Subsistence Fishing Permit by the appropriate time per the conditions of the permit.

On April 29, at approximately 11 a.m., Gideon Okpowruk, 23, of Shishmaref was arrested on an outstanding arrest warrant for failing to appear for court. Okpowruk was transported and lodged at Anvil Mountain Correctional Center.

On April 29, at approximately 4 p.m., AST intercepted a bag containing alcohol headed to St. Michael. The investigation revealed Alice Milton was bringing the alcohol to St. Michael. A summons for Importation of Alcohol was requested.

During the first week of May, the following individuals were issued citations by AWT in Nome for failure to return Alaska Department of Fish and Game permit reports at the appointed time: Michael Mayak, Michael Walker, Thomas Noyakuk, Troy Miller, Reece Madden, and Danny Aukon.

On May 2, at about 7:37 p.m., the Saint Michael VPO received a report of a disturbance outside a Saint Michael residence. As the VPO responded he observed Warren Elachik, 29, of Saint Michael, assaulting his girlfriend. Elachik was arrested for Assault IV and additionally charged with probation violation when it was determined he'd been drinking alcohol. Elachik will be telephonically arraigned then transported to Nome.

On May 2, at about 10 p.m., Nome AST was advised Carlson Tingook, 48, of Teller, was overdue from Nome. AST was advised Tingook headed to Teller from Penny River by snow machine on May 2, at about 9 a.m. and had not made it to Teller. A search and rescue team from Teller was authorized and a family member was being the Nome area. On May 3, at about 9:30 a.m., Nome AST was advised Tingook was in Nome.

On May 4, at approximately 9 a.m., AST contacted Stanley Milligrock, 26, of Wales, at a local airline. The investigation revealed that Stanley Milligrock was taking alcohol to Wales. A summons for Importation was requested.

On May 4, at approximately 3:30 p.m., AST received a report that Brandon Mike, 17, of Stebbins, and Michael Pete, 17, of Stebbins, were overdue from a hunting trip. A hasty team was sent out from Stebbins. The hasty team located Brandon Mike and Michael Pete approximately 15 miles south of Stebbins, on foot, wet, cold and hungry. Mike and Pete had encountered overflow and had to abandon their snowmachines. No injuries were reported.

On May 4, at 8:30 p.m., Village Public Safety Officer John Peratrovich received a report of a disturbance in Savoonga. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Martha Kiyuklook, 44, of Savoonga, for Violation of Conditions of Release and Harassment II. Kiyuklook was remanded to the AMCC.

On May 5, at 8:43 a.m., AST received a report of inmates fighting at the AMCC. Tanya Frankson, 21, of Point Hope, was subsequently charged with Harassment II; and Delight Aukon, 22, of Elim, was subsequently charged with Disorderly Conduct.

On May 6, at about 11:35 a.m., Jeremiah Pete, 29, of Stebbins, was in the Nome AST office filling out paperwork and he was observed to have an odor of alcohol coming from his breath and person. Investigation revealed Pete was released May 5, 2009 on conditions in Nome District Court case 2NO-09-233CR, original charge Furnishing Alcohol to Minors. Pete's conditions of release included not to possess or consume alcohol. Pete was arrested for Violation of Conditions of Release and lodged at AMCC.

On May 6, at approximately 2:00 p.m., Kellen Okpealuk, 20, of Wales, was arrested on an outstanding arrest warrant for Burglary I. Kellen Okpealuk was transported to AMCC.

On May 7, at 3:30 a.m., Tenadore Oozeva, 35, of Gambell was arrested after investigation revealed that he violated his probation conditions by consuming alcohol.

On May 7, at approximately 11 a.m., Steven Longley, 48, of Nome, reported that Robert D. Blodgett, 31, of Nome, was overdue from a snow-machine trip. Longley reported that Blodgett had left Nome on a snowmachine on May 4, and was supposed to return on May 6. Longley is familiar with the area and had adequate survival equipment. Weather conditions were warm and traveling in the area via snow machine has been extremely slow due to open water leads on rivers, and poor snow conditions. A friend of Blodgett left Nome on his own to look for Blodgett on May 7.

## Legals

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA**  
**SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME**  
CASE NO: 2NO-09-00100CI  
**ORDER FOR HEARING, PUBLICATION AND POSTING**  
In the Matter of a Change of Name for: **Matthew Thomas Wukovich**,  
Current name of Minor.  
**Notice of Petition to Change Name**  
A petition has been filed in the Superior Court (Case # 2NO-09-00100CI) requesting a name change from (current name) **Matthew Thomas Wukovich** to **Matthew Thomas Appolloni**. A hearing on this request will be held on **May 28, 2009 at 4:14 pm at Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street PO Box 1110 Nome, AK.**  
4/23-30-5/7-14

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA**  
**SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME**  
CASE NO: 2NO-09-00101CI  
**ORDER FOR HEARING, PUBLICATION AND POSTING**  
In the Matter of a Change of Name for: **Nathaniel Michael Wukovich**,  
Current name of Minor.  
**Notice of Petition to Change Name**  
A petition has been filed in the Superior Court (Case # 2NO-09-00101CI) requesting a name

change from (current name) **Nathaniel Michael Wukovich** to **Nathaniel Michael Appolloni**. A hearing on this request will be held on **May 28, 2009 at 4:14 pm at Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street PO Box 1110 Nome, AK.**  
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**INVITATION TO BID**  
**SUB/SUPPLIER BIDS REQUESTED FOR:**  
**New Norton Sound Regional Hospital**  
Nome, Alaska - Sol. #09-102-SOL-00003

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**The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) provided additional funds to the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program (EFSP) for the following jurisdictions: Fairbanks North Star Borough, Nome Census Area, Northwest Arctic Borough, Southeast Fairbanks Census Area, and Yukon-**

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Starting Strong

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discipline by providing her with time and opportunities to practice telling a story over and over again. Aver was

a very excited and proud narrator for our kindergarten class play. Confidence in one’s self and abilities are fantastic early skills.

Alicyn’s mom and dad provide her

More Legals

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Koyukuk Census Area.

The selection will be made by a National Board that is chaired by the Department of Homeland Security’s Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The National Board is charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the country.

A Local Board will determine how the funds are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service agencies in various areas. The Local Board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds available under this phase of the program.

Under the terms of the grant from the National Board, local agencies chosen to receive funds must: (1) be private voluntary nonprofits or units

of government, (2) have an accounting system, (3) practice nondiscrimination, (4) have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs, and (5) if they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board. Qualifying organizations are urged to apply.

Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contact United Way of the Tanana Valley at 907-452-7211 extension 24 for an application. The deadline for applications to be received is May 29, 2009.

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with real reasons to write. She helps to write shopping lists, invitations, letters to family and friends, even notes to the teacher requesting to be kept indoors for recess. This encourages early learners to make connections between speaking and writing. Kids want to be just like the adults in their lives. If they see you writing, they will want to write as well.

Joshua’s mom and dad have communicated their confidence in him by encouraging him to try his best until he is successful. They are always available to help Josh with homework, supporting him and proudly displaying and sharing his work and progress with friends and relatives. Joshua has gone from saying “I can’t,” to “I’ll try my best, Mrs.

Thrun.”

Owen M.’s mom volunteers her time by keeping track of Scholastic book clubs from her home. She also makes it a point to purchase books through the class club so that our class earns free books. This type of involvement supports an entire classroom full of eager readers.

When Sarah K.’s mom reads with students, she reminds them to run their finger below the words as they read. She helps them to pronounce each word very distinctly and then asks the child how many words were in the sentence. She has observed her child’s teacher in the classroom and has incorporated great read-aloud activities when volunteering in the classroom.

Macey’s parents understand the importance of reading for 20 minutes every day with their child. Macey reads everyday and it sure does show in class. Turning off the television and video games and getting down to the business of reading sometimes can be hard, but it is absolutely necessary.

Research shows that the most important variable in a child’s success in school is parental involvement in a child’s education. You do not need to go far to find great ideas and suggestions on how to help your child to do the best he or she can in school. Summer is a perfect time to practice so that they are ready for school and ready to learn. See you all in the fall!

Seawall

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Gary Cantrell, DOB: 10/7/83, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violating Conditions of Release.

Jennifer Russell, DOB: 1/5/81, received a citation for Failure to Provide a Child Seat.

Christian Clark, DOB: 9/1/74, received a citation for Expired Registration.

Kimberly Iyakitan, DOB: 6/1/67, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violating Conditions of Release.

Colombus Sobocienski, DOB: 2/23/73, was issued a citation for an Objectionable Animal.

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Ryan Antogham, DOB: 10/16/76, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault in the Fourth Degree, Domestic Violence, and Violating Conditions of Release.

Gary Amarok, DOB: 3/4/74, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Probation Violation.

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Aloysius Muktoyuk, DOB: 5/19/71, was arrested and booked into AMCC for two counts of Assault 4th Degree Domestic Violence, Violating Conditions of Probation, and Interference with Investi-

gation.

5/8 Nicholas Anasogak, DOB: 12/29/75, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.

5/9

Colombus Sobocienski, DOB: 2/23/73, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Driving while under the Influence of Alcohol and Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance in the Sixth Degree.

Larry Custer, DOB: 4/21/76, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Theft in the Fourth Degree.

5/10

Melinda Erickson, DOB: 3/6/75, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault in the Fourth Degree, Domestic Violence.

5/11

Catherine Kakaruk, DOB: 8/3/74, was issued a citation for Illegal Parking.

During this reporting period, we had ten persons transported to the hospital for a Title 47 Protective Custody Hold.

Notice of Koyuk Native Corporation (KNC) Shareholders Annual Meeting



PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the KNC Annual Shareholders Meeting will be held on Saturday, May 30, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. at the Koyuk Community Hall for the following purposes:

Election of (3) Board of Directors & and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

4/16, 4/23, 4/30, 5/7, 5/14, 5/21



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NVOS intends to enter into a contract for professional CPA services for the auditing requirements of the Single Audit Act.

The successful firm will act as NVOS’s Project Technical Representative to provide professional service to evaluate compliance with the Single Audit Act requirements; Prepare the annual audit report with government auditing standards (GAGAS); Determine whether the financial statements and schedules of expenditures of Federal awards are presented fairly; Follow up on prior year audit findings; Designate auditee as low risk, if applicable.

The solicitation package will be available for distribution by mail, fax, or e-mail, beginning MAY 6, 2009. Responses must be submitted in the format specified in the solicitation, and must be received no later than 5 p.m. on MAY 27, 2009

Requests for solicitation documents must be directed to Karlene Sagoonick, Tribal Coordinator

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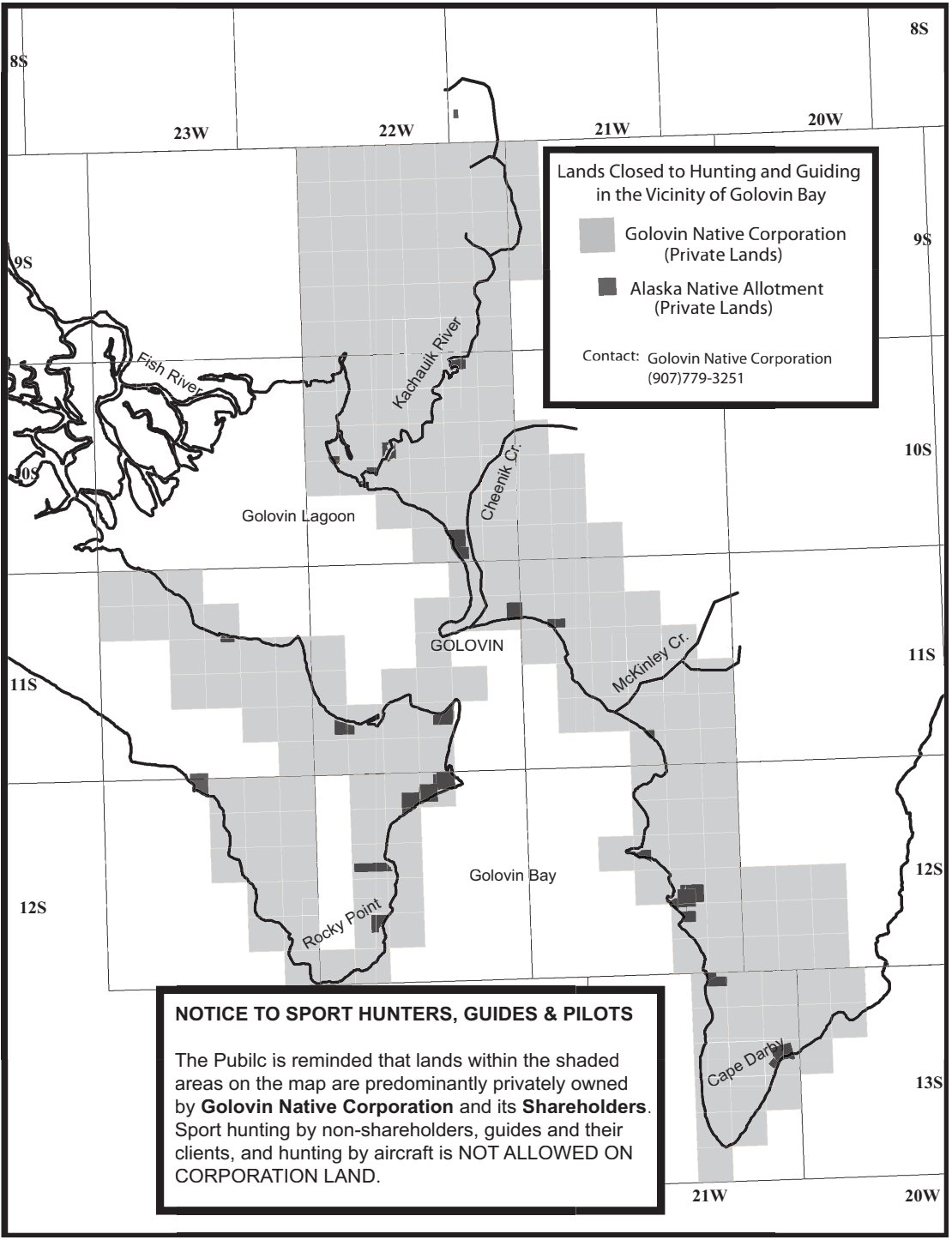
Arctic ICANS next meeting

The Nome Cancer support group will meet at the XYZ Center on

Thursday, May 14 • 7:30 p.m.

Relay for Life event

For more information call 443-5726.



**Lands Closed to Hunting and Guiding in the Vicinity of Golovin Bay**

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Contact: Golovin Native Corporation (907)779-3251

**NOTICE TO SPORT HUNTERS, GUIDES & PILOTS**

The Public is reminded that lands within the shaded areas on the map are predominantly privately owned by **Golovin Native Corporation** and its **Shareholders**. Sport hunting by non-shareholders, guides and their clients, and hunting by aircraft is **NOT ALLOWED ON CORPORATION LAND**.





Photo by Tyler Rhodes

JUST A DRILL—Rena Booshu of the Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department and Jerry Steiger of the volunteer Fire Department tend to Jessica Saclamana during a disaster drill May 8. The drill involved multiple agencies to practice working together to respond to emergencies on a larger scale.

# Saying it Sincerely

By Pastor Julie Yoder Elmore  
Community United Methodist Church  
for the Nome Ministerial Association

Reference: John 10:11-18

“I am the Good Shepherd,” Jesus says in John 10:14. “I know my own and my own know me.” What a comfort to know that God hears our voice, but if Jesus/God is the good shepherd, how do we know when we hear God’s voice? For some of us God’s voice is plain and audible, just as if we were speaking from one human to another. For others of us, God speaks through other people or nature. For others of us still, God speaks through art or a multitude of other ways. Perhaps God speaks to us in several different ways each time. For some of us, tears well up in our eyes when we feel a strong presence of God and sense that God is trying to communicate something to us in that time, in that place. For others of us it still remains a mystery. The possibilities are endless.

God wants a relationship with us – individually and as humanity. Being in a relationship with God is like being in a relationship with other people or with our pets. We have to work hard at those relationships. To be in a good relationship with someone, there is mutual giving and receiving, in other words, reciprocity. Relationships change over time. Trust is built, sometimes there is pain and hopefully there are many more times of joy and fulfillment. Relationships change when someone moves to a different city, town or village. Time spent communicating is important whether it be on the phone, e-mailing, texting, chatting, talking, using a web camera. A lot of work and sacrifice has to be made to maintain this long distance relationship. Relationships change when something bad happens and people no long want to see one another. Pets need to be fed, cuddled, and petted in order for a good mutual relationship.

Our relationship with God is much the same. We have to work at our relationship with God. The difference in that relationship is that God will never leave or forsake us. We can work on our relationship with God through prayer, through reading the Bible, through devotional times, through journaling, through taking a walk in nature or in town, just being still in the presence of God. We can be in relationship with God through song or playing our favorite musical instrument. The possibilities are endless.

How is your relationship with God? Are you in tune with what God is trying to say to you in this time and this place? The good news is that even when we falter on our part of the relationship, God sticks with us. Even when we, like sheep stray, God is seeking to bring us back to the fold. Thank God for such a Good Shepherd!

## NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE for the Year 2009, listing Delinquent Real Property Taxes for the Years 2006 & 2007.

TAKE NOTICE that on or about the 28th Day of April, 2009, the City of Nome filed in Superior Court at Nome, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska, a certified copy of the foreclosure list for the years 2006 & 2007, together with a Petition for Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure. Notice will be given by four weekly publications of the foreclosure list in *The Nome Nugget* weekly newspaper on April 30 and on May 7, 14, 21, 2009. In addition to publication, a notice will be mailed, postage prepaid, to the

last-known owner of the property as their name appears on the foreclosure list.

During the time of publication of the foreclosure list, and up to the expiration of the statutory period for redemption, the property listed on the foreclosure list may be redeemed by payment in full for all taxes, penalties, and interest due and owing on the parcel(s) sought to be redeemed together with payment for a proportionate share of the costs of foreclosure, including but not limited to, the costs of publication, mailing,

and attorney's fees.

The foreclosure list is available for public inspection at the Clerk's Office in City Hall, Nome, Alaska, at 102 Division Street, Nome, Alaska 99762. PAYMENT IN FULL OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT SHOWN ON THE FORECLOSURE LIST PLUS INTEREST, PENALTIES, AND A PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE COSTS OF FORECLOSURE MUST BE MADE BEFORE ANY PROPERTY WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE FORECLOSURE LIST.

### CITY OF NOME, ALASKA 2006-2007 FORECLOSURE LIST

OWNER OF RECORD	TAX LOT #	LEGAL	2006 TAX	2007 TAX	PENALTY	INTEREST*	GRAND TOTAL**
Apok, Martha (Estate) c/o Sharla Pate	001.121.31	South ½ of Lot 12, B 48 NT		814.00	65.12	115.08	994.20
Aukon, Danny Wayne Jr. & Barbara Lee	001.151.02A	Lot 13A, B 31 NT	685.30	685.30	109.65	248.44	1728.69
Ayek, Mary (Estate) c/o Sylvester Ayek	001.121.02	Lot 2, B 46 NT	1009.84			73.71	1083.55
The Cooperative Small Boat Fishermans Association of Alaska	001.411.24	Lot 49, B 57 NT		372.22		0.98	373.20
Eaton, Mike, Gloria & Lorriane	001.281.64	Lot 25A, B 27 Official plat 83-22 of U.S. Survey 451	596.20	596.20	95.39	216.14	1503.93
Eberl, Hatto H.	001.119.06	Lot 6, B 119 NT		333.30	26.66	47.12	407.08
Eberl, Hatto	001.221.08	L 4A and the Westerly 14 feet of Lot 5A, B 92 NT	193.60	193.60	30.98	70.19	488.37
Eberl, Hatto	001.221.08A	Lot 5A, B 92 NT	1059.30	1059.30	169.49	384.03	2672.12
Eberl, Hatto	001.241.31A	Lot 8A, B 30 of the replat of Lots 5,6,7,8,9 & N.1/2 of L10 excepting the East 25', NT		1538.90	123.11	217.56	1879.57
Hager, John & Tina	198.2.181	Lot 4A Flat Creek Subdivision	1773.20	1773.20	283.71	642.83	4472.94
Halladay, Duffy	001.231.28	North 65' of the South 97' of Lot 1, B 65 NT		650.10	52.01	91.91	794.02
Hoogendorn, Betty Ann	198.2.250	Section 24 MS # 1120 East Bench Placer		2788.50	223.08	394.21	3405.79
Kakik, Sam & Zarcone, Beatrice Lee,	001.311.15	West ½ of Lot 11 & all of Lot 12, B 96 NT	1083.50	1083.50	173.36	392.80	2733.16
Luce, Robert	001.111.16	Lot 6, B 69 NT	1656.60	1656.60	265.06	600.56	4178.82
Merkouris, John & My Quyen	001.281.39	North 46' of Lot 16, B 25 NT	397.78	695.20	55.62	127.75	1276.35
Milligrock, Lydia	198.2.464	Lot 6, B 14, Icy View Subdivision	1443.46	2054.80	164.39	373.24	4035.89
Mogg, Gloria J.	001.311.16	L 9,10,11(E 1/2) B 96 NT		577.50	46.20	81.65	705.35
Oleson, Joleen D.	001.281.23	East 20' of Lot 1, B 26 NT	256.85	513.70	61.64	83.16	915.35
Trigg, Clarence	001.161.25	L 29 & 30 (L 30 exc W 3'), B 66 NT	838.20	838.20	134.11	304.02	2114.53

*Interest for this total is computed as of April 21, 2009. Additional interest at eight percent (8%) per year on the tax due continues to accrue until paid in full. **In addition, each property or owner must pay its proportionate costs of foreclosure, including but not limited to attorney fees, court costs, costs of notice and publication, and costs of mailing. The costs must be paid before the property may be removed from the foreclosure list. I certify that I am the City Clerk/Treasurer of the City of Nome, Alaska and that the foregoing foreclosure list is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

/s/ Sandy Sturgis-Babcock, City Clerk/Treasurer

/s/ Joeline M. Kacena Notary Public, My Commission expires: 3/29/13

THIS LIST IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AT THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK FOR THE CITY OF NOME, ALASKA, AT 102 DIVISION STREET, NOME, ALASKA 99762. A PETITION FOR JUDGMENT AND DECREE OF FORECLOSURE HAS BEEN FILED WITH THE SUPERIOR COURT IN NOME, ALASKA.



All Around the Sound

New Arrival

John and Eleanor Taft of Shishmaref and Jacqueline Iyatunguk of Anchorage are proud to announce the birth of their son **Daniel Kaden Sinakok Nayarook Ahnahkoozuk Iyatunguk-Taft**. Daniel was born in Anchorage on April 28 at 4:22a.m. He weighed 9.5 lbs. and was 20 1/2 inches long. Daniel joins siblings Elsa, 9, Winfred, 7, Brian, 7, Delbert, 4, and Kane, 2. His grandparents are Mildred Taft of Deering, Winfred and Lucy Obruk of Shishmaref and Edna Iyatunguk of Anchorage.

Congratulations

Nome Nugget reporter Diana

Haecker took four first place awards and one third place award at the Alaska Professional Communicators conference May 7 in Anchorage. Her wining articles were for continuing coverage with the Rock Creek Mine development; science articles about the Coast Guard icebreaker *Polar Sea*, the impact of more arctic marine traffic, the Clean Water Initiative and polar bears on the tip of the iceberg in global warming. She was awarded first place for social issues with her stories on homelessness and underage drinking. She also was awarded first place for her story and photos about a problem muskox that attacked trucks .

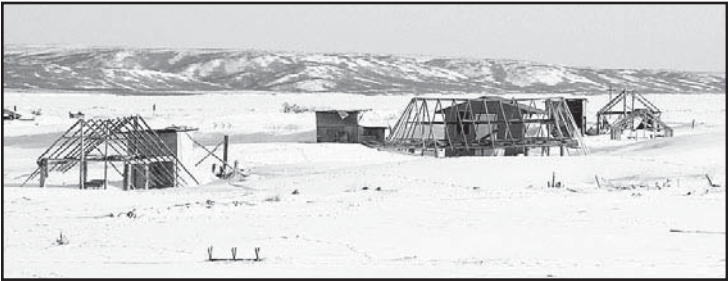


Photo by Laurie McNicholas

**AWAITING COHO RUN—Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. operates this salmon processing plant in Unalakleet.**



Photo by Nikolai Ivanoff

**DIGGING OUT—** Department of Transportation crews work to clear the Council Highway at Cape Nome.

Court

Week ending 5/8  
Civil

In the Matter of: Cannon, Marlene; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear  
In the Matter of: Ahwinona, Dora; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear  
In the Matter of: Chambers, Wick; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear  
In the Matter of: Ellanna, Donna; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear  
In the Matter of: Jorgensen, Marilyn; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear  
In the Matter of: Toshavik, Leeta; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear  
In the Matter of: Yuman, Jeanette; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear  
Cornerstone Credit Services LLC vs. Kingeekuk, Frances; Debt - District Court  
Amarok, Virginia vs. Amarok, Gary; DV: ExParte Only  
Hernandez, Joana-Karina vs. Larsen, Ivan; DV: Both ExParte & Long Term  
Iya, Jeanette vs. Miklahook Iya, Bertha; Petition for Custody - Superior Court  
Lewis, Charlene A. vs. Lewis, Larry D.; Divorce Without Children - Superior Court

Small Claims

Jones, Rodney Edward vs. Green Jr., Louis; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Deft. Cert Mail  
Cornerstone Credit Services LLC vs. Ozenna, Ann Marie; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Deft. Cert Mail  
Cornerstone Credit Services LLC vs. Yenana, Daisy Rose Kulowiya; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Deft. Cert Mail  
Cornerstone Credit Services LLC vs. Brown, Bernice A.; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Deft. Cert Mail

Criminal

State of Alaska v. Katrina Alison Toolie (5/3/87); Order Suspending Imposition of Sentence and Providing for Probation; Misconduct Involving Controlled Substance 4°; Date of offense: 11/11/08; Defendant came before court on 4/30/09, with counsel, Kirsten Bey, Public Defender Agency, and John Earthman, District Attorney present; It appearing to the satisfaction of this court that the ends of justice and the best interests of the public, as well as the defendant, will be served thereby, IT IS OR-

DERED that the sentencing of the defendant is suspended for a period of 2 years and the defendant is placed on probation to the DOC under the conditions of probation listed below; Police Training Surcharge: pay the following surcharge pursuant to AS 12.55.039 within 10 days: \$100; Initial Jail Surcharge: Defendant arrested and taken to a correctional facility and is being sentenced to serve a term of imprisonment; Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that defendant immediately pay a correctional facilities surcharge of \$100 to the Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage; Second Jail Surcharge: IT IS ORDERED that the defendant pay a correctional facilities surcharge of \$100 if defendant's probation is revoked and, in connection with the revocation, defendant is arrested and taken to a correctional facility or jail time is ordered served; AS 12.55.041(c); Special Condition of Probation—Imprisonment: Shall serve the following term of imprisonment: 30 days; this court recommends service of time at Seaside Community Residential Center; Shall report to AMCC by 6/1/09; General and Other Special Conditions of Probation set, as stated in order; Probation expires 4/30/11; Any appearance or performance bond in this case: is exonerated.

State of Alaska v. Louise Martin (3/8/84); 2NO-06-781CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109521846; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, remanded into custody.

State of Alaska v. Louise Martin (3/8/84); 2NO-06-998CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109522377; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 60 days, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-06-781CR; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Louise Martin (3/8/84); 2NO-08-643CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110698452; No Action Taken; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Louise Martin (3/8/84); 2NO-09-80CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Criminal Trespass 1°; Filed by the DAs Office 5/1/09.

State of Alaska v. Louise Martin (3/8/84); 2NO-09-213CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Violating Conditions of Release; Filed by the DAs Office 5/1/09.

State of Alaska v. Rhonda Komok (12/22/66); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110825217; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 4 months, remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Daisy May Weinard (5/9/90); Minor Consuming Alcoholic Beverage; Date of offense: 4/12/07; Fined \$300 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$200 to Nome Clerk of Court by 7/1/09; Probation for 1 year; Shall not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages.

State of Alaska v. Gary Amarok (3/4/74); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110061252; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to 5/7/10; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Donna Adams (6/16/52); DUI; Date of offense: 3/1/09; 30 days, 27 days suspended; Report by 5/23/09 to AMCC to serve 72 hours; Fine: \$1,500 with \$0 suspended; Unsuspended \$1,500 due 3/1/10; Police Training Surcharge: \$75 with \$0 suspended; \$75 due 10 days from date of this judgment (5/7/09); Jail Surcharge: \$150 (if probation), \$100 suspended (if probation); \$50 due, payable to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Cost of Imprisonment: \$330 (1st offense), \$0 suspended; \$300 due, payable to AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Restitution: In an amount to be determined; File information by 6/1/09; Complete Substance Abuse Treatment Assessment: Has completed screening; Complete recommended program; Driver's license revoked for 90 days; Concurrent with DMV action; Use an Ignition Interlock Device: After privilege to drive, us ignition interlock device (IID) as directed in the IID Information Sheet for 12 months during the period of probation; Costs of IID will be deducted from fine if you file proof of payment before fine due date; Probation until 5/7/10;

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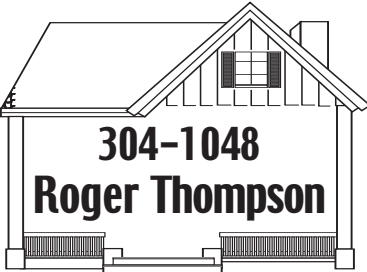


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**RIGHT BEFORE HER EYES**—Nome Elementary School student Chase Marvin dazzles classmate Allison Komonaseak with his handmade bubble maker. Marvin made the largest bubble in the annual Bubble Festival in Keith Conger’s first grade class.

## Contaminated soils to get scrubbed at Anvil Mountain

*Air Force to remove toxic PCBs used at White Alice Communication site*

By Laurie McNicholas

The U.S. Air Force is developing a plan to clean up soils contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) at the former Anvil Mountain Radio Relay Station next year.

PCBs are the only contaminants of concern remaining in the soil, Air Force representative Steve Hunt told the Nome Common Council at a work session May 11. Hunt is remedial project manager with the 611th Civil Engineering Squadron. He said transformer fluid containing PCBs was used to service electronics at the relay station and then discarded or spilled onsite.

The manufacture of PCBs was stopped in the United States in 1977 because of evidence they build up in the environment and can cause harmful health effects, including cancer, according to information posted at [www.MedicineNet.com](http://www.MedicineNet.com). Before 1977 PCBs were used as coolants and lubricants in transformers and other electrical equipment because they don’t burn easily and work well as insulators.

The station atop Anvil Mountain was built in 1957 as one of the original 31 White Alice Communication System facilities constructed during

the Cold War era of the 1950s, reports the “Follow-on Remedial investigation Work Plan” prepared for the cleanup project by Jacobs Engineering. These sites enabled the Aircraft Control and Warning system site to link with the Distant Early Warning System to form a cohesive network relaying information to Elmendorf and Eielson Air Force bases. The station was operated through 1979 and declared excess in 1981.

In 1998 the Air Force contracted with Bering Straits Development Co., owned by Bering Straits Native Corp., for a major cleanup project at the Anvil Mountain site. The project included removal and disposal of asbestos and leaded paint; demolition of all facilities, except for four 60-foot high communications towers (antennas); removal, treatment and disposal of petroleum-contaminated soil; removal of other wastes; and contouring and revegetation of the site.

At the request of the City of Nome, the towers were left standing on their concrete foundations. Hunt assured the council that plans for removal of soil containing PCBs from the White Alice site do not include

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## Senate takes aim at Native corp. contracts

By Tyler Rhodes

A U.S. Senate subcommittee is investigating the practice of handing out federal contracts to Alaska Native corporations.

Bering Straits Native Corp. is among 20 Alaska Native corporations to receive a letter from Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight probing the contracts distributed through the

Small Business Administration’s 8(a) program. BSNC is the regional corporation for the majority of the Seward Peninsula and eastern Norton Sound.

The 8(a) provision gives contracting priority to small, disadvantaged businesses. Through the program and additional provisions created by former U.S. Sen. Ted Stevens, Alaska Na-

tive corporations have been able to receive contracts of limitless value often without having to bid against other entities.

The letters sent from Sen. Claire McCaskill, D-Mo., dated May 12, ask the corporations to provide documents and information relating to—among other items—names of subsidiaries, executive compensation for share-

holders and non-shareholders, and a breakdown of the number of employees who are and

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## Tax rates may dip as values spike

By Laurie McNicholas

The total assessed value of real and personal taxable property in Nome leaped to almost \$225 million this year, an increase of nearly \$27.7 million compared to 2008.

Ironically, Nome residents received notice of sharp increases in property value assessments following the unexpected Rock Creek Mine closure, which resulted in vacant rental housing and diminished restaurant business as

mine workers left town. This year’s extremely high prices for heating fuel, gasoline and electricity also have pinched the local economy.

Some property owners have asked the Nome Common Council to offset the big increases in their property value assessments with a big reduction in the current 10 mil tax rate so they will pay no more taxes to the City in the coming fiscal year than they did this year. During a work session Monday, council members re-

viewed FY2010 budget scenarios based on three different mil rates presented by City Controller Cussy Kauer.

Kauer’s figures show that a 10 mil property tax rate would produce nearly \$2.25 million in general fund revenues in FY2010, compared to almost \$1.98 million in FY2009. A 9 mil property tax rate for FY2010 would yield \$2.02 mil-

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**READY TO WALK**—Ahbree Verdin is all smiles as she prepares to graduate. Photos of this year’s grads start on page 9.



Letters

Dear Editor,

I am expressing my thoughts about the recent news about Rock Creek Mine in this week's *Nome Nugget*. United States of America v. Alaska Gold Company et al – 3:2009cv00090 was reported as having concluded with a violation of the Clean Water Act resulting in a fine for \$883,628 to be paid by Alaska Gold Company a subsidiary of Nova Gold Inc.

I would like to know what will happen to these monies should AGC/NG pay the fines? Where does it end up? Does it go toward increasing monitoring efforts or cleanup of the pollution at the mine? Or is that left up to the mining company who promised us that this mine would not pollute our streams and rivers?

Another thing, why was this operation permitted by the government in the first place? If someone like myself can look at the Rock Creek Mine's Plan of Operations and the Environmental Investigation Document, not to be confused with an actual Environmental Impact Statement, and find them both lacking, why couldn't the government officials also find them lacking? Is it because our regulations are outdated? Are we still working off of the United States General Mining Act of 1872 (you can Google that to find out more about it)?

Anyone who is curious about Rock Creek Mine and the permitting process can go to the Alaska State Division of Mining website, <http://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/mining/lar>

Letters to the editor must be signed and include an address and phone number. Thank yous and political endorsements are considered ads.

Editorial

Holding the Bag

We're stuck with hundreds of gallons of high-priced fuel. Such a deal! Nome paid top dollar last summer to buy lots of fuel to power the Rock Creek Mine. We built a new power plant to sell electricity to Rock Creek Mine. Nome Joint Utilities thought we'd make lots of money selling electricity to the mine and Nomeites would benefit by paying less to power our homes.

Boy, did we get sold a bill of goods. We are such trusting souls. We didn't even have a contract to cover our NJU behinds. Too many of us bent over backwards to please the mine. We endured high rents and unavailable housing because of the mine. We put up with speeding trucks and heavy wear and tear on our roads. We got no property tax revenue (the mine is outside of the city limits) and the promise of a honeybucket subdivision. As a community, we got nothing. Hopefully we learned a lesson—a very painful one. We need to keep a close watch on our local government and take an active part in city government. We need an ethics watchdog. We have to kick ourselves into action and encourage folks to run for office— no more business as usual and uncontested seats.

We must encourage our youth to educate and involve themselves in the future of our town. Nomeites are fantastic folks, but we need to be able to recognize the snake oil salesmen when they come knocking at our door. If we aren't vigilant in protecting our interests, we will always end up holding the bag. — N.L.M.—

[gemine/rockcreek/index.htm](http://gemine/rockcreek/index.htm) and look it up to see exactly what I'm talking about. Make sure you look at the "Key Project Documents" that I stated above. These documents are what our government officials used to give the go-ahead on Rock Creek.

For those communities that are near the Donlin mine site on the Kuskokwim River that is near being permitted, you might want to check into NovaGold's plan of operations for your area. If it is anything like the one for Rock Creek Mine you might want to prepare for your waters to be polluted as well. <http://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/mining/lar> [gemine/donlin/index.htm](http://gemine/donlin/index.htm), [www.novagold.com](http://www.novagold.com)

As of today there is no Plan of Operations or Environmental Investigation Document listed on the site for Donlin. By the time these "key documents" are up on the website it might be too late to act. Watch for public meetings regarding the mine and attend them, so you are well informed and can have your say in the matter. Demand specific information on the project! Don't let what hap-

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Sound Off

Unions and business: Not a zero-sum game  
By Vince Beltrami

Sometimes it's hard to forget that we're all in this together. In moments of crisis, however, we must come together on level playing fields to make things work.

Our economy has gone to hell in a handbasket because a wealthy few were allowed to play by a different set of rules than the rest of us. And the problem was clear long before the pain became this severe.

Workers' productivity soared over the last 25 years, yet wages stayed flat. Now, health care costs are through the roof and millions of jobs are in jeopardy. And, as it turns out, the wealth that we created with our sweat was gambled away.

Recent years have seen the largest gap between the wealthy and the rest since just before the Great Depression. Is it any coincidence, then, that this economic inequality has now ushered in the two greatest economic crises of the last century?

Stagnant wages have severely restricted the average worker's buying power. Small businesses across the country are hurting because workers simply cannot afford to buy the very products that they're creating. Already, the new administration has moved quickly to stem the crisis, but as President Obama has said, we won't be able to rebuild the middle class if working people don't have the freedom to form and join unions.

Every year, tens of thousands of workers are harassed, intimidated and fired for expressing a desire to join a union. Even when workers are successful in their efforts, they won't receive a collective bargaining contract almost half the time.

Millions of Americans want to be able to form and join unions, but they shouldn't have to risk their livelihoods in the process. That's why Congress recently introduced the Employee Free Choice Act—legislation that will let

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A Look at the Past



Courtesy of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum  
IT'S ALMOST OVER! - Pictured in about 1905 these Nome kids can not wait to get out of school for the best time of the year: Summertime and no more school

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# Space needed if shelter to run next winter

*Shelter backers urge Nome to think of winter and homeless well before the snow flies*

By Tyler Rhodes

Before the snow has even melted in and around Nome, the organizers behind this winter's emergency shelter are already scrambling to try and be ready the next time the temperature dives well below freezing.

For the Nome Emergency Shelter Team, or NEST, that scramble is centered around finding a facility to use as next year's shelter. "If we don't have a space, we don't have a shelter," said NEST member Abby Huggins.

For 22 nights last winter, the Nome Nazarene Church offered space in its building from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. for those without shelter to spend the night. Over those nights, 42 different people stayed at the facility. Many were regulars.

When the temperatures again next winter plunge below -10°F, the threshold NEST has set for opening, the church will no longer be available as a shelter. If NEST is to achieve its goal of at least maintaining the level of service offered last year—but doing so for a full winter—a replacement facility will have to be found soon.

The part of NEST working to address the short-term needs of Nome's homeless population, which has dubbed itself NEST Now, is looking for ideas from the community on where or how to host a shelter next winter. "It happened last year because people stepped up and came together," Huggins said. She and her fellow NEST members are hoping a similar grassroots, groundswell can happen again. "We really need ideas and things offered."

Isaac Grody-Patinkin, a NEST member who will soon be moving from Nome, said an ideal facility

*"If we don't have a space, we don't have a shelter"*

— Abby Huggins

would be one that could provide shower and laundry services for those staying there. He would also like to see the facility provide other resources. "We would like the shelter to serve more as a link to social services than it has," Grody-Patinkin said.

Grody-Patinkin is also a realist, knowing last year's shelter and whatever is cobbled together for next winter, if anything, is a band-aid approach to the larger problem in Nome. "Those things are going to be wonderful in time," he said. "But at a minimum we want to maintain what we had this year."

Even maintaining the level of service offered at the Nazarene Church will be a challenge. The shelter was entirely a volunteer effort. Four hall monitors were needed for each night of operation to ensure shelter guests were able to rest peacefully and keep a watch over the building. More volunteer effort was required to coordinate those monitors and round-up supplies such as food and extra clothing.

This year, the shelter's 22 nights reflected an opening date in early March. If a shelter is to open its doors the first night temperature threshold is hit, many more volunteer hours will be necessary. "That's a much longer haul. How do we do that without burning people out?" Grody-Patinkin said.

Another challenge faced by NEST in keeping its momentum moving forward is the loss of a few of its most active members. Besides Grody-Patinkin, Nazarene pastor and NEST member Jeran Marchbanks is moving out of Nome. "We need some folks who are really passionate about seeing this continue," Grody-Patinkin said.

The other half of the NEST equation is a group working on more long-term solutions to the homeless problem in Nome. Fitting hand-in-glove with that will be a community meeting on a detox center scheduled for June 18 at Old St. Joseph Hall at 9:30 a.m.

The regular NEST meetings will be taking a break for the summer. Huggins, however, is still available if anyone has a suggestion or idea for a facility or otherwise. She can be reached at [nomesteam@gmail.com](mailto:nomesteam@gmail.com) or by calling 304-2898 or 443-5259.

While NEST's long-term goal is for a holistic approach to reduce chronic homelessness in Nome, the immediate focus is more simple and urgent. "We offer a challenge to ourselves and the community to get through the winter without one death due to exposure," Grody-Patinkin said.

That work, NEST member stress, needs to start now rather than in the dark days of winter. "Let's remember this winter. Let's remember that re-

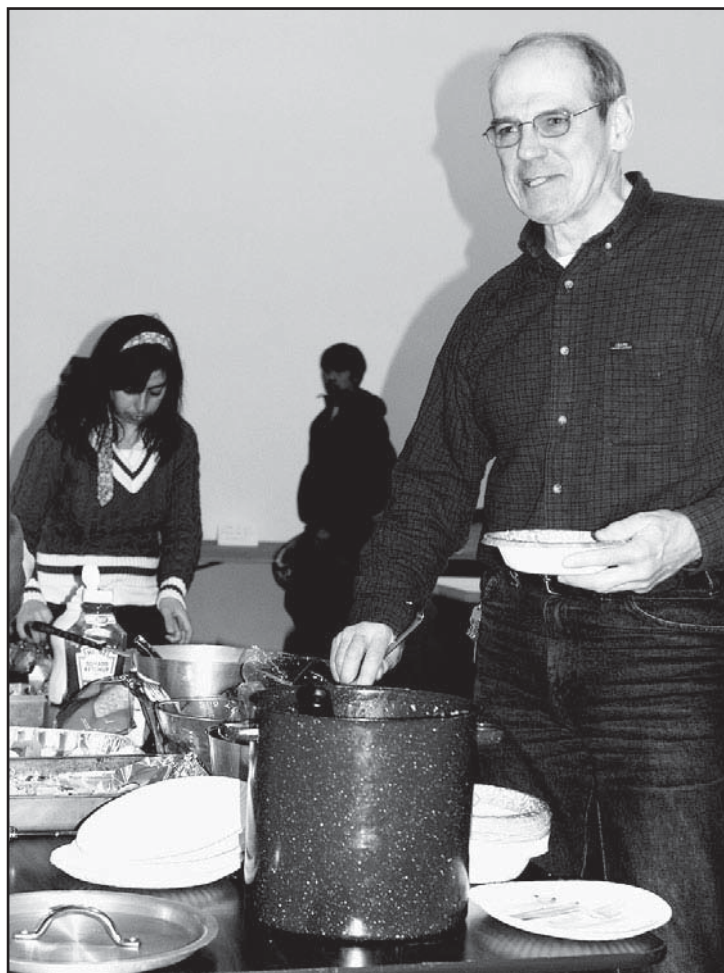


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**CELEBRATING**—Chick Trainor dishes up during a potluck held in April to celebrate the NEST emergency shelter's first winter of operation at the Nome Nazarene Church. If future celebratory potlucks are to be held, a new facility needs to be found to house the shelter.

ally cold week in March," Grody-Patinkin said.

"And let's make it happen again," Huggins said.

## Ice shoves ashore in Shaktoolik, no damage reported

According to the National Weather Service, Shaktoolik's beach saw a forceful return of a winter resident Sunday.

The weather service reported Monday evening that ice piled as high as 25 to 30 feet in places along the beach in what is described as an ice shove. "The ice shove most likely oc-

curred when shorefast ice that had broken away in the warm weather and offshore winds of the last week returned in Sunday's storm," the weather service reported.

The tallest piles of ice were reported to be near the village's corporation building with piles up to 10 feet high near the school. Sec-

tions of the beach, however, were reportedly completely ice-free and no river mouths were blocked, eliminating any danger of flooding.

The phenomenon is not expected to repeat, and the ice that did make it to shore will probably stay there until the sun says otherwise. "Weather conditions in the next week are such

that no more ice advance is expected. The ice will most likely remain in place and indeed melt in the coming weeks of seasonal warmth," the weather service said. "While the ice may be a visual curiosity, the ice shove is likely unstable and onlookers should be cautious."

## • Tax rates

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lion in general fund revenues, and an 8.76 mil rate would produce \$1.97 million—nearly as much as the 10 mil rate yielded in FY2009.

Total general fund revenues listed in the draft FY2010 budget for each property tax scenario are: 10 mil, \$9,923,850; 9 mil, \$9,913,575; and 8.76 mil, \$9,911,109. Council mem-

bers asked Kauer to project the difference in revenues between mil rates of 8.76 and 7 in the 2010 budget. She said a 7 mil rate would produce \$383,000 less in net revenues than an 8.76 mil rate.

Kauer noted that a \$600,000 decrease in sales tax revenues is anticipated next year. The draft budget for FY2010 includes \$4.6 million in general fund revenues from sale tax

collections, compared to \$5.2 million in FY2009. General fund revenues for FY2009 totaled \$12 million, including \$1 million from the sale of the Reindeer Plant to Norton Sound Economic Development Corp.

Council members spent two hours scouring the draft FY2010 budget department by department, comparing budgeted to actual expenses in the FY2009 budget and suggesting

cuts in the proposed FY2010 budget. They made numerous inquiries about current and projected expenditures, and asked Kauer and City Manager Josie Bahnke to obtain the requested information for them. Council member Mary Knodel said she is trying to get the FY2010 budget down to a 7 mil property tax basis.

The council will hold another budget work session at noon May 26.

Noting that much discussion had centered on projected Public Works Department expenses for equipment and tasks such as snow removal, Randy Pomeranz suggested that Public Works personnel be asked to attend the work session. A regular council meeting is scheduled May 26 at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Denise Michels and councilman Neal Foster were absent from the Monday work session.

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## • Anvil

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demolition of the towers.

### Removing contaminated soils

Accompanying Hunt to the council meeting were Stephen Witzmann and Vanessa Angel of Jacobs Engineering. The firm has investigated the Anvil Mountain White Alice site and developed a plan for removal of PCB-contaminated soils. Under current state regulations, the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation requires a cleanup level of one part per million (1 mg/kg) for soils contaminated with PCBs, Hunt noted.

Hunt used a PowerPoint presentation to show the levels and quantities of PCB contamination in various locations at the Anvil Mountain site. He said the site contains 2,700 cubic yards of soils with PCB contamination of 1 mg/kg to more than 10 mg/kg; 600 cubic yards of soils with PCB contamination of 10 mg/kg to more than 50 mg/kg; and 500 cubic yards of soil with PCB contamination of more than 50 mg/kg.

Hunt said project planners have considered several alternatives for the cleanup project and currently favor alternative 6—grain-size screening and offsite disposal of all PCB-contaminated soil above 1 mg/kg. Implementing this alternative will cost just over \$4 million, and sorting out large particles that don't need to be shipped off-site will save money, he added.

"PCBs are small molecules that sick to the soil surfaces on a microscopic level," reads a page in Hunt's

presentation. "Because of the ratio of surface area to total volume, the majority of PCB contamination is associated with fine material, silts and sands, while only a small fraction of the original contamination is associated with the larger material. After the material size screening is complete, the larger material will be tested to confirm it contains less than 1 mg/kg PCBs and then used as backfill."

Council member Mary Knodel asked where contaminated soils removed from the site will be taken. Witzmann said the soils would be barged to Washington state and placed in a toxic substance control landfill.

Hunt said PCBs are insoluble in water, but are toxic if they are ingested. Soils contaminated with PCBs are a potential problem for persons who drive ATVs over them, raise dust and breathe it, he added.

Knodel suggested that signs be posted at the site warning ATV drivers of that hazard. Hunt agreed to do so.

Knodel asked at what depth PCB-contaminated soils will be removed from the site. The depth of soil removal will vary, Hunt replied, noting that bedrock appears on the surface in some locations. Soil removal will occur at a maximum depth of six to seven inches beneath the surface, he added.

Councilman Stan Andersen asked whether the cleanup project will go out to bid. Hunt said the Air Force has the in-house capability to do the job, but can opt to bid for contractors. If the project is done in-house, the Air Force will rely on Nome for heavy equipment operators and for lodging



*Photo by Tyler Rhodes*

**A CONTAMINATED LANDMARK**—The White Alice site atop Anvil Mountain will be the subject of an Air Force cleanup to remove PCBs from the soil.

and meal accommodations, he added.

Hunt said a feasibility study for the project will be completed and released for public comment in a

few months, and removal of PCB-contaminated soils from the site is scheduled for summer 2010. The remedy will be selected in accor-

dance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, commonly known as Superfund.

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that back-of-the-packers are pressured to keep moving in the race. And he said the pressure to keep moving might have contributed to the death of a dog in musher Lou Packer's team.

Packer, also a rookie, had two dogs die in a blizzard. He had his lawyer send letters to those who suggest a more capable musher might have avoided the dog deaths. He points the blame at the Iditarod Trail Committee.

Race marshal Mark Nordman said no musher would be kicked out of the race for making a decision that was in the best interests of his dogs. Loveman's dogs, Nordman said, were in great shape when the rookie driver was ousted. By the time the race marshal pulled Loveman, a 52-year-old Montanan, he had slipped to the very back of the pack and faced the long, desolate and difficult 90-mile trail to the ghost town of Iditarod alone with his team. Out in front of him on the trail, 47-year-old Kurt Reich from Divide, Colo., was already in trouble. Another rookie, he eventually had to be rescued from a cabin by Iditarod officials who found him seriously hypothermic.

Packer's two dogs died when he got pinned down on the trail in bad weather. His attorney, Ward Mendes from Fairbanks, is now questioning

whether the Iditarod did enough to support him and other back-of-the-packers. In a letter to race veteran Diana Moroney, a longtime volunteer and Iditarod Air Force pilot this year, Mendes blames the Iditarod Trail Committee for failing to adequately monitor the progress of tail-end mushers, arguing that this is why Packer, Blake Matray from Fairbanks and Kim Darst from New Jersey ended up in trouble. Nordman said the race works hard to help rookies prepare for what they will be getting into, but race officials can't hold everyone's hand while they are on the trail.

### Palin pushes for Kensington Mine development

At the direction of Gov. Palin, the state Department of Law filed a supplemental brief last week with the U.S. Supreme Court supporting development of the Kensington Mine near Juneau. The mine is under fire because it proposed to dump mine tailings into Lower Slate Lake and obtained Army Corps of Engineers permits to do so.

The Southeast Alaska Conservation Council filed a lawsuit, which alleged that the Corps violated federal law by the issuing permits. The U.S. District Court upheld the Corps permit, but in May of 2007, the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the Corps violated

the Clean Water Act when it issued a "fill material" permit to Coeur Alaska to discharge 210,000 gallons per day of tailings slurry into the lake.

SEACC maintains that the discharge would kill all the fish and most other aquatic life in the lake for at least the duration of mining activity, and recov-



ery of the "lake" would take several decades. An appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court followed the 9th Circuit Court decision, and the state intervened to assist mine owner Coeur-Alaska and the Corps in defending the permit.

The Kensington Mine site is a proposed underground gold mine located near Berners Bay, 45 air miles north of Juneau.

### Court imposes deadline on walrus protection ruling

A federal judge on Monday approved a settlement between the Center for Biological Diversity and the U.S.

Fish and Wildlife Service. The ruling requires FWS to investigate whether the Pacific walrus warrants the protections of the Endangered Species Act. Under the settlement, FWS must make an initial finding on the center's petition requesting protection of the walrus by September 10, 2009. A subsequent decision as to whether the species should be protected has to be issued in 2010.

The center petitioned FWS to protect the Pacific walrus in February 2008 and filed a lawsuit late last year when the agency refused to process the petition. FWS officials told *The Nome Nugget* earlier this year that the agency did not have enough funds or resources to investigate the status of the walrus to meet the 90-day finding deadline.

The primary threat to the walrus is the loss of its sea-ice habitat in the face of global warming, say lawyers for the center. Listing under the Endangered Species Act would grant broad protection to the Pacific walrus. The sticking points are that this would include a requirement that U.S. federal agencies ensure that any action they carry out, authorize, or fund would not jeopardize the continued existence of Pacific walruses or adversely modify their habitat.

The statute also requires the Secretary of the Interior to prepare and implement recovery plans for listed species. Lawyers for the center main-

tain that listing of the walrus would not affect subsistence harvest of the species by Alaska Natives. Interior Secretary Ken Salazar is currently reviewing whether to defend the Chukchi leases as well as other Bush-era regulations authorizing oil companies to harass walrus and polar bears. Salazar agreed with the former administration to limit protections for the polar bear and in a court filing defended the validity of the Chukchi Sea oil and gas leases.

### Passports required

The law requiring all U.S. citizens and foreign nationals to present a passport or other document when entering the United States goes into effect June 1 reminds Sen. Begich's office. The law will require Alaskans crossing in and out of Canada to present the appropriate documents.

The Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 requires travelers coming into the United States through a land or sea border to provide proof of both citizenship and identity. In addition to a passport, other valid documents include a Passport Card or a TRUSTED Traveler Card (NEXUS, SENTRI, FAST). If children under age 16 don't have an accepted document, they will need to present an original or copy of their birth certificate or other proof of citizenship.

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*Trudy Sobocienski  
serving as interim CEO*

By Tyler Rhodes

Sitnasuak Native Corp. returned three board members to their positions and seated a new member at its annual meeting May 9 in Nome.

Re-elected to the board were Homer Hoogendorn, Neal Foster and Andrew Miller Jr.

Newly elected to the board was Janice Doherty. All were elected to serve three-year terms.

Also running for seats, according to the corporation's proxy statement sent out before the meeting, were Louise (Keller) Bauman and Robert Fagerstrom. Fagerstrom was the corporation's president and chief executive officer, and was a board member since 1979.

Board member Trudy Sobocienski is currently serving as the interim president and CEO. "We're working with the board on the

next steps," Sobocienski said as to the process of determining a permanent replacement for the position. To that end, Sitnasuak is running an advertisement in this week's Nome Nugget soliciting for the position. It is asking that applications be sent before July 1.

Officials with the corporation would not comment on how or why Fagerstrom left the position. Fagerstrom, who would only say he works for a Sitnasuak subsidiary which he would not identify, also did not wish to com-

ment on the change in leadership.

In addition to Sobocienski, other current board members who were not up for re-election at the last meeting are Jacob Ahwinona, Helen Bell, Crystal Andersen-Booth, Perry Mendenhall, Jeannie Yuman and Wendell (Mike) Wassmann.

Andersen-Booth is serving as board chair. Foster is serving as the first vice chair, Wassmann as second vice chair, Yuman as treasurer and Doherty is serving as secretary.

## • 8(a) contracts

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are not shareholders.

McCaskill is the chair of the Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight, a subcommittee of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. A May 29 deadline was set for the requested information, giving the corporations just 13 business days to compile the data.

A hearing on the matter is scheduled for July 16 before the subcommittee.

BSNC President and CEO Tim Towarak said the corporation is not worried about any immediate effects as a result of the investigation. "We're probably one of the smaller contractors through the 8(a) program," he said.

Despite being a small player, the program has played a huge role in developing the corporation's bottom line, Towarak said. "It's been major cause of our [revenue] increase," he said. "When I first got here we were doing \$9 million a year, and last year we did \$113 million. That's phenomenal growth for a small corporation, and it's been because of the 8(a) program."

In its 2008 annual report, BSNC lists six of its 11 subsidiaries as participating in the 8(a) program. Among those are companies that provide administrative, technical, aerospace and logistics support. The contracts are for work all across the nation.

The regional corporation emerged from bankruptcy in 1989 and has been posting record profits in recent years. Contract work has played an

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important role in that turnaround. "Our total gross income increased by about 50 percent over the prior year because we increased our contracts revenues from around \$64.9 million to \$99.5 million," reads the message to shareholders from Towarak and Chairman Henry Ivanoff in the 2008 report. Towarak said nearly all of that contract work was procured through the 8(a) program.

The probe has solicited a quick response from Alaska's senators. Sens. Lisa Murkowski and Mark Begich sent a letter in response to McCaskill May 15, voicing concern over the investigation. "While we welcome fair and just oversight of the Native American 8(a) program to ensure its integrity, transparency, and accountability, we are also concerned that [Alaska Native corporations] will be inadvertently

harmful," reads the letter.

In their letter, the Alaska senators ask that the deadline be extended to "a more reasonable 30 business days," and note that the inspector general of the SBA is already conducting an audit of the subcontracting practices of the Native corporations which they expect to be released in June.

BSNC's Towarak said the corporation should be able to meet the deadline, but will have to sideline other projects to do so. "I think we can do it because we don't have as many contracts as some of the large contractors, but we'd prefer to have more time," he said.

Towarak said BSNC's participation in the contracting program has come at a measured pace. "We have been doing it very slowly and deliberately because of our financial his-

tory," he said. "We didn't want to take any chances. We wanted to be very conservative in our approach to taking new work." As the corporation has become more successful and robust financially, as well as more experienced in contract work, Towarak said BSNC has become a bit more aggressive in its contract work over the past few years.

In their defense of the program, Begich and Murkowski argue that the contracting program is vital to encouraging private-sector business development in some of the most economically depressed areas of the nation. "Thus far, the [Alaska Native corporations] have benefited the indigenous people of Alaska (the shareholders) enormously and have set Alaska Native people on the path toward economic development by infusing rural communities with dividends, employment

opportunities, scholarship programs, land management, cultural and social programs and numerous other benefits for the Alaska Native shareholders," the letter reads.

Towarak agrees that the program has given a needed boost to the corporations. "We just hope that the Congress understands that it has been very beneficial to all Alaska Native corporations," he said.

Towarak noted that despite the fact that all the 13 regional corporations have participated in the 8(a) program, the majority of the approximately 200 corporations representing villages and smaller communities have not done so. "It takes a lot of capital and a lot of work to get into it. If the program goes away they would have lost the opportunity," he said.

Other entities have argued that the contracts have come at the expense of other disadvantaged groups, some of which have faced caps on the size of contracts available under the 8(a) program. The contracts often cover work at military installations and other federal facilities. Reports estimate that the contracts reach into the billions in value annually.

In addition to BSNC, corporations receiving the letters were: Ahtna Inc., Arctic Slope Regional Corp., Bristol Bay Native Corp., Calista Corp., Chugach Alaska Corp., Cook Inlet Region Inc., Doyon Ltd., Konniak Inc., NANA Regional Corp., Sealaska Corp., The 13th Regional Corp., Afognak Native Corp., Tyonek Native Corp., Cape Fox Corp., Chenega Corp., Eyak Corp., Goldbelt Inc., Olgoonik Corp. and The Aleut Corp.

## Crews continue to clear snow off area highways

The Alaska Department of Transportation reported Monday that its crews are working at mile 48 of the Bob Blodgett Nome-Teller Highway to repair washouts. The road is open to Teller, however, the department warns that it is passable only with four-wheel drive vehicles and those travelling the route are doing so at their own risk.

To the east, the department reported the Nome-Council Highway was open to mile 40 as of Monday. The Kougarok Road was open to mile 36 as of Monday.

The department reported that the roads are currently soft and rutted.



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**SNOW JOB**—A bulldozer works to clear the Kougarok Road in early May. The road was open to mile 36 as of Monday.

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# Impasse reached between teachers, administration

By Janet Ahmasuk

It was announced at the last Nome Board of Education meeting May 12 that the Nome Education Association and Nome Public Schools have reached a point of impasse in negotiations for a new certified employment contract. The Federal Mediation Services Office has been contacted to provide assistance in the process of moving negotiations forward.

The last best offer of the district for a three-year contract that includes a salary increase of 6 percent over the next three years. As proposed, salaries would increase by 1.5 percent in year one, 2 percent in year two and 2.5 percent during the third year.

The Nome Education Association's last counter proposal was for a one-year contract that includes an increase of 1.5 percent and a decrease of two days to the teachers' work year.

The Classified Employees Association did reach successful negotiations, and the classified document is ready for ratification. By all accounts it was a smooth process.

Nome Elementary School new principal, Shari Biscotti, was introduced at the meeting. She loves it here, she says, and is looking forward to next fall. She has 20 years of education experience as teacher and principal. Presently she is a professor at Cal State University in San Bernardino, Calif.

High School Principal Janeen Sullivan presented special recognition awards of Nome Nanook blue vests with school logo to coaching staff who received awards at the state athletic tournaments. Honored were Lieudell Goldsberry who was named wrestling coach of the year, Duke McGuffey who was named assistant wrestling coach of the year, Pat Callahan who was named boys basketball 3A Coach of the Year, and Rebecca Callahan who was named as the girls cheer coach of the year for the region.

Nome-Beltz Assistant Principal Doug Boyer presented April-May Students of the Month. The junior high student of the month for May was Eli Johnson, who was described as friendly, hard-working and noted for staying on task. April high school student of the month was Beth Herzon, who was nominated by her Spanish teacher.

The May high school student of the month is Miles Reader and the April junior high student of the month was Katherine Ivanoff.

## Student representative report

Choir and band spring concert was held May 5. Richelle Horner, Martina Painter and Kellen Baker continued on to state for their superior ratings in singing and band.

The Friends of Rachel Club has ended and the students are excited to join next year.

Seniors third hour media class is starting to work on the senior slideshow and scholarship packets.

The decorations for graduation have been ordered.

The Junior Prom was held May 1 with the theme "Las Vegas."

The last pep assembly of the year was Friday, May 15 in honor of the seniors' last day.

## Report form NES Principal Carl White

NES has received \$18,000 from Nome Eskimo Community for the breakfast program. The support from NEC is very appreciated.

Fourth quarter and end-of-the-year perfect attendance for the entire year will be at the assembly on the last day of school at 9 a.m. There will also be a slide show of all the fun and learning that goes on at Nome Elementary School.

Parents can now register future Kindergarten students for the 2009-10 school year. This is for children who will be 5 years old by Aug. 31.

Parents are advised to look in the lost-and-found box if their child is missing some clothes, gloves, boots, coats, hats, etc. All items remaining

at the end of the school year will be given to charity.

The last day of school is May 22. Kindergarten through third grade will be dismissed at 12:30 p.m.; forth through sixth grade will be dismissed at 1:30 p.m. At 9 a.m. there will be an all school assembly. Sixth grade promotion will be at 12:45 p.m.

## Notes from Anvil City Science Academy

The eighth graders returned this past weekend from their trip to Washington, D.C. Highlights included meeting with U.S. Sens. Lisa Murkowski and Mark Begich, touring the White House, and observing the U.S. Senate in session. Students shared their experiences on a blog that can be viewed on the school website. Pictures will be posted in a week or so.

ACSA Artists in Schools program has begun. Students will be working with brother and sister Ryan and Sarah Conarro over the next two weeks in preparation for the dramatic production entitled "Nometown Tales." The final performance will take place at 7 p.m., May 22 at the Nome Elementary School Commons.

The formal application process has ended. In May the ACSA APC held a lottery drawing to determine enrollment for the 2009/10 school year. Letters informing applicants of their acceptance or placement on a waiting list were mailed May 12. Eleven new students have been accepted, with nine placed on a waiting list.

## Board members open discussion

Board President Gloria Karmun asked about the current assistant superintendent position now held by incoming Superintendent Jon Wehde. Would it be continued or eliminated? She was in favor of a Native education program to replace it.

Wehde said that funding for Native education has changed drastically. Karmun suggested a partnership with Nome Eskimo Community might be a worthwhile effort to strengthen the program.

Board member Barb Nickels wants to see a grant writer position created and does not agree totally with a Native education program.

Nickels also added that she works with the Parent Advisory Committee that meets quarterly.

Board member Betsy Brennan does not see neglect on Native programs. She also commented that adding Native education to the superintendent position might be putting too much on the position.

Outgoing Superintendent Rick Luthi added that hiring someone else to restructure the Native education program might be the way to go.

Board Member Albert McComas wanted the issue of the Northwest Alaska Career and Technology Education Center (NACTEC) vis-à-vis Nome students added to the



## Students on the move

**ACSA GOES TO WASHINGTON (above)**—The eighth grade class from Anvil City Science Academy meets with Sens. Lisa Murkowski and Mark Begich during their recent class trip to Washington, D.C.

**HONORED (right)**—Cadet Maj. Lucas Ritter receives the American Legion Award for Scholastic Excellence from Jake Kencik of the American Legion during the JROTC awards banquet May 15. Kenick also presented cadets Ahbree and Sharon Verdin with scholarship awards. Cadet Master Sgt. Kyle Griemsmann was presented the Veterans' of Foreign Wars Award from Ron Huffman of VFW Post 9569 at the ceremony.



Photo by Larry Thomas

next work session. McComas agreed about the need to focus on Native education.

## Action items approved

The following items passed upon a roll call.

- Extensions HomeSchool Program K-12
- Superintendent contract
- CORE (Consortium of Reading Excellence) proposal
- Added at the meeting: Roof replacement D and E at Nome-Beltz High School agreement with Aurora Project Management put out for bid
- Item removed at meeting: Emergency Transfer Switch replacement

## Board comments

Brennan congratulated the Nome Literacy Council for a show well done and well attended.

McComas congratulated Calvin Bell for setting a new state record in the seal hop and also all the coaches awarded coach of the year.

Board member Kirsten Timbers thanked Business Manager Jenny

Martens for all her help during classified negotiations.

work session. May 26 will be an inservice day. A regular board meeting will be held June 9.

## Upcoming events

On May 25 there will be a board

## Stroke-n-Croak Triathlon

- **Sunday, May 24**
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**A NEW FRIEND**—Eddie the Eagle and Nome Alaska State Troopers supervisor Sgt. Andrew Merrill dub Nome Preschool students eaglets for actively participating in their gun safety presentation. Left to right are Andrew Hafner, Andrew Nashalook, Raina McRae, Brandon Smith, Eddie Eagle, Sadie Ellison, Sgt. Merrill, Deklen Agloinga and Brianna Menadelook.

## Troopers, Eddie Eagle promote gun safety

By Gloria Ann Karmun

"If you see a gun: STOP! Don't Touch. Leave the Area. Tell an Adult." Numerous Nome Preschool and Kawerak Headstart children listened attentively as "Eddie the Eagle" recently visited their respective school sites to promote gun safety education.

Nome resident Steve Smith says the program presentation is strictly voluntary and sponsored by the National Rifle Association. Locally the Friends of the NRA host several fundraisers to promote gun safety and shooting sports.

According to the Volunteer Handbook, "The Eddie Eagle GunSafe Program was developed in 1988 to teach children in pre-kindergarten

through sixth grade what to do should they come upon an unsecured firearm. Eddie Eagle, the program mascot, serves as a positive role model to millions of children each year, teaching a simple, yet powerful, safety message."

Folks who are interested in learning more about the program and have access to the World Wide Web visit [www.nrahq.org/safety/eddie](http://www.nrahq.org/safety/eddie)

Alaska State Trooper Sergeant Andrew Merrill, Nome post supervisor accompanied Eddie the Eagle and his assistant John Harland. The children viewed a short video, had a question and answer session, and received gunlocks provided by the Alaska State Troopers for each of their households.

## NVAD Open House



Last Saturday afternoon the Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department held an open house for the Nome Community members to see the workings of the NVAD headquarters and enjoy a barbecue.

Photos by Nancy McGuire

(above)

**WHAT A CREW**— Nome Volunteer Ambulance EMTs Vicky Erickson, Jimmy West, Jr., Sciji Heck, Charlie Lean with helper Kali Knowlton, 5.

(above right)

**SIZZLING SOME DOGS**— EMT Kevin Knowlton mans the grill for the Nome Ambulance Open House last Saturday afternoon. He has been an EMT volunteer for 7 years.

(below)

**WON'T HURT A BIT**— Patrick Callihan gets his blood sugar tested by Rahnia Parker at the Nome Volunteer Ambulance Open House Saturday.



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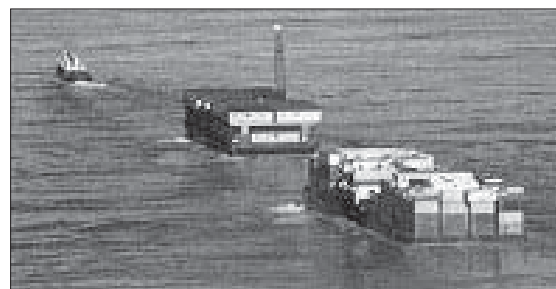
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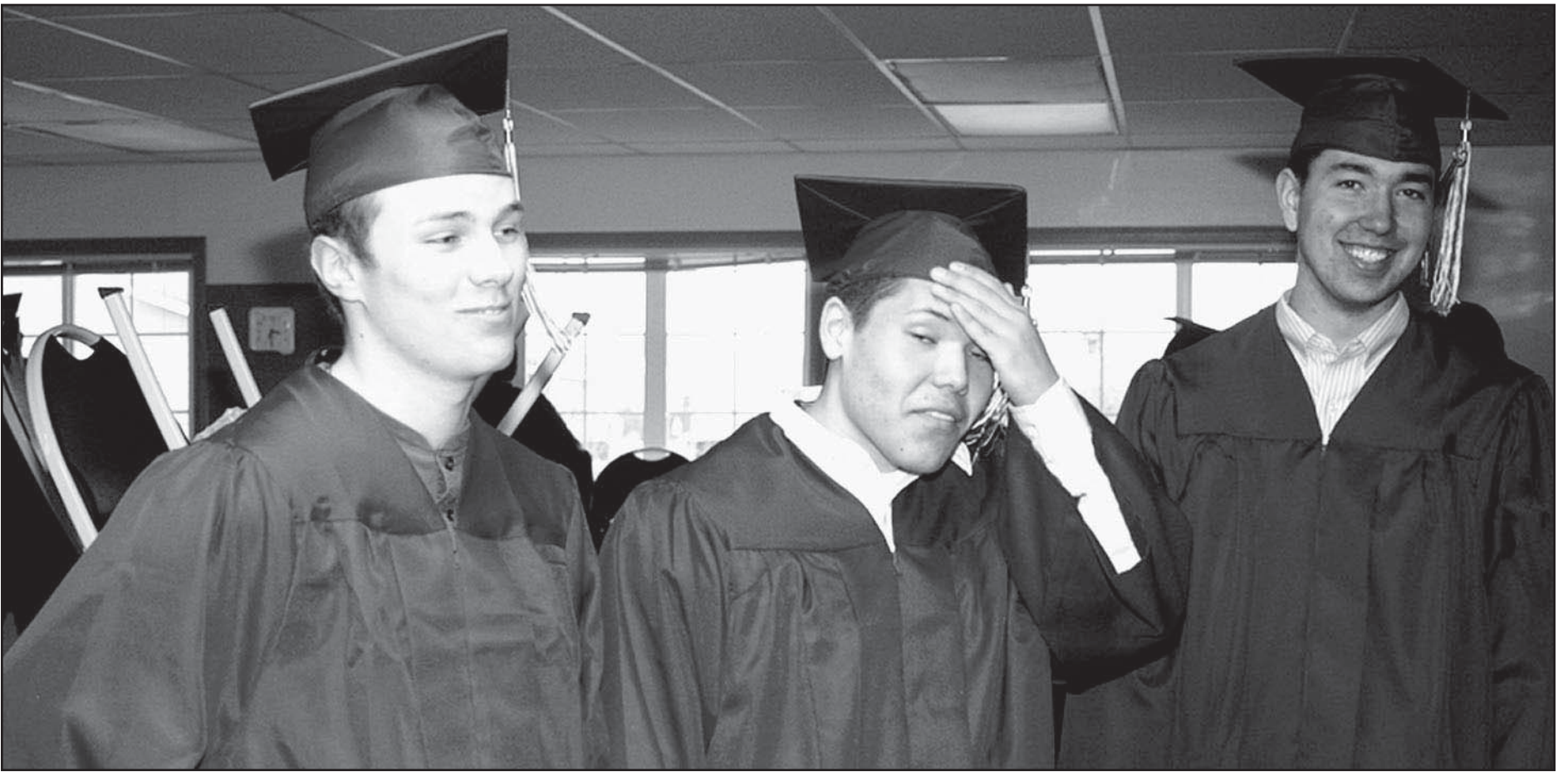
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**WHAT DID HE FORGET?**—Left to right, Darell Tweet, Michael Hawkins and Quinten Johnson think about their future after graduation as they prepare, with other graduates, to attend the baccalaureate service Sunday at Our Savior Lutheran Church.



**READY NOW!**—Michael Hawkins, right, is now prepared to face the baccalaureate service attendees.



**KEEP SMILING**—Hattie Keller and Jarvis Miller get ready to attend baccalaureate.

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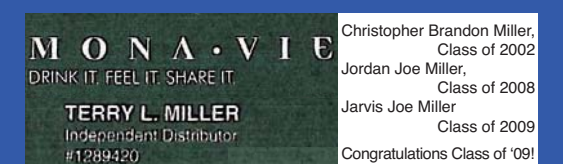
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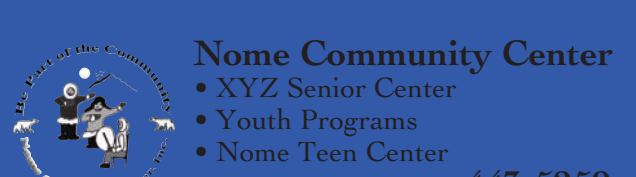


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**GRADUATING TWINS** (left)—Ahbree, left, and Sharon Verdin walk the graduating walk down the Our Savior Lutheran Church aisle on Sunday, May 17 during the Baccalaureate service.

**INVOCATION** (right)—Christina Perrigo gives the invocation for the graduating seniors, the first item on the program, Sunday.



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# All Around the Sound

## Graduates

Steve and Zoe Ivanoff of Unalakleet are proud to announce that their daughter Kelsi Marie will be graduating from Portland State University on June 13 with a Bachelor of Sci-

ence degree in Community Development. Kelsi is planning on continuing her education and finishing her degree in engineering. Kelsi is the granddaughter of Chuck and Marie Greene of Kotzebue, Ralph and Mil-

lie Ivanoff of Unalakleet, and Bernard and Fe Schwind of Hawaii.

## Nickels to join NSEDC Education Foundation

Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. has hired Barb Nickels as the President and Executive Director of its education foundation.

The NSEDC Education Foundation Board of Directors announced Nickels' selection May 14. Nickels, a member of the Nome Board of Education, previously worked at Kawerak Inc. as its Director of Community Planning and Development.

She is to begin her tenure with the foundation on June 15.

The foundation is a nonprofit corporation established solely to provide education opportunities for residents of the Norton Sound region, according to a press release issued by the foundation.

## Nome Sportsman's Association on target

A new association has been formed in support of a community shooting range for Nome.

The Nome Sportsman's Association held its first meeting April 28, electing officers and initiating several projects. The association lists its purpose as operating a safe shooting facility for use by its members, other organizations deemed appropriate and the general public. The group also plans to offer firearms training to promote proper handling and safety.

Steve Smith will head the group as president. Other board members are vice president Jeff Darling, secretary Lauri Harlan, treasurer Bruce Klein, Howard Apple, Tok Tozier, Brian Hensley and Keith Conger. Stan Piscoya has been appointed range manger.

Membership in the organization is open to anyone who is not prohibited by current law from owning a firearm.

The association's next meeting is scheduled for May 26 at 6:30 p.m. at the National Guard Armory.

## Skate park lands Tony Hawk Foundation grant

The Golden Beach Skaters, the group working to establish a skate park for Nome, has been awarded a \$5,000 grant from the Tony Hawk Foundation.

According to skate park backer Kendra Nichols, the funds will go toward the pouring of concrete or laying of asphalt for the skate park's foundation surface. "We're getting close to the amount we need," Nichols said.

Last year the park got its start with the arrival of ramps and other equipment, which are now just waiting for solid ground on which to sit, so skaters can use them. Skater and bikers—both young and old—got a taste of what's to come late last sum-

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**Kelsi Marie Ivanoff**



*Photo courtesy of Jamie Ahkinga*

**HEAVY SNOW**—The aftermath is seen at the Little Diomed National Guard Army facility after the roof caved in due to heavy snow in the early evening of May 12. No one was injured in the incident.



*Photo by Nancy McGuire*

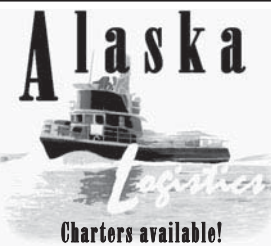
**BACK FOR A VISIT**—Rev. Gene Morrell and his wife Merrilee have returned to Nome for a visit. The Rev. Morrell was pastor of the Nazarene church in Nome from 1963-1969. They are returned after 37 years in the ministry and now reside in Bend, Oregon. They commented that Nome now has many more buildings and paved streets.



*Photo by Debbie Karp*

**CONGRATULATIONS**— Donna Morgan with her granddaughter named named the same. Donna recently graduated from Dimond High school in Anchorage. She is the daughter of Bruce and Linda Morgan. Donna is the 8th of Donna's grandchildren to graduate from high school so far! Grandma Donna is also a great-grandma!

## Alaska Logistics Barge Schedule



- Voyage 9002 departs Seward, AK **May 22.**
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# HOROSCOPES

May 21 - 27, 2009

 <b>CAPRICORN</b> December 22–January 19	The well is all dried up, Capricorn, and you're all out of ideas. No problem. A well-deserved break will get the creative juices flowing again.	 <b>ARIES</b> March 21–April 19	On your mark, Aries, get set, go. That's the theme of this week. You will have to move quickly to get things done. A sweet surprise puts you on cloud nine.	 <b>CANCER</b> June 22–July 22	Victory is yours at work, and you receive permission to implement that special project, Cancer. A web of deception begins to build at home. Put a stop to it.	 <b>LIBRA</b> September 23–October 22	A friend's health crisis passes. Invite them over for a little celebration, Libra. News from home motivates you to help out another. A phone call proves enlightening.
 <b>AQUARIUS</b> January 20–February 18	Oh my, Aquarius. A young friend gets into a heap of trouble. Be there for them, but don't pull strings to get them off the hook. There is a lesson to be learned.	 <b>TAURUS</b> April 20–May 20	Chore list building up at home, Taurus? Delegate and don't be afraid to pitch a fit when needed. A dream is within reach. Go for it and make it happen!	 <b>LEO</b> July 23–August 22	Home improvement plans spiraling out of control, Leo? Relax. Help will come from an unlikely source. A new source of income develops. Use it to your advantage.	 <b>SCORPIO</b> October 23–November 21	Drat, Scorpio. Transportation issues continue. Think outside of the box, and the perfect solution will emerge. Reaching a financial goal requires careful planning.
 <b>PISCES</b> February 19–March 20	An opportunity resurfaces. Seize it, Pisces. It will not come again. A coworker's pride gets in the way of a project. Take up the matter with the person in charge.	 <b>GEMINI</b> May 21–June 21	Chaos strikes at home, but not to worry, Gemini. You will get through it with finesse. Your fitness routine could use a little boost. A magazine or newspaper article may help.	 <b>VIRGO</b> August 23–September 22	Pretty as a picture, Virgo. That's how the week goes for you. A financial endeavor pays off, and a road trip brings you many pleasant surprises.	 <b>SAGITTARIUS</b> November 22–December 21	A mission comes to an end, Sagittarius, and the accolades are all yours. The bright blooms of spring remind you that the time has come to tackle a repair at home.

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## • More All Around the Sound

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mer when the equipment was brought out for a test run at a skate night.

"If we can't get the foundation laid, we need to at least have another skate night," Nichols said. "I know kids are getting anxious."

### Mayor Michels breaks the bubbly

Nome Mayor Denise Michels was recently on hand in Seward to christen Crowley's newest tug, the *Nachik*.

The *Nachik*, which means "hair seal" in Inupiaq, will serve Western Alaska and is designed to operate in

shallow waters. It will soon be joined by a sister vessel, the *Sesok*. The 1,362-horsepower tugs are designed for both ocean towing and barge handling. The crafts feature

raised pilothouses.

"We're excited about the new construction of this unique fleet of vessels which was designed for Western Alaska to provide safe trans-

port in our rivers and along our coastline," Michels said.

The boats were jointly designed by Crowley and Diversified Marine.

## Saying it Sincerely

By Rev. David Elmore from Community United Methodist Church for the Nome Ministerial Association

### "Being God's Friend"

Reference: John 15: 9 – 17

In order to understand this passage, we need understand what the original audience of John's Gospel thought when they read this passage. Jewish culture during Jesus' time was impacted by its contact with the Roman Empire and Greek Culture. So we must understand the Greek concept of friendship based on the teachings of Aristotle.

Aristotle defined three types of friendship. The first kind of friend, according to Aristotle, is that which is useful to us. A second type of friend according to Aristotle is that which we cultivate because we enjoy the friendship. A final type of friend, the best kind, according to Aristotle, is that sort of friend made for the sake of friendship. This type of friendship is rare because it requires a level of presence and commitment that we can't afford to make with everyone or we would stretch ourselves too thin.

Aristotle further states that "a friend is another self." What this means is friends begin to take on the characteristics of one another – both good and bad. Saint Thomas Aquinas offered his take on Aristotle's idea by saying that one of the goals of the Christian life was to "become friends with God." And by becoming friends with God, we have the ultimate model in the Trinity. The Trinity helps us to understand what love truly is. It allows us to see that love is concerned with one another just as the three persons are concerned about one another.

Our passage from John today gives us some guidance on how we become friends of God. First is that we are no longer servants, but friends of God. Second is that we are appointed by God to go bear fruit. And finally, we are to love one another. Being friends with God is transformative. In being friends with one another, we are transformed by God's love, by God's peace, that we become more and more like God – we become friends with God, we are perfected in Love.

Those hearing this message of John's Gospel had been kicked out of the synagogues. How could God speak of joy amidst this situation? Today, in our situation in Nome, how can we speak of joy as well? There are some in our community who make their money off of the dependence of others on intoxicants. And there are many in our community who are affected by this – either through dependence or by being children or family of those who are trapped in this cycle of dependence. I've seen too many children having to take care of adults in this community. Yet God speaks of our joy being complete.

And what must we do? We are to form a fellowship with God – read the scriptures, engage in prayer, and practice works of mercy. These are things we all know to do, but we may have trouble doing. We are to help all God's people see they are children of God. But we can do more . . . what other opportunities are waiting for us to pursue as friends of God?



Photo by Tyler Rhodes  
**HONORED ELDER—Dan Karmun is joined by his wife, Ethel, after being presented with a HERO Award by the National Resource Center on Native American Aging and the Administration on Aging. Karmun was honored with the award at a recent Norton Sound Health Corp. board meeting in Nome.**



Happy 94th Birthday, GRAM!  
Great-Granddaughters, 5th generation Nomeites, Erica Wieler and Chrystie Salesky along with, 2nd generation Nomeite, Great-Grandmother, Ella Tanner

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## Church Services Directory

**Bible Baptist Church Service Schedule, 443-2144**  
Sunday School 10 a.m./Worship Hour 11 a.m.

**Community Baptist Church-SBC**  
108 West Third, 443-5448

**Small Group Bible Study** 10 a.m.  
**Sunday Morning Worship** 11 a.m.  
Pastor Bruce Landry

**Community United Methodist**  
2nd Ave. West, 443-2865

**Sunday** 11 a.m. Worship  
**Tuesday** 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

**Thrift Shop** — Tuesday & Thursday 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

**Nome Covenant Church**

101 Bering St. 443-2565 • **Pastor Harvey**

**Sunday School** 9:45 a.m./**Sunday Worship** 11 a.m.

**Wednesday:** Fellowship Meal 5:30 p.m./Ladies' Bible Study, Mens' Fraternity & Children's Choir 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday:** Youth Group 7 p.m. (call 443-7218 for location)

**Friday:** Community Soup Kitchen 6 - 7 p.m.

**Our Savior Lutheran Church**

5th & Bering, 443-5295

**Sunday School** 10:30 a.m./Morning Worship 11 a.m.

**River of Life Assembly of God, 443-5333**

**Sunday School** 10 a.m.

**Sunday Worship Service** 11 a.m.

**Wednesday Night Service** 6:30 p.m.

**St. Joseph Catholic Church, 443-5527**

Corner of Steadman and Kings Place

**Mass Schedule: Saturday** 5:30 p.m./**Sunday** 10:30 a.m.

**Seventh-Day Adventist (Icy View), 443-5137**

**Saturday Sabbath School** 10 a.m.

**Saturday Morning Worship** 11 a.m.

**Nome Church of Nazarene**

3rd & Division, 443-2805

**Sunday:** Prayer Meeting 9:30 a.m./Sunday School 9:45 a.m./Worship Service 11 a.m.

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5/21-28

## Employment

### JOB OPENING

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**Position: Communications Officer I**

**Range: 11**

**Salary: \$17.80/hr. DOE, plus full benefit package**

**Hours: Full Time – Shift Work**

**Qualifications:** Applicant must be 18 years of age or older; High School diploma or GED required; must write, spell, type accurately and legibly and speak clearly; maintain confidential information; work independently, sometimes alone; have the ability to multi-task; proficiency in MS Office programs; must be willing to work shifts and overtime and submit to a background investigation.

**Closing Date: Open until filled**

Applications may be obtained from City Hall 443-6663, Nome Job Service or through our website at [www.nomealaska.org](http://www.nomealaska.org). Fax completed applications to 443-5349 or deliver to City Hall.

For more information call Dana Handeland at 443-6621.

Note: The City of Nome is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

5/14-21

**PRESIDENT/CEO** - Sitnasuak Native Corporation (SNC), Nome, Alaska is seeking well-qualified and visionary leader for the executive position of the President/CEO. Sitnasuak Native Corporation's mission is: "to earn sustainable profits on operations while protecting our land, culture, and benefiting shareholders."

The President/CEO reports to the SNC Board Chairperson and is responsible for all operations

of the company. This position requires a Bachelor's degree in Business or related field. Previous upper management experience is required and discernible knowledge of the businesses of SNC and its subsidiaries is expected to be acquired or demonstrated.

The President/CEO must demonstrate visionary leadership, business acumen, and a commitment to Sitnasuak Native Corporation. Applicants must submit a well-qualified resume, cover letter clearly defining areas of experience, expertise and skill sets, three letters of reference, and additional information, including significant contributions of quality improvement or administrative transformation.

The applicant's packet should be sent to the Sitnasuak Native Corporation Search Committee c/o Crystal Andersen-Booth, Chairperson-Board of Directors, PO Box 905, Nome, Alaska 99762. Applications should be sent by July 1, 2009, and the position will remain open until filled. Shareholder preference is applicable to this position. EOE. Salary to commensurate with experience - \$150K per year.

5/21-28; 6/4-11-18-25

### Recruitment Notice

Tumet Industries, LLC is an SBA 8(a) certified for-profit road construction company co-owned by Kawerak and 15 tribes.

COMPANY: Tumet Industries, LLC

**JOB TITLE: General Manager**

**POSITION STATUS: Regular, Full-time, Ex-empt**

**PAY SCALE: D.O.E.**

**LOCATION:** Nome, Alaska

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REPORTS TO: Tumet, LLC Board of Advisors Open Until Filled.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

- 1) Four-year degree in construction management, construction science or engineering. Construction management and business work experience in the highway heavy construction field may substitute for the degree requirement on a year for year basis;
- 2) Able to work under pressure and coordinate numerous activities and people to achieve maximum efficiency;
- 3) Must be knowledgeable of all phases of road and highway heavy construction, construction accounting, business and financial management, contracts, plans, specifications, construction methods, materials and regulations;
- 4) Must be familiar with computers and software programs for job costing, scheduling and developing estimates;
- 5) Must be organized, pro-active, and have strong project, negotiation and time management skills.
- 6) Must be able and willing to travel extensively and for extended periods of time to rural Alaska.

Preference will be provided to tribal members enrolled to one of the 20 tribes in the Bering Strait Region, in accordance with SBA 8(a) regulations.

For additional information regarding this position, please contact Loretta Bullard at (907) 443-5231 or via email at [lbullard@kawerak.org](mailto:lbullard@kawerak.org). Applications are available from the Kawerak Human Resources Office at 504 Seppala Drive – 2nd Floor. Applications can be dropped off to Kawerak Human Resources Office or faxed to 907-443-4443 or sent via email to [personal@kawerak.org](mailto:personal@kawerak.org). Thank you. 5/21-28

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## Trooper Beat

On April 8, Shaktolik VPSO Lucas Stotts took reports of items being stolen from residences in the village. A suspect has been identified and the investigation is continuing.

During the week of May 4, 2009, the following individuals were contacted and issued citations by the Alaska Wildlife Troopers in Nome for Failure to Return RM840 Moose Hunt Reports, which were due by September 30, 2008: Michael Hahn, Troy Miller, Reese Madden, Thomas Noyakuk, Margaret Gandia, William Parnell, and Danny Aukon. As of the time the citations were issued, the permits had still not been returned.

On May 11, at 9:32 a.m., AST received a report of a domestic disturbance in Gambell. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Fabian Ungott, 29, of Gambell. Ungott was charged with Assault III, Assault IV, Misconduct Involving Weapons IV, and Interfering with a Report of a Crime Involving Domestic Violence. Ungott was remanded to AMCC.

On May 11, at 1:00 p.m., Village Public Safety Officer John Peratrovich received a report of a do-

mestic disturbance in Savoonga. Kenneth Noongwook, 18, of Savoonga, was subsequently arrested for Assault III. Noongwook was remanded to the AMCC.

On May 11, Nome Alaska Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Enforcement contacted Nicolas Tyler Bliss, 19, of Fairbanks, at a local air carrier in Nome. Incident to contact, one 16oz bottle of alcohol was removed from his luggage. Bliss was headed to the dry village of Savoonga. Charges will be forwarded to Office of Special Prosecutions and Appeals.

On May 13, Unalakleet AST received information of a possible probation violation in St. Michael. AST investigation is continuing to determine if the person's probation was violated.

On May 15, at approximately 6:10 a.m., VPSO Peratrovich received a report of a domestic disturbance in Savoonga. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Orlan Wongtittlin, 33, of Savoonga, for Felony Probation Violation and Assault IV. Wongtittlin was remanded to AMCC.

On May 16, at 2:00 a.m., VPSO Peratrovich received a report of an intoxicated minor in Savoonga. John Toolie, 20, of Savoonga, was subsequently charged with Probation Violation and Minor Consuming Alcohol.

On May 16, at 6:00 a.m., VPSO Peratrovich received a report of an intoxicated minor in Savoonga. Scott Slwooko, 19, of Gambell, was subsequently charged with Minor Consuming Alcohol.

On May 16, at 6:30 a.m., VPSO Peratrovich received a report of an injured ATV driver in Savoonga. Robin Kogassagoon, 18, of Savoonga, was subsequently charged with Minor Consuming Alcohol. Kogassagoon was transported to the Savoonga Clinic for treatment of his injuries.

On May 16, at 1:10 p.m., AST arrested Charles Okpealuk, 41, of Teller, for Probation Violation and Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance VI. Okpealuk was remanded to AMCC.

## Seawall

**5/11**  
Daniel Walluk, DOB: 11/5/58, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Driving under the Influence and Driving without a License.

Jerry Iyapana, DOB: 10/25/71, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault in the Fourth Degree, Domestic Violence.

**5/13**

Florence Ahkinga, DOB: 5/24/84, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Disorderly Conduct.

Frederick Driggs, DOB: 2/2/88, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault Third Degree.

Richard Pyles, DOB: 9/16/62, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault in the Fourth Degree, Domestic Violence.

**5/14**

Joshua Brock, DOB: 10/11/92, received a citation for Driving an Off Road Vehicle on the Hwy.

Richard Pyles, DOB: 9/16/62, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violating Conditions of Release.

**5/16**

David Hopper, DOB: 12/20/63, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.

Johnny Weyiouanna, DOB: 12/14/72, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.

Frederick Larsen, DOB: 9/6/85, was arrested and booked into AMCC on a felony arrest warrant.

**5/17**

Megan Topkok, DOB: 9/28/88, was arrested and

booked into AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation and Habitual Minor Consuming Alcohol.

Anthony Fernandez, DOB: 4/28/80, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.

Curtis Williams, DOB: 3/22/78, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Harassment in the First Degree and Disorderly Conduct.

During this reporting period, we had five persons transported to the hospital for a Title 47 Protective Custody Hold.

**5/18**

Nicholas Anasogak, DOB: 12/29/75, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.

## Legals

**INVITATION TO BID  
SUB/SUPPLIER BIDS REQUESTED FOR:  
New Norton Sound Regional Hospital**  
Nome, Alaska - Sol. #09-102-SOL-00003

**BIDS DUE: May 27, 2009 @ 3:00pm**

**SUBMIT BIDS TO:**

Bering Straits Development Co./ Neeser Construction, Inc. JV

Attn: George Tuckness

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Nome, Alaska

09-102-SOL-00003

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5/21

**Notice to Bid**  
**Nome Public Schools is accepting bids for Nome-Beltz Standby Transfer Switch and Equipment Project.** The closing of this bid invitation will be Wednesday, May 27, 2009 at 4:00p.m. Questions regarding this bid may be directed to the office of the Maintenance Director at 443-6210.  
5/21

### Request for Proposals

The Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation (NSED) is requesting qualified persons and companies to propose supervisory, electrical and plumbing services along with inci-

dental equipment and installation for completion of vertical wind turbine projects in Nome and Unalakleet, Alaska. Proposals may be for both installations.

To obtain a copy of the request for proposals, please contact Tiffany Martinson, Community Benefits Director, at (907) 443-2477 or by email at [tiffany@nsedc.com](mailto:tiffany@nsedc.com).

Bid closure: **Friday, May 29, 2009 at 4 p.m.**

5/21-28

### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR Bureau of Land Management F-14908-B and F-14908-C Alaska Native Claims Selection

**ACTION:** Notice of decision approving lands for conveyance

**SUMMARY:** As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that an appealable decision approving the surface estate in certain lands for conveyance pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act will be issued to Sitnasuak Native Corporation. The lands are in the vicinity of Nome, Alaska, and are located in Kateel River Meridian, Alaska

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## Looking for a new best friend or new family member?

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Grubby

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pened in Nome happen to your community! Keep in mind that the pollution to our waters happened during the construction phase of Rock Creek Mine. As of today Rock Creek Mine is not producing gold and is not

• More Legals

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T. 11 S., R. 32 W., Secs. 6 and 7; Secs. 18 and 32. Containing 2,317.16 acres.  
T. 9 S., R. 33 W., Sec. 35. Containing 640 acres  
T. 9 S., R. 34 W., Secs. 29 and 32. Containing 1,280 acres.  
T. 10 S., R. 34 W., Secs. 5, 8, and 17. Containing 1,852.78 acres.  
T. 9 S., R. 35 W., Secs. 6, 7, and 18. Containing approximately 350 acres.  
T. 9 S., R. 36 W., Secs. 12 and 13; Secs. 24 and 25. Containing approximately 630 acres.  
Aggregating approximately 7,069 acres.  
The subsurface estate in these lands will be conveyed to Bering Straits Native Corporation when the surface estate is conveyed to Sitnasuak Native Corporation.  
Notice of the decision was published in the Federal Register on May 15, 2009.  
DATES: The time limits for filing an appeal are:  
1. Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision shall have until June 15, 2009 to file an appeal.  
2. Parties receiving service of the decision by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal.  
Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance

employing local peoples at the level that the company promised. Their rock crusher didn't work on the type of gold bearing ore that is found at the site. Poor planning on the company's part is to blame, not the weather or the valid concerns of the community of Nome that were

with the requirements of 43 CFR Part 4, Subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.  
ADDRESS: A copy of this decision may be obtained from:  
Bureau of Land Management  
Alaska State Office  
222 West Seventh Avenue, #13  
Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7504  
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:  
The Bureau of Land Management by phone at 907-271-5960, or by e-mail at ak.blm.conveyance@ak.blm.gov.  
Eileen Ford  
Land Transfer Resolution Specialist  
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5/21-28;6/4-11

Notice

**SUB/SUPPLIER BIDS REQUESTED FOR: New Norton Sound Regional Hospital in Nome, Alaska;** Solicitation Number: 09-102-SOL-0003. SUBMIT BIDS TO: SKW/Eskimos, Inc. Attn: John Golick, 3900 C St., Ste 301 Anchorage, AK 99503, Phone: 907-339-6700 Fax: 907-339-6755 no later than 5:00PM, May 26. SKW is an Equal Opportunity Employer and solicits pricing from all Indian-owned economic enterprises, DBEs, Small and Minority Firms, Women's Business Enterprises, HUBZone-owned Small Businesses, and Service-disabled Veteran-owned Small Businesses for Subcontractors/Suppliers.

5/21

brought to the attention of the Alaska State government, the City of Nome, and Alaska Gold Company/Nova

• More Employment

**Kawerak Administration Division-Recruitment Notice – for TWO WEEKS from May 18 closing date is June 2 at close of business.**  
DEPARTMENT: Administration  
JOB TITLE: Beringia Museum Culture and Science Project Director  
POSITION STATUS: Regular, Full Time  
LOCATION: Nome, Alaska  
EXEMPT STATUS: Non Exempt  
PAY SCALE GRADE: 16 - 17 - 18 - 19 (\$27.91-38.64)DOE  
REPORTS TO: Senior Planner  
QUALIFICATIONS:  
1) Four years of planning experience or college education on a year for year basis in museum/cultural center studies and/or cultural documentation.  
2) Effective writing, budgeting, research and communication skills.  
3) Experience with complex projects with construction involved.  
4) Experience in fundraising from the private sector including individuals, foundations, corporations and major donors.  
5) Knowledge of public process, design and construction.  
6) Knowledge of the Bering Strait Region people and history highly desirable.  
7) Ability to work well with others and under pressure.  
8) Strong computer skills using Microsoft Word, Excel, Power Point & data base systems.

Gold Inc.  
Right now we are awaiting news of how the Tailings Storage Facility

at Rock Creek is being dealt with be-  
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9) Must be willing to travel extensively to villages and outside the region.  
Native Preference per Public Law 93-638.  
Interested individuals may contact Human Resources with questions at 907-443-5231.  
Applications can be accessed via Kawerak's website at [www.kawerak.org](http://www.kawerak.org) or by contacting Human Resources at 907-443-5231. Applications may be faxed to Kawerak Human Resources at 907-443-4443 or sent via email to [personnel@kawerak.org](mailto:personnel@kawerak.org). Thank you. 5/21-28

**Kawerak Community Services Division Recruitment Notice – for TWO WEEKS from May 18 closing date is June 2 at close of business.**  
DIVISION: Community Services  
DEPARTMENT:Community Planning & Development  
JOB TITLE: Program Director  
POSITION STATUS: Regular, Full-Time  
LOCATION: Nome, Alaska  
EXEMPT STATUS: Non-Exempt  
PAY SCALE GRADE: 14-17(\$24.80-34.33) DOE  
REPORTS TO: Vice President – Community Service Division  
QUALIFICATIONS:  
1.Bachelors Degree in Rural Development, Economics, Public Administration, Business Manage-

ment or related field. Supervisory work experience in directly related fields may be substituted for the degree requirement on a year for year basis;  
2.Minimum two years supervisory and program implementation and management experience.  
3. Must have strong oral and written communication skills, organizational and budgeting skills;  
4. Knowledge of contemporary issues and current trends, law, policies and program of interest or otherwise affecting community development and tribal governments.  
5. Must be dependable, self-motivated and able to work with minimum supervision;  
6.Must possess computer skills in Windows, Microsoft Word and Excel, e-mail and Internet usage. Also, prefer Microsoft Power Point skills;  
7. Must be willing to travel extensively;  
8. Prefer knowledge of the Bering Straits Region and its people;  
Native Preference per Public Law 93-638  
Interested individuals may contact Human Resources with questions at 907-443-5231.  
Applications can be accessed via Kawerak's website at [www.kawerak.org](http://www.kawerak.org) or by contacting Human Resources at 907-443-5231. Applications may be faxed to Kawerak Human Resources at 907-443-4443 or sent via email to [personnel@kawerak.org](mailto:personnel@kawerak.org). Thank you. 5/21-28

Notice of Koyuk Native Corporation (KNC) Shareholders Annual Meeting



PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the KNC Annual Shareholders Meeting will be held on Saturday, May 30, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. at the Koyuk Community Hall for the following purposes:

Election of (3) Board of Directors & and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

4/16, 4/23, 4/30, 5/7, 5/14, 5/21

Trooper Beat

On April 8, Shaktoolik VPSO Lucas Stotts took reports of items being stolen from residences in the village. A suspect has been identified and the investigation is continuing.  
  
During the week of May 4, 2009, the following individuals were contacted and issued citations by the Alaska Wildlife Troopers in Nome for Failure to Return RM840 Moose Hunt Reports, which were due by September 30, 2008; Michael Hahn, Troy Miller, Reese Madden, Thomas Noyakuk, Margaret Gandia, William Parnell, and Danny Aukon. As of the time the citations were issued, the permits had still not been returned.  
  
On May 11, at 9:32 a.m., AST received a report of a domestic disturbance in Gambell. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Fabian Ungott, 29, of Gambell. Ungott was charged with Assault III, Assault IV, Misconduct Involving Weapons IV, and Interfering with a Report of a Crime Involving Domestic Violence. Ungott was remanded to AMCC.  
  
On May 11, at 1:00 p.m., Village Public Safety Officer John Peratrovich received a report of a domestic disturbance in Savoonga. Kenneth Noongwook, 18, of Savoonga, was subsequently arrested for Assault III. Noongwook was remanded to the AMCC.  
  
On May 11, Nome Alaska Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Enforcement contacted Nicolas Tyler Bliss, 19, of Fairbanks, at a local air carrier in Nome. Incident to contact, one16oz bottle of alcohol was removed from his luggage. Bliss was headed to the dry village of Savoonga. Charges will be forwarded to Office of Special Prosecutions and Appeals.

On May 13, Unalakleet AST received information of a possible probation violation in St. Michael. AST investigation is continuing to determine if the person's probation was violated.  
  
On May 15, at approximately 6:10 a.m., VPSO Peratrovich received a report of a domestic disturbance in Savoonga. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Orlan Wongittilin, 33, of Savoonga, for Felony Probation Violation and Assault IV. Wongittilin was remanded to AMCC.  
  
On May 16, at 2:00 a.m., VPSO Peratrovich received a report of an intoxicated minor in Savoonga. John Toolie, 20, of Savoonga, was subsequently charged with Probation Violation and Minor Consuming Alcohol.  
  
On May 16, at 6:00 a.m., VPSO Peratrovich received a report of an intoxicated minor in Savoonga. Scott Slwooko, 19, of Gambell, was subsequently charged with Minor Consuming Alcohol.  
  
On May 16, at 6:30 a.m., VPSO Peratrovich received a report of an injured ATV driver in Savoonga. Robin Kogassagoon, 18, of Savoonga, was subsequently charged with Minor Consuming Alcohol. Kogassagoon was transported to the Savoonga Clinic for treatment of his injuries.  
  
On May 16, at 1:10 p.m., AST arrested Charles Okpealuk, 41 of Teller, for Probation Violation and Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance VI. Okpealuk was remanded to AMCC.



**SOLICITATION NOTICE**  
**RFP-NVOS-09-CPA-01**  
**NATIVE VILLAGE OF SHAKTOOLIK (NVOS)**  
**CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT (CPA)**  
**SERVICES CONTRACT**  
For  
**AUDIT-BOOKREVIEW**

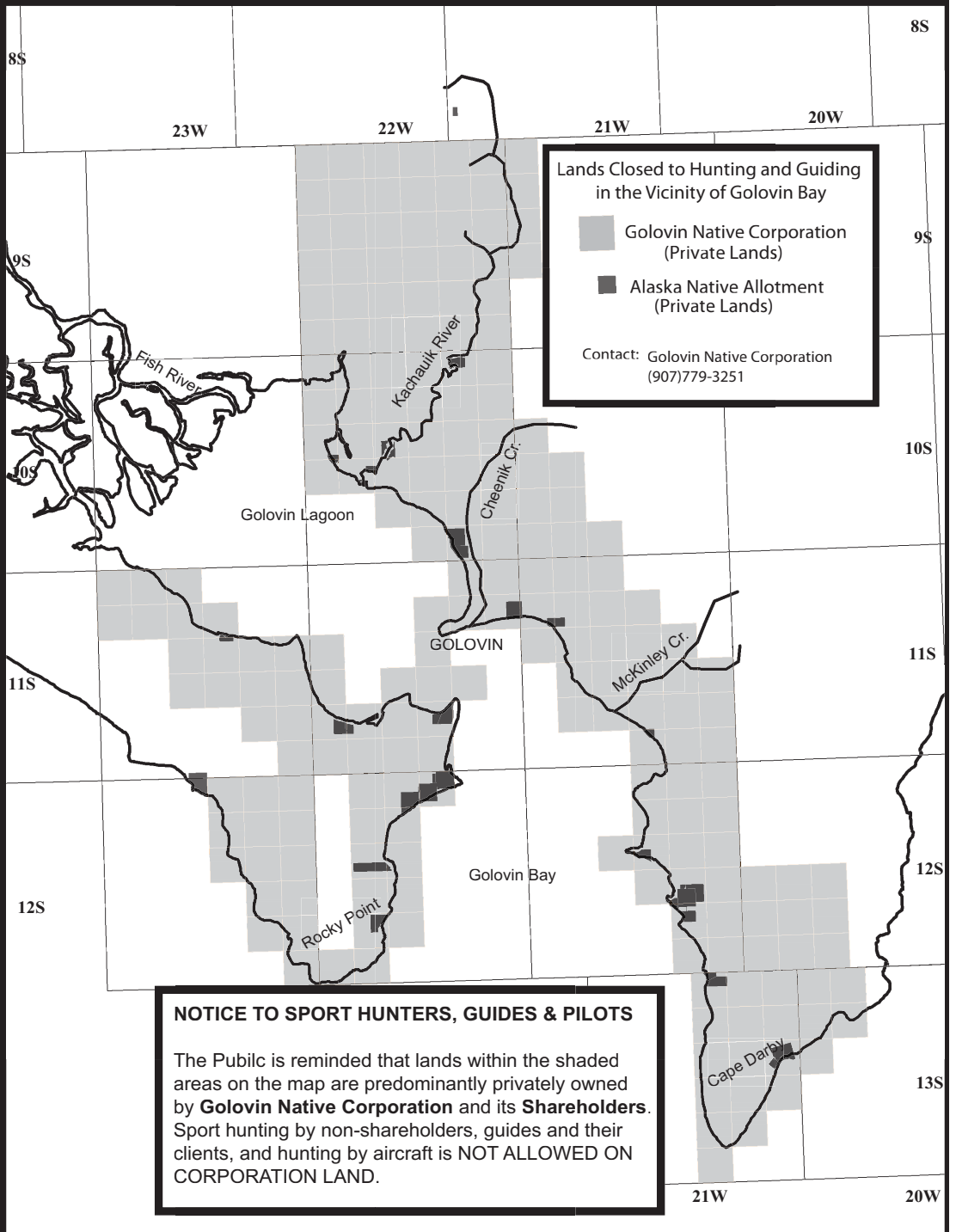
NVOS intends to enter into a contract for professional CPA services for the auditing requirements of the Single Audit Act.

The successful firm will act as NVOS's Project Technical Representative to provide professional service to evaluate compliance with the Single Audit Act requirements; Prepare the annual audit report with government auditing standards (GAGAS); Determine whether the financial statements and schedules of expenditures of Federal awards are presented fairly; Follow up on prior year audit findings; Designate auditee as low risk, if applicable.

The solicitation package will be available for distribution by mail, fax, or e-mail, beginning MAY 6, 2009. Responses must be submitted in the format specified in the solicitation, and must be received no later than 5 p.m. on MAY 27, 2009

Requests for solicitation documents must be directed to Karlene Sagoonick, Tribal Coordinator

Native Village of Shaktoolik  
P.O. Box 100  
Shaktoolik, AK 99771  
[ksagoonick@kawerak.org](mailto:ksagoonick@kawerak.org)  
**(907) 955-3701 phone (907) 955-2352**



**NOTICE TO SPORT HUNTERS, GUIDES & PILOTS**

The Public is reminded that lands within the shaded areas on the map are predominantly privately owned by **Golovin Native Corporation** and its **Shareholders**. Sport hunting by non-shareholders, guides and their clients, and hunting by aircraft is **NOT ALLOWED ON CORPORATION LAND**.



Obituary



Martha G. Craft

**Martha G. Craft**  
Soldotna resident Martha G. Craft, 87, died Monday, May 11, 2009 at Central Peninsula Hospital in Soldotna. Her ashes will be buried at the Nome Cemetery in Nome.  
Mrs. Craft was born December 15, 1921 to James Crawford and Sadie May (Kane) Gum in Cass, W. Virginia. She attended high school and furthered her education by attending clerical school in West Virginia. Mrs. Craft moved to Annette Island in 1949 and then to Nome in 1950. While in Nome, she worked for the Miners and Merchants Bank as a cashier.  
In 1968 she moved back to West Virginia where she worked for Davis

Electrical in Elkins, WV until she retired. Mrs. Craft moved to Soldotna in 2005 where she resided until her death. She was a member of the Beta Sigma Phi in Nome and WV. Nome Women’s Club where she was appointed to the Alaska Commission on the status of Women in 1966 by Gov. Bill Egan and again in 1967 by Gov. Walter Hickel. Martha enjoyed knitting; she won many ribbons at the West Virginia State Fair. She also loved gardening, canning her fruits and vegetables and playing bridge.  
The family wrote, “She was instrumental in starting the hot lunch program in the public school in Nome. She volunteered at Davis, Memorial Hospital in Elkins, WV

and was named volunteer of the year in 2001.”  
She was preceded in death by her son, David Craft; parents; and sister, Margaret Francher.  
She is survived by her son Joel Craft Sr. and his wife Esther, of Soldotna; sister, Virginia McCauley and her husband Jack, of Maryland; granddaughters, Annette Burcham and her husband Aaron, of Soldotna and Martha Ellington and her husband Michael, of Nome; grandsons, Roy Craft of Anchorage and Joel Craft Jr. and his wife Michelle, of Nome; great-grandchildren, Aiden Craft, Whitney Burcham, McKinna Craft, Danika Craft, Colton Godfrey, Koryne Godfrey, Madison Ellington, Carly Ellington; and many nieces and nephews.



Photo by by Nikolai Ivanoff

**ON THE MOVE— Outsiders’ shop heads to new location near the intersection of the Nome Bypass Road ( Seventh Ave.) and the Teller Highway. Q Trucking is giving a lift.**

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cause it was not designed to hold water, only tailings from the mine. This TSF was built at the bottom of a downhill slope. Heavy snowfall collects uphill and inside the TSF, so when the spring thaw hits it turns into a big lake full of toxins. Per the Plan of Operations a Water Treatment Plant and Injection Wells are supposed to be up and running to keep the TSF from being overloaded with excess water. The WTP is not operational and I’m not sure what is happening with the injection wells. So, right now water is collecting behind walls of dirt with liners that were not designed to hold a lot of water. I hate to think what will happen to the Snake River Valley should those walls not hold.  
Rock Creek Mine was permitted by our government. Now we are dealing with the consequences. I don’t think it is too much to ask for tighter constraints on mining companies to provide valid, specific, safe

plans of operation that show best management practices and a solid foundation for any mine that will be constructed in our state. Get it straight before you build it!  
Thank you,  
Karen McLane  
Nome, AK  
  
Dear Editor:  
Another child has been killed by one of the local cab drivers. How many more times or how many more mothers and fathers will have to suffer such a loss or suffer the pain of one of their children being injured due to the lack of control and negligent behavior behind the wheel of a vehicle in Nome, another cab in this incident? How many more will it take before this community takes a stand to demand some accountability here?  
How many of you could add your own harrowing story, hopefully not as severe as the one just created by this same cab company? Would it include things like this: slamming on

brakes directly in front of you, turning without signaling, cutting through yards, cutting corners, (My own nephew was hit in his yard. A cab cutting a corner hit him. He lived) pulling out in front of you like a bat-out-of-hell? Rules of the road don’t apply here. They have an attitude, like somehow they are exempt? Is that \$4 fare so urgent that your life, my life, can be put at risk with not so much as even thank you or” kiss my ###.”  
It is early spring and along with it comes clusters of little kids playing. Which one? Is YOUR kid out there? I don’t have little kids but on occasion I am a pedestrian! I’ve heard all the excuses, I’ve heard all reasons like “it was an accident,” things happen “,” only God knows why. “ Well, which one wasn’t. Let’s do something Nome.  
Toni Ellingworth  
Nome, AK

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workers decide how they want to form a union.  
It’s time to pass labor law reform that will stop employers who break the law with threats and illegal firings. We need to create incentives for workers and their employers to come together and negotiate meaningful contracts in a timely manner.  
In many instances, unions and employers at hundreds of successful businesses have come together to form constructive relationships. Unions and businesses have worked together to train workers in new skills, preparing them for the kinds of jobs that will get this economy running again. Union workforces are more stable, with less turnover and fewer retraining costs.  
These cooperative relationships help local communities prosper. True wealth isn’t built on top of reckless speculation. It takes the efforts of working people and responsible business owners to achieve long-term sustainability. That’s what the American dream has always been about, and it’s time for us to make that dream a reality once more.  
Vince Beltrami is President of the Alaska AFL-CIO

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE for the Year 2009, listing Delinquent Real Property Taxes for the Years 2006 & 2007.

CITY OF NOME

TAKE NOTICE that on or about the 28th Day of April, 2009, the City of Nome filed in Superior Court at Nome, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska, a certified copy of the foreclosure list for the years 2006 & 2007, together with a Petition for Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure. Notice will be given by four weekly publications of the foreclosure list in *The Nome Nugget* weekly newspaper on April 30 and on May 7, 14, 21, 2009. In addition to publication, a notice will be mailed, postage prepaid, to the

last-known owner of the property as their name appears on the foreclosure list.  
  
During the time of publication of the foreclosure list, and up to the expiration of the statutory period for redemption, the property listed on the foreclosure list may be redeemed by payment in full for all taxes, penalties, and interest due and owing on the parcel(s) sought to be redeemed together with payment for a proportionate share of the costs of foreclosure, including but not limited to, the costs of publication, mailing,

and attorney's fees.  
  
The foreclosure list is available for public inspection at the Clerk's Office in City Hall, Nome, Alaska, at 102 Division Street, Nome, Alaska 99762. PAYMENT IN FULL OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT SHOWN ON THE FORECLOSURE LIST PLUS INTEREST, PENALTIES, AND A PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE COSTS OF FORECLOSURE MUST BE MADE BEFORE ANY PROPERTY WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE FORECLOSURE LIST.

CITY OF NOME, ALASKA 2006-2007 FORECLOSURE LIST

OWNER OF RECORD	TAX LOT #	LEGAL	2006 TAX	2007 TAX	PENALTY	INTEREST*	GRAND TOTAL**
Apok, Martha (Estate) c/o Sharla Pate	001.121.31	South ½ of Lot 12, B 48 NT		814.00	65.12	115.08	994.20
Aukon, Danny Wayne Jr. & Barbara Lee	001.151.02A	Lot 13A, B 31 NT	685.30	685.30	109.65	248.44	1728.69
Ayek, Mary (Estate) c/o Sylvester Ayek	001.121.02	Lot 2, B 46 NT	1009.84			73.71	1083.55
The Cooperative Small Boat Fishermans Association of Alaska	001.411.24	Lot 49, B 57 NT		372.22		0.98	373.20
Eaton, Mike, Gloria & Lorriane	001.281.64	Lot 25A, B 27 Official plat 83-22 of U.S. Survey 451	596.20	596.20	95.39	216.14	1503.93
Eberl, Hatto H.	001.119.06	Lot 6, B 119 NT		333.30	26.66	47.12	407.08
Eberl, Hatto	001.221.08	L 4A and the Westerly 14 feet of Lot 5A, B 92 NT	193.60	193.60	30.98	70.19	488.37
Eberl, Hatto	001.221.08A	Lot 5A, B 92 NT	1059.30	1059.30	169.49	384.03	2672.12
Eberl, Hatto	001.241.31A	Lot 8A, B 30 of the replat of Lots 5,6,7,8,9 & N.1/2 of L10 excepting the East 25', NT		1538.90	123.11	217.56	1879.57
Hager, John & Tina	198.2.181	Lot 4A Flat Creek Subdivision	1773.20	1773.20	283.71	642.83	4472.94
Halladay, Duffy	001.231.28	North 65' of the South 97' of Lot 1, B 65 NT		650.10	52.01	91.91	794.02
Hoogendorn, Betty Ann	198.2.250	Section 24 MS # 1120 East Bench Placer		2788.50	223.08	394.21	3405.79
Kakik, Sam & Zarcone, Beatrice Lee,	001.311.15	West ½ of Lot 11 & all of Lot 12, B 96 NT	1083.50	1083.50	173.36	392.80	2733.16
Luce, Robert	001.111.16	Lot 6, B 69 NT	1656.60	1656.60	265.06	600.56	4178.82
Merkouris, John & My Quyen	001.281.39	North 46' of Lot 16, B 25 NT	397.78	695.20	55.62	127.75	1276.35
Milligrock, Lydia	198.2.464	Lot 6, B 14, Icy View Subdivision	1443.46	2054.80	164.39	373.24	4035.89
Mogg, Gloria J.	001.311.16	L 9,10,11(E 1/2) B 96 NT		577.50	46.20	81.65	705.35
Oleson, Joleen D.	001.281.23	East 20' of Lot 1, B 26 NT	256.85	513.70	61.64	83.16	915.35
Trigg, Clarence	001.161.25	L 29 & 30 (L 30 exc W 3'), B 66 NT	838.20	838.20	134.11	304.02	2114.53

*Interest for this total is computed as of April 21, 2009. Additional interest at eight percent (8%) per year on the tax due continues to accrue until paid in full. **In addition, each property or owner must pay its proportionate costs of foreclosure, including but not limited to attorney fees, court costs, costs of notice and publication, and costs of mailing. The costs must be paid before the property may be removed from the foreclosure list. I certify that I am the City Clerk/Treasurer of the City of Nome, Alaska and that the foregoing foreclosure list is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
  
/s/ Sandy Sturgis-Babcock, City Clerk/Treasurer  
  
THIS LIST IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AT THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK FOR THE CITY OF NOME, ALASKA, AT 102 DIVISION STREET, NOME, ALASKA 99762. A PETITION FOR JUDGMENT AND DECREE OF FORECLOSURE HAS BEEN FILED WITH THE SUPERIOR COURT IN NOME, ALASKA.  
  
/s/ Joelene M. Kacena Notary Public, My Commission expires: 3/29/13



Court

Week ending 5/15

Civil

Henderson Receivables Origination LLC vs. Pete, Nicholas; Structured Settlement - Superior Court

Small Claims

Credit Union 1 vs. Oxereok, Gene F.; Small Claims More than \$2500  
Cornerstone Credit Services LLC vs. Noongwook, Adora; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Deft. Cert Mail  
Cornerstone Credit Services LLC vs. Olanna, Thomas S.; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Deft. Cert Mail  
Savoonga Native Store vs. Annogiyuk, Merrill et al; SC \$2500 or Less: 2 Deft. Cert Mail  
Stebbins Native Store vs. Andrews, Benjamin T.; SC More Than \$2500: 1 Deft. Cert Mail  
Savoonga Native Store vs. Edwards, Charles; SC More Than \$2500: 1 Deft. Cert Mail  
Savoonga Native Store vs. Wongittilin, Mabelene; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Deft. Cert Mail  
Savoonga Native Store vs. Noongwook, Edwin; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Deft. Cert Mail  
Savoonga Native Store vs. Penayah, Luke; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Deft. Cert Mail  
Savoonga Native Store vs. Gologergen, Arnold; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Deft. Cert Mail  
Savoonga Native Store vs. Kingeekuk, Melly; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Deft. Cert Mail  
Savoonga Native Store vs. Pungowiyi, Martha; SC More Than \$2500: 1 Deft. Cert Mail  
Savoonga Native Store vs. Noongwook, Valerie; SC More Than \$2500: 1 Deft. Cert Mail

Criminal

State of Alaska v. Nicholas Anasogak (12/29/75); 2NO-09-127CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Attempted Criminal Trespass 1°; Filed by the DAs Office 5/4/09.  
State of Alaska v. Nicholas Anasogak (12/29/75); 2NO-09-177CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110701359; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 10 days, remanded into custody; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.  
State of Alaska v. Burlene Oliver (1/23/76); Corrected Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault Fourth Degree; Charge 002: Assault Fourth Degree; Filed by the DAs Office 4/30/09; Redistributed with corrected Case Number.  
State of Alaska v. Valerie Henry (2/14/84); 2NO-09-74CR Count 002: Importation of Alcohol; Date of offense: 10/13/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 1 (001), count 3 (003); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 210 days, 180 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days have been served; Credit time served 2NO-09-216CR; Forfeit alcohol to State; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 5/13/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol or controlled substances, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol or controlled substances; Person and baggage are subject to warrantless search at any airport; Alcohol/Substance Abuse assessment by 6/15/09; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare.  
State of Alaska v. Valerie J. Henry (2/14/84); 2NO-09-216CR Count 001: Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 4/23/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: counts 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, dismissed: (003-008); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 30 days suspended; Forfeit Marijuana to State; Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 5/13/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol or controlled substances, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol or controlled substances; Alcohol/Substance Abuse assessment by 6/15/09; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare.  
State of Alaska v. Valerie J. Henry (2/14/84); 2NO-09-216CR Count 002: Resisting with Arrest; Date of offense: 4/23/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: counts 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 60 days, 60 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 5/13/11, subject to the following conditions: same as count 1.  
State of Alaska v. Dannita Malewotkuk (2/18/86); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110700972; Defendant refusing probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, remanded into custody.  
State of Alaska v. Leonard Delie (3/12/85); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110125098; Violated conditions of pro-

bation; Probation extended to 5/8/10; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.  
State of Alaska v. Steven C. Eckroate (4/17/52); Count 001: Salvage Of Game Meat/Furs/Hides—Edible Meat Taken; Date of offense: 1/4/09; The following charge was dismissed: Count 002: Take Cow Musk Ox During Closed Season; Date of offense: 1/4/09; 45 days, 45 days suspended; Fined \$2,500 with \$1,000 suspended; Any unsuspended amount is to be paid within 2 years; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 to be paid within 10 days; Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; License Actions: hunting license revoked until 5/7/12; Restitution: pay restitution in the amount of \$3,000 to the SOA pursuant to statute; Other: The following item is forfeited to the State: Equipment used in or in aid of the violation: snowmobile and rifle; seized items may be bought back/redeemed by payment of \$1,000 for the snowmobile and \$500 for the rifle; Probation: 5 years (date of Judgment: 5/7/09); Comply with all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Commit no similar violations of law during the probation period.  
State of Alaska v. Anthony Gandia; Order Modify Probation; IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the probation conditions regarding alcohol in this case is modified as follows: Defendant shall not possess or consume alcohol nor have alcohol in his residence, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store, with the exception that he may be on the premises of the Polar Bar/Liquor in conjunction with his employment as cook at the Polar Cub Restaurant; Defendant is subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol; DATED AT NOME, ALASKA This 14th day of May 2009, BEN ESCH, Superior Court Judge.  
State of Alaska v. Reginald W. Lockwood (8/28/53); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110126637; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 30 days, shall report to AMCC by 7/1/09; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.  
State of Alaska v. Wade Daniels (10/6/82); 2NO-08-559CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110826135; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: all remaining time, remanded into custody.  
State of Alaska v. Wade Daniels (10/6/82); 2NO-08-628CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110826225; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: all remaining time, remanded into custody.  
State of Alaska v. Wade E. Daniels (10/6/82); 2NO-09-228CR Assault 4° DV; Date of offense: 4/28/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 12 months, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 12 months shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC consecutive to 2NO-08-559CR and 2NO-08-628CR; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.  
State of Alaska v. Vanessa Kost (1/19/89); Dismissal; Assault 4°, charge number 1; Filed by the DAs Office 5/15/09.  
State of Alaska v. April M. James (3/30/63); Importation of Alcohol; Date of offense: 11/3/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 180 days, 160 days suspended; Unsuspended 20 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC by 4pm, 5/15/09; Release or bail conditions remain in effect until defendant reports to serve sentence; Fine: \$3,000 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$3,000 fine through Nome Trial Courts by 5/15/12; Forfeit alcohol; cash, yeast to State; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 5/15/14; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol in dry or damp community, nor have alcohol in her residence; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol in a dry or damp community; Person and baggage are subject to warrantless search at any airport en route to dry/damp community; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation.  
State of Alaska v. Tenadore Oozeva (6/22/75); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110826666; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 60 days, remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.  
State of Alaska v. Don McClain (7/1/49); Count 2: Assault 4° DV; Date of offense: 3/30/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 1 (001); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 60 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.  
State of Alaska v. Marie Ningaalook (9/6/79); Order Suspending Imposition of Sentence and Providing for Probation; Count 001: Theft 2°; Date of offense: 1/14/08; Defendant came before court 5/11/09 with counsel, Michele Murphy, Public Defender, and John Earthman, DA present; It appearing to the satisfaction of this court that the ends of justice and the best interests of the public, as well as the defendant, will be served thereby, IT IS ORDERED that the sentencing of the defendant is suspended for a period of 5 years and the defendant is placed on probation to the DOC under the conditions of probation listed below; IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the defendant pay

restitution as stated in the Restitution Judgment and that defendant apply for an Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend every year in which defendant is a resident eligible for a dividend until the restitution is paid in full; The Restitution Judgment will continue to be civilly enforceable after the period of probation expires and after any set-aside of the conviction in this case; Criminal Rule 32.6(i); Police Training Surcharge: IT IS ORDERED that defendant pay to the court the following surcharge pursuant to AS 12.55.039 within 10 days: \$100; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$100 to the Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage; Second Jail Surcharge: \$100 if probation revoked and, in connection with revocation, defendant is arrested and taken to a correctional facility or jail time is ordered served; AS 12.55.041(c); Special Condition of Probation – Imprisonment: 90 days, shall report to AMCC by 6pm on 5/11/09; This Court recommends service of time at Seaside Community Residential Center; General and Other Special Conditions of Probation set, as stated in order; Probation expires 5/11/14; Any appearance or performance bond in this case: is exonerated.  
State of Alaska v. Rambo Hunt (5/2/89); Judgment and Order of Commitment/Probation; Count 001: Assault 3°; Date of offense: 12/11/08; The following charges were dismissed pursuant to Criminal rule 43(a): Count 002: Criminal Mischief 3°; Count 003: Assault 4°; Count 004: Criminal Trespass 1°; Count 005: Reckless Endangerment; Date of offenses: 12/11/08; 24 months, 16.5 months suspended; Any unsuspended time is to be served with defendant remanded to custody; Defendant is to be credited for time already served in this case; Police Training Surcharge: IT IS ORDERED that defendant pay to the court the following surcharge pursuant to AS 12.55.039 within 10 days: \$100; Second Jail Surcharge: \$100 if probation revoked and, in connection with revocation, defendant is arrested and taken to a correctional facility or jail time is ordered served; AS 12.55.041(c); DNA IDENTIFICATION: ordered to provide samples for the DNA Registration System when requested to do so by a health care professional acting on behalf of the state, and to provide oral samples for the DNA Registration System when requested by a correctional, probation, parole, or peace officer; AS 12.55.015(h); Restitution: IT IS ORDERED that defendant pay restitution as follows: as follows: Restitution Recipients: Andrew Foxie, Sr., \$100; Payments must be made to the Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage; The court will also accept payments; Restitution is due immediately for civil execution purposes, unless defendant establishes a payment schedule with the Department of Law Collections Unit or, in municipal cases, with the court; If the defendant misses any required payment, the total unpaid amount becomes immediately due and civil execution may begin; Interest will accrue on the principal amount of restitution due at the rate provided in AS 09.30.070(a), currently 3.50% from: the date of this judgment (5/11/09); Defendant ordered to apply for an Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend every year in which defendant is a resident eligible for a dividend until the restitution is paid in full; IT IS ORDERED that, after serving any term of incarceration imposed, the defendant is placed on probation for 2 years under the following conditions: General and Special Conditions of Probation set, as stated in order; Any appearance or performance bond in this case: is exonerated.  
State of Alaska v. Alvin Amaktoolik (1/29/87); Judgment and Order of Commitment/Probation; Count 001: Assault 3°; Date of offense: 3/26/09; The following charges were dismissed pursuant to Criminal rule 43(a): Count 002: Assault 3°; Count 003: Mischief Involving Weapons 4°; Date of offenses: 3/26/09; 4 years, 2 years suspended; Any unsuspended time is to be served with defendant remanded to custody; This Court recommends service of time at Wildwood Correctional Center; Defendant is to be credited for time already served in this case; Police Training Surcharge: IT IS ORDERED that defendant pay to the court the following surcharge pursuant to AS 12.55.039 within 10 days: \$100; Second Jail Surcharge: \$100 if probation revoked and, in connection with revocation, defendant is arrested and taken to a correctional facility or jail time is ordered served; AS 12.55.041(c); DNA IDENTIFICATION: ordered to provide samples for the DNA Registration System when requested to do so by a health care professional acting on behalf of the state, and to provide oral samples for the DNA Registration System when requested by a correctional, probation, parole, or peace officer; AS 12.55.015(h); IT IS ORDERED that, after serving any term of incarceration imposed, the defendant is placed on probation for 2 years under the following conditions: General and Special Conditions of Probation set, as stated in order; Any appearance or performance bond in this case: is exonerated.  
State of Alaska v. Edward Kakaruk (11/25/72); Count 2: Disorderly Conduct; Date of offense: 3/8/09; Counts Dismissed by State: count 1 (001); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 10 days, 10 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 11/14/9; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer for alcohol.

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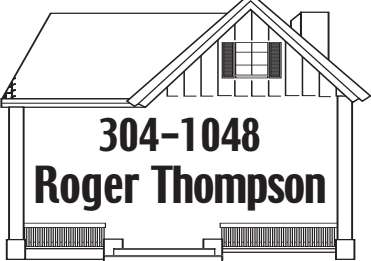


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**MAKING GOOD USE OF A PUDDLE** (above)—Proving there’s no need for an outdoor pool in Nome, a group of girls brave the muck on a recent sunny day. Left to right are Megan Contreas, Briday Knittle, Kelsey Imminigan, Maria Pelkola, Hannah Alowa, Annalise Contreas, Jillian Stettenbenz and Hannah Kennedy.

**THE DEEP END** (right below)—Audra Murdock takes the plunge.

**“WOOF, WOOF” MEANS “I DO”**—The Nome neighborhood celebrated the wedding of Sara and Chopper. From left to right are Angalee Vaden, Jillie Stettenbenz carrying bridesmaid Pookie, Sara (the bulldog), Sarah Mostoller, Chopper (the hound) and Mollie. The wedding was held May 15 at 3 p.m. and was coordinated by Mostoller and Skylyr Ramos. The wedding program announced the bridesmaid, Pookie; maid-of-honor, Bailey; Person-who-gives-away, Jillie; bride, Sara; groom, Chopper; Preacher, Sarah; lights, Skylyr; walking bridesmaid, Mollie.



Photo by Rahmia Parker



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**SLAPSHOT**—The Nome North Stars competed in the Labatt Blue/USA Hockey tournament April 24-26, winning their first three games. They went onto the semi-finals and lost 1-0. Pictured are (back row, left to right) Dave Tunley, Nick Klescewski, Kenny Brunette Kenny Hughes, Brian Bourdon, Wayne Christiansen, (front row, left to right) Peter Pickett, Wilson Bourdon Bill Herzner Mitch Erickson and Charlie Painter.



Photo by Tyler Rhodes

**DISASTER CREW**—A group of Northwestern Alaska Career and Technical Center students helped Tom Vaden and Seiji Heck assemble nearly 100 disaster response packets for Nome and villages in the region. The packs, all identical, carry first-aid and emergency supplies. Pictured are (l to r) Laya Dan, 17, of Stebbins; Corrina Odinzoff, 14, of Stebbins; Jessica Abessuk, 17, of Nome; Rae-Rae Olanna, 16, of Shishmaref; Tristan Seppilu, 16, of Savoonga; Sheryl Noongwook, 15, of Savoonga; and Dorothy Kava, 18, of Savoonga.

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**TO THE RESCUE**—Search and rescue volunteers Tom Vaden (left) and Kevin Knowlton paddle a Zodiac through a wave while Shane Smithhisler operates a wave-runner on their way to pluck fishermen Travis Murphy (right) and his partner from their overturned boat Sunday evening in Bering Sea just behind Front Street. For more, see the story below.

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**SUMMER ON THE BEACH**—Tiffany Ongtawasruk, 10, sets to building a sand castle June 11 on East End Beach. With the sun making only brief appearances this spring, Nomeites have flocked to the beach on the rare occasions when the skies are clear and the mercury climbs above 60° F.

## Festival offers a marathon of fun

By Tyler Rhodes

Whether or not its namesake makes an appearance, Nome will be treated to a nonstop lineup of events this weekend for the annual Midnight Sun Festival.

Celebrating the more than 21 1/2 hours of sunlight that Nome receives around the summer solstice, the festival encourages Nomeites to join in a parade, plunge into the Bering Sea, get on stage to perform music and navigate homemade rafts down the Nome River. Anyone that makes it through each and every event offered should receive an award for stamina come Monday.

The fun begins Friday with the start of the Nome Midnight Sun Folk Fest. It's the kids who get the first crack at this year's guest performers, The Great Alaska Bluegrass Band. Kids are invited to come to a free, hour-long dance and music work-

shop with the band at Nome Elementary School at 1:30 p.m.

Kids of all ages can come and hear the hard-driving bluegrass of the Juneau-based band at 7:30 p.m. Friday when they play a concert at the elementary school. The show then heads to Airport Pizza where local musicians are encouraged to grab their instruments to come pick tunes with the band starting at 10 p.m.

The athletic set can get a healthy start to the weekend with the annual Gold Dust Dash race. Racers and walkers can sign up to register between 7:30 and 7:50 a.m. at East Beach. The 4-mile race starts at 8 a.m. and runs along the coast to the Nome River and back. Up for grabs are gold nuggets for the top male and female finishers.

The festival hits the streets Sat-

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## Rescuers reel in fishermen from the sea

Quick response plucks two from overturned flat-bottom boat just offshore Nome's Front Street

By Tyler Rhodes

Two fishermen were rescued just off the shore behind Nome's Front Street Sunday evening after they were spotted sitting atop their overturned boat.

The pair were approximately 50 yards offshore when rescue crews reached them.

Rescue personnel from Nome launched a

quick response en masse around 7:30 p.m., launching a jet ski and an inflatable Zodiac boat to reach Travis Murphy and his fishing partner from Sitka. Neither the Nome Police nor Volunteer Fire departments were able to identify the second fisherman.

According to the police department, the fishermen were out in a boat owned by Phil Pryzmont.

Nome resident Dave McDowell was able to see the scene unfold at Polar Cafe. "They had come out to check the net," he said.

McDowell was sitting across the room when he noticed the tourists seated at the table by the window pointing out toward the sea. "I saw them looking up and pointing at something with kind of 'that look' on their

face," McDowell said.

McDowell said he looked out the window and saw two people on a capsized boat. He used a pair of binoculars to get a closer look. "It was pretty obvious we needed to call 911," he said. McDowell made the call.

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## Two perish in plane crash near Elim

Two Oregon men are dead following a June 9 plane crash that occurred just outside of Elim.

According to Alaska State Troopers, pilot Bruce Harden, 69, and his passenger Lonny Draheim, 54, both of Brookings, Ore., died in the incident.

The wreckage of the plane was

found the next day east of Bald Head Mountain where medical personnel from Elim were able to reach the victims and confirm their deaths that evening.

Harden and Draheim were flying in a homebuilt Van's RV-7 aircraft from Galena to Nome to visit Jay Wieler, according to Wieler's sister, Janice Doherty. She noted that the crash occurred on Draheim's birthday.

A Trooper aircraft and an Army National Guard Blackhawk helicopter from Nome searched for the missing plane to no avail June 10 before responders in Elim found the downed aircraft. Troopers reported that poor weather with fog, reduced visibility and low clouds hampered search efforts.

The two gentlemen, who were close friends in Brookings, had left Oregon June 1 to fly together to Alaska in the experimental aircraft. The plane which

allows its passengers to sit side-by-side in the cockpit is billed as an "all-around sport airplane with excellent cross-country capability, fine aerobatic qualities and superior handling," according to Van's Aircraft website.

Doherty said the duo had stopped in Galena for fuel after leaving from Delta Junction the day of the crash. Both men were pilots who had been flying for decades. Harden had previously lived in Alaska.

No cause for the crash had been reported as of press time Monday. The Nome Nugget's efforts to contact the National Transportation Safety Board were not successful as of press time.

**TRAGIC SCENE**—An Alaska State Trooper examines the wreckage of a Van's RV-7 that crashed into a hillside outside Elim June 9. Two Oregon men died in the crash.



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Alaska News Briefs

Compiled by Diana Haecker

Kott and Kohring released from federal prison

Former state Representatives Vic Kohring and Pete Kott returned to Alaska after their release from prison on June 12. Kohring and Kott were released under orders issued by courts in San Francisco and Anchor-

age. The U.S. Department of Justice last week said prosecutors had failed to turn over favorable evidence before the former legislators' 2007 trials on bribery, extortion and conspiracy. On June 10, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco ordered both men released from prison. On June 5, the US Attorney General Eric Holder filed papers in the US Court of Appeals in San Francisco seeking to release Kott and Kohring. Similar to the arguments to dismiss all charges against former US Senator Ted Stevens, the feds say that prosecutors withheld information from the defendants.

"After a careful review of these cases, I have determined that it appears that the department did not provide information that should have been disclosed to the defense," Holder said in a statement. "The department's mission is to do justice, not just win cases, and when we make mistakes, it is our duty to admit and correct those mistakes."

Holder has called for an internal review of the Justice Department's

investigation of public corruption in Alaska. Kott and Kohring were convicted in 2007 and sentenced to six and three and a half years of jail time, respectively. Both were found guilty of taking bribes from oil services VECO boss Bill Allen as a bill came up to raise state taxes on oil companies.

The energy-strings-attached battle continues

While state legislators seriously mull the possibility to override Governor Sarah Palin's veto to refuse \$28.6 million in federal energy stimulus funds, Palin insists in having found proof of the strings attached to the funds. The U.S. Department of Energy said that these energy funds are tied to the statewide adoption of new federal energy-efficiency codes, the 2009 International Conservation Code for residences and the 2007 American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers' code for commercial buildings. Currently Alaska has no statewide energy code in place and

Palin favors leaving it up to local governments to install building codes or not.

Legislative leaders last week sent a letter to U.S. Energy Secretary Steven Chu, asking to keep the state's option to receive the money and to hold open the application process until legislators reconvene in January. Then they would consider a veto override. They also inquired in the letter whether a legislative resolution would be acceptable in lieu of the governor's certification of the application for the money if the Legislature overrides the veto, but Gov. Palin refuses to complete the application.

"We ask your understanding — and patience — while we resolve an internal disagreement over the funds," the legislators said in their letter signed by Senate President Gary Stevens, House Speaker Mike Chenault, Senate Finance Co-chairs Lyman Hoffman and Bert Stedman,

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Letters

Dear People,

Hello, my name is Oscar Anasogak, Jr. I am from Koyuk, Alaska—born and raised. I have met a lot of you people from all over the region and state. This may come as a surprise to many, but currently I am now incarcerated at Spring Creek Correctional Center in Seward.

I am very ashamed for what I did, both to the victim, myself and for what I put my family and friends through.

Before I got in trouble I was a strong village leader with a lot of respect. I cared for and served everyone in the village; in a way I still do care, more now for the youth. The message I want to pass on is

for all the youth in our region and state to respect and obey all laws. Prison is **no** place to be. You all have something very precious right now, your **FREEDOM**. Please enjoy your lives, respect everyone, obey the laws and live free.

Being in prison you have very limited rights, freedom and privacy. This is absolutely no place to end up living.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. I hope that it prevents our people from ending up in a place like this.

Sincerely,  
Oscar Anasogak, Jr.  
Koyuk, AK 99753

Letters to the editor must be signed and include an address and phone number. Thank yous and political endorsements are considered ads.

Editorial

Here's to Our Health

Summertime in Nome is glorious. We've waited so long for it to get here and we've managed to pack a ton of fun-filled community events into a few short weeks. Nome knows how to have fun and ours is a class act.

Nome has talent, ingenuity and a sense of community. Our Folk Festival brings our musical souls to life. Our Summerise events promote healthy young life-styles. Our Bering Sea Polar Bear Swim gives us our annual bath and our Nome River Raft Race keep us seaworthy. Our competitive foot and bike races build our endurance. Our participation in fundraisers demonstrates our compassion and willingness to reach out.

Nome has faced tough times and economic challenges, but we are a strong community with a sense of pride in our individuality and retrosophistication. We are lucky to be surrounded by clean air, fresh water and nature's glorious flora and fauna while we constantly work on perfection of our version of another day in paradise. — N.L.M. —

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Nome Norton Sound Tide Predictions (High & Low Waters) — June 18 - 24, 2009

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	06/24/09 04:20 a.m.	<b>Low Temp</b>	34° 6/10/09	
		<b>Peak Wind</b>	22 mph, W, 6/12/09	
<b>Sunset</b>	06/17/09 01:47 a.m.	<b>Precip. to Date</b>	6.61"	
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SALUTE—Dempsey Woods (photo above, pictured with his wife Fanny and Lt. Col. Simon Brown) , Stacey Green (left inset) and Reggie Bright (right inset) all say goodbye to the uniform and the military on June 6.

# Three say bye to the military

**By Anna Hahn**

Close to 100 people gathered in the gym of the Armory, all sitting with plates that were overflowing with food. The children younger than age 14 played basketball—occasionally and accidentally bouncing the ball off a guest’s head. The common thread in this engagement was to celebrate the retirement of three local military personnel: Dempsey Woods, Stacey Green and Reggie Bright.

On June 6, the three men were honored not only with the company of friends, family, food and basketballs, but also with awards and medals.

Lieutenant Colonel Simon Brown kicked off the ceremony with a welcome and then jumped into awarding Sergeant Woods and Sergeant Bright each with an ARMY Accommodation Medal as well as an Alaska Accommodation Medal.

Master Sergeant Green was honored with an Alaska Distinguished Medal as well as a Meritorious Service Medal.

The spouse of each of the men was awarded a certificate of appreciation for their dedication, commitment and support of their husband.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

June 18 - June 24, 2009

EVENT	PLACE	TIME
<b>June is mammogram promo month @ NSHC, 443-3227 for details</b>		
<b>Thursday, June 18</b>		
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*Preschool Story Hour	Kegoayah Library	10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Kinderswim & Lap Swim	Pool	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 6:30 p.m.
*Immunization class	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Denali Kid Care class	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Beginning Baton with Jay	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
*Swing Dancing with Seiji	Nome Rec Center	7:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Drop-in Volleyball	Nome Rec Center	8 p.m. - 10 p.m.
<b>Friday, June 19</b>		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 4 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50
<b>Jr. Rangers - Nat'l Park Service</b>	<b>Sitnasuak Building</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>
*Smoking Sessation class	Prematernal Home	1 p.m.
<b>Rhythm &amp; Dance For Kids</b>	<b>Nome Elementary</b>	<b>1:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Music by The Great Alaska Bluegrass Band</b>	<b>Nome Elementary</b>	
*Diabetes class	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Kids Soccer K - 3rd grade	Nome Rec Center	4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Kids Soccer 4th - 7th grade	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 6 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
<b>Concert: The Great Alaska Bluegrass Band</b>	<b>Nome Elementary</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
*Adult Drop-in Soccer	Nome Rec Center	8 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.
<b>Open Jam - Play w/Folk Fest folks</b>	<b>Airport Pizza</b>	<b>10 p.m.</b>
<b>Saturday, June 20</b>		
<b>Bird Outing - Nat'l Park Svc</b>	<b>Sitnasuak Building</b>	<b>7 a.m.</b>
<b>Family Hike - Nat'l Park Svc</b>	<b>Sitnasuak Building</b>	<b>10 a.m.</b>
<b>Midnight Sun Festival Parade</b>	<b>Front Street</b>	<b>11 a.m.</b>
*UMW Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 8 p.m.
*H2O Aerobics	Pool	1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
*Choices in Childbirth video	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
<b>Folk Fest Main Stage (free admit)</b>	<b>Nome Elementary</b>	<b>4 p.m. - 9 p.m.</b>
*Pregnancy Plus Workout video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*AA Meeting	BHS Bldg. 2nd floor	8 p.m.
<b>Night Hike - Nat'l Park Svc</b>	<b>Sitnasuak Building</b>	<b>9 p.m.</b>
<b>The Great Alaska Bluegrass Band</b>	<b>Polaris Bar (free admit)</b>	<b>10 p.m.</b>
<b>Sunday, June 21</b>		
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Lamaze video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Sexually Transmitted Disease video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
<b>Bluegrass Instrument Workshop</b>	<b>Nome Elementary</b>	
*AA: Big Book Study	HR Conf. Room, NSHC	6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
<b>Closing Concert: The Great Alaska Bluegrass Band - \$5 each or \$15 family</b>	<b>Nome Elementary</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Monday, June 22</b>		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.
*WIC - Expecting the Best video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Beginning Yoga with Kari	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*For Baby's Sake video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
<b>Nome Common Council reg mtg</b>	<b>Council Chambers</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
*H2O Aerobics	Pool	6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Drop-in Volleyball	Nome Rec Center	7:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.
<b>Tuesday, June 23</b>		
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*Preschool Story Hour	Kegoayah Library	10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	1 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*After Pregnancy A New Start video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	2:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Breastfeeding Your Baby video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Wille Ball Grades 7-8	Nome Rec Center	4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Open Swim	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*AA Teleconference: 1-800-914-3396	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*City League Volleyball	(CODE: 3534534#)	7 m.
*Thrift Shop	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
*Adult Drop-in Soccer	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
	Nome Rec Center	8 p.m. - 10 p.m.
<b>Wednesday, June 24</b>		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Rotary Club	Airport Pizza	noon - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 10 p.m.
*Strength Training with Jennie	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.
*Birth Control Myths & Methods video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Great Expectations Preg Pgmr video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*H2O Aerobics	Pool	6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Hello Central (also on Channel 98)	Nome Visitors Center	7:30 p.m.
*AA Meeting	BHS Bldg. 2nd floor	8 p.m.
<b>Pizza Eating Challenge</b>	<b>Airport Pizza</b>	<b>8 p.m. - 10 p.m.</b>
<b>Recurring activities/events (3 or more days a week):</b>		
Summertime	Nome Rec Center	noon - 5 p.m. (M - Th)
<b>Business/place of interest hours of operation:</b>		
XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Tu - F)
Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m. everyday
Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. everyday
<b>Library Hours</b>		
Kegoayah Library		noon - 8 p.m. (M - Th)
Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	noon - 6 p.m. (F - Sa)
		1 p.m. - 8 p.m. (M - Th & Sa)
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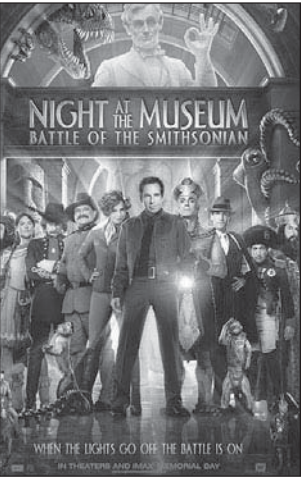
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# Shelter group receives advice, support from RurAL CAP

By Tyler Rhodes

As the fog lifted in the early afternoon June 10 and the warmth of the sun began to make its presence felt on Nome, a dozen people were hard at work in the fellowship hall of the Methodist Church trying to figure out how to provide shelter to the homeless the next time the temperatures sink well below zero.

While winter may seem far away as Nome was just released from the icy grasp of the previous cold season, organizers of the Nome Emergency Shelter Team know the time to act is now if they are to create a sustainable operation for next winter. To that end, the ad hoc group that is NEST gained assistance and ideas at the June 10 meeting from Melinda Freemon of Rural Alaska Commu-

nity Action Program Inc.

RurAL CAP is a statewide non-profit organization that works to improve the lives on low-income Alaskans. Its services cover a wide gamut, addressing everything from early childhood education to homelessness and substance abuse. RurAL CAP's Homeward Bound, a transitional housing program, has been cited as a model by many NEST members for what they would eventually like to see in Nome.

Freemon, RurAL CAP's Anchorage Services Director, was on hand to help NEST organizers refine their plan for providing a warm place to sleep for those who find themselves without shelter when it becomes dangerously cold. NEST was able to operate a shelter out of the Nome

Nazarene Church for 22 nights starting in March this past winter.

While it was successful in serving dozens of people in need, the effort was a hastily assembled, stopgap measure. By the end of the winter, volunteers were more difficult to round up and the task of organizing the shelter and staffing was becoming more onerous for the few who stepped up to take on the task. "You had your trial run and you know that everyone was really tired," Freemon said.

To confront the risk of completely burning out those who make the shelter a reality, NEST organizers were hoping to find funding to compensate a coordinator. Even more pressing than keeping a volunteer base organized and energized is the need to find a facility in which to operate. The Nazarene Church will not be available to use as a shelter next winter. "Without a place, you really can't have the service," Freemon said.

NEST has looked to the City of Nome for help in both areas by asking for \$10,000 and the use of the Mini Convention Center. While some Nome Common Council members have appeared warm to the idea, the council has not yet been sold on NEST's requests. Council members told NEST representatives at its June 8 meeting that they need to see a detailed budget for the shelter and a cataloging of what other entities would bring to the table in the form of money and

support before they could commit city resources to the effort.

Time is short, however, as the council is set to make its final vote on the city's 2010 budget at its June 22 meeting.

As for the use of the Mini Convention Center, the council worried about issues with liability, the city's insurance carrier and potential conflicts with other events at the facility. Councilman Jon Larson had questioned at the June 8 meeting whether the city's insurance would allow overnight stays in its facilities.

Nome City Manager Josie Bahnke attended the June 10 NEST meeting and informed the group that the city's insurance carrier, in fact, did not have a prohibition against overnight stays in its facilities. Bahnke also reiterated the council members' desire to see more concrete numbers in terms of a budget and support.

Abby Huggins, who has been acting as NEST's main contact, said the group needs help in developing a budget.

Freemon said NEST needs to first establish its priorities and plans for the next season before it can effectively chart its financial course. "You can't have a budget until you know what you want to do," Freemon said.

Freemon suggested that hiring a director may be a lofty goal at this point in the shelter's development. "The coordinator would be great, but that takes a lot of money," she said. She offered the idea of paying

shelter monitors for covering the late night to morning shift, the most jarring to a person's schedule and the hardest to fill. "It's throws you off pretty far," Freemon said of working such a late shift.

Last winter, the shelter had two monitors work two different shifts each night. The first shift covered 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. and the second shift ran from 2 a.m. to 8 a.m. NEST member Emma Goodwin highlighted the difficulties for many who want to volunteer their time but can't. "I'm a full-time employee and a full-time single mother. We do the best we can," Goodwin said.

The meeting also delved into the investigation of other funding sources. The Alaska Mental Health Trust was often mentioned. Freemon said the trust has a history of providing funding to get programs off the ground.

As much as she was there to offer ideas, Freemon also acted as a sounding board to help focus the thoughts brought to the table by NEST members and channel them into becoming a working plan. Freemon challenged the group to establish a concrete vision of what they want to offer next season.

She also encouraged members to remember the successes they experienced last year. "This is really impressive. The care you showed to people for 22 nights, this is huge," Freemon said. "You can keep building on that."

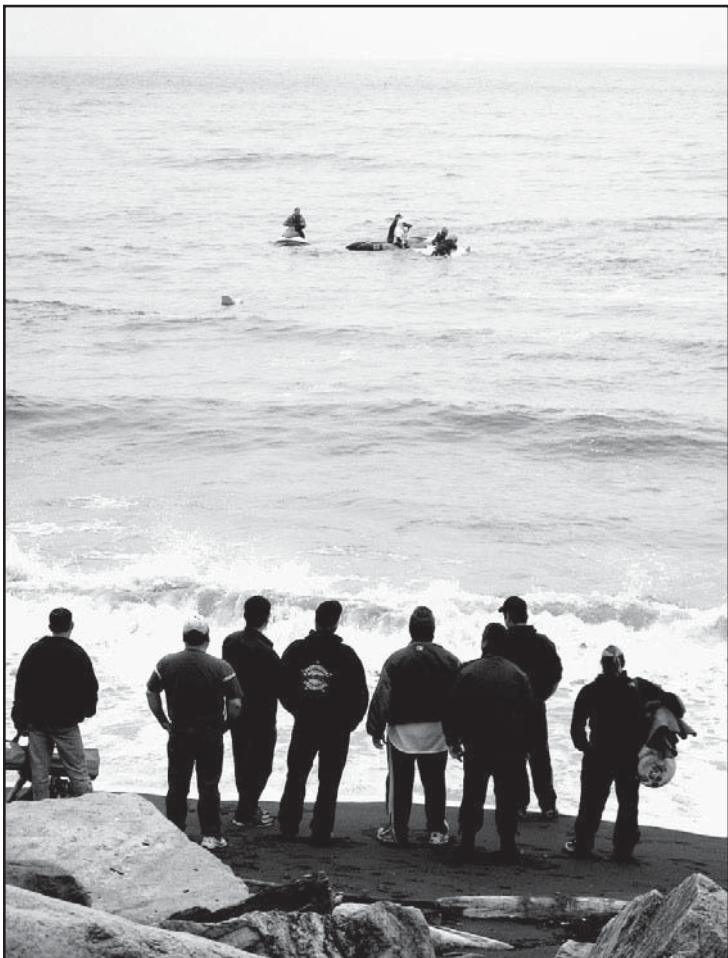


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**READY TO HELP**—Members of the Nome Volunteer Fire Department stand ready to help as Shane Smithhisler (left), Tom Vaden (center left) and Kevin Knowlton (center right) work to get two fishermen off their capsized boat Sunday evening along Nome's seawall.

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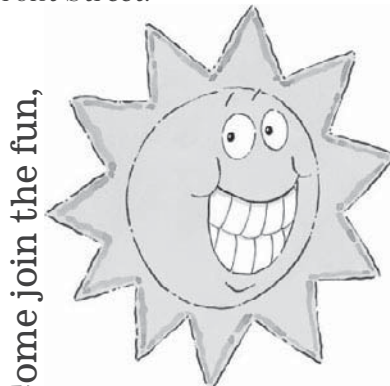
McDowell said it only took 10 minutes for rescue crews to arrive and begin the effort to retrieve the fishermen. The men were brought back to shore wet but otherwise fine. Both refused treatment from the Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department.

Taking place just behind Nome's busiest street, the rescue drew plenty of onlookers. Wobbly bar patrons joined teenagers and other residents along the seawall to watch the action unfold. The windows of the Seaside halfway house were jammed with residents peering out at the scene.

## Midnight Sun Festival Schedule

### Parade Route

The parade will run down Front St. as usual, turn onto Bering St., then take a right on 1st Ave., and another right on Division St. in front of City Hall. The parade will then proceed back down Front St. a second time and end at the State Building parking lot. Candy will only be thrown the second time down Front Street.



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# Two of three class action suits dismissed against NovaGold

Shareholder claims involve cost estimates touted in developing idled Galore Creek open-pit mine

By Tyler Rhodes

NovaGold Resources Inc., the owner and operator of the Rock Creek Mine just outside of Nome, saw two of three shareholder class-action lawsuits against it tossed out of court June 5.

The cases involve NovaGold's Galore Creek project in British Columbia, which has been suspended since late 2007 due to mass cost overruns. At the heart of the suits brought by groups of shareholders in the company are NovaGold's disclosures regarding anticipated risks and costs in bringing the Galore Creek silver, copper and gold mine to fruition.

The ruling was handed down by U.S. District Court Judge Denise Cote in Manhattan, N.Y.

The lawsuits focus on the time period when NovaGold was fighting a hostile takeover bid by Barrack Gold. At that time, NovaGold was working to raise capital through

stock offerings while touting the potential of the Galore Creek project.

According to Judge Cote's ruling, NovaGold released the results of a study by Hatch Ltd. Oct. 25, 2006 that estimated capital costs to develop the Galore Creek mine at \$1.8 billion (U.S. dollars) between 2007 and 2010. A NovaGold press release said the estimates reflected a +15 percent to -10 percent level of accuracy. The Hatch study and its capital estimates were touted multiple times by NovaGold for nearly a year after that initial press release.

According to the ruling, NovaGold's first disclosure that costs were expected to exceed the Hatch study came on Oct. 15, 2007, when the company announced that it had hired AMEC Americas Ltd. to prepare an updated feasibility study for the project. That NovaGold press release noted that significant increases to capital costs were expected

due to the need to build additional power lines and exchange rates between the Canadian and U.S. dollars, among other factors. While the release was dated in October, a later press release revealed NovaGold had actually hired AMEC in April.

On Nov. 26, 2007, NovaGold and its partner in the project, Teck Cominco, announced that they were suspending the project. At that time it was announced that capital costs were expected to approach \$4.4 billion, mostly due to the complexity of building the tailings dam and water management infrastructure.

The defendants allege NovaGold and its directors violated the Exchange Act by giving false statements through a failure to disclose that the Hatch study was inaccurate when it was released. The claim says the study grew increasingly obsolete throughout the year in which NovaGold touted it. Cote did not rule on the

merits of this claim but allowed it to proceed.

She did, however, strike two other suits that alleged violations of the Securities Act. These suits were dismissed for either being insufficient or filed too late. A one-year statutory period for such claims expired one month before the claims were filed. An initial suit was filed Nov. 21, 2008 when the NovaGold press release on which it hinges was issued Oct. 15, 2007.

In other news regarding NovaGold, the Toronto Stock Exchange announced that it has completed its review of the company in regard to its continued listing on the exchange. The exchange determined the mining firm continues to meet its requirements to be listed. The exchange initiated the review after NovaGold invoked a hardship clause to allow a deal to give Electrum Strategic Resources LLC a 30 percent stake in the company without a shareholder vote.

## • Festival

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urday with the annual parade set to get underway at 11 a.m. The parade will feature a few new twists this year. The route will kick off as always at the east end of Front Street at the state building, but instead of finishing at the west end of the route, it will execute a loop around Bering Street, First Avenue and Division Street back onto Front Street. The parade will then work its way back to the state building. According to the Nome Visitors Center, candy will only be thrown on the return trip up Front Street.

Also new to this year's parade will be the addition of prizes for the best floats. With a theme of "50 Years under the Midnight Sun," the Nome Chamber of Commerce is offering \$100 prizes for the best festival-themed float, the best float involving youth and the judges' choice. Prizes of \$50 are up for grabs for the best bicycle and the best skateboard. Floats need to be registered by 10:30 a.m. at the state building parking lot to be eligible. Winners will be announced after the conclusion of the festival's next event, the bank robbery.

Parade watchers should keep a keen eye on Front Street after the last float has passed. At high noon every year on this day, a band of miscreants seems to find its way onto Nome's main drag with the intention of holding up Nome's main bank. Find a good viewing spot in front of Wells Fargo and you will witness the bad guys nearly get away with the loot before Nome's heroes—all in turn-of-the-century garb—put the robbery to a halt and set the criminals straight.

Following the robbery you'll have just enough time to grab some barbecued chicken from the Bering Sea Lions Club on Front Street before donning a bathing suit and heading out to East Beach for the Nome Rotary Club Polar Bear Swim. Not for the faint-of-heart,

the swim rewards the brave souls who take the plunge into the Bering Sea with certificates proving their light grasp on sanity. The event also features the annual "Dunk Leo" fundraiser. This year, the money raised to get Nome's own Leo Rasmussen in the drink will go toward the East End Park children's playground.

You'll have a couple of hours to drip dry before heading back to Nome Elementary to see Nome's wide array of musical talent—along with a few visiting players—for the Folk Fest Main Stage event. A line-up of nearly 20 acts will take the stage starting at 4:30 p.m. for 10-minute sets. Expect the unexpected as you never know what Nome's players will have in store for you. The Great Alaska Bluegrass Band will also take the stage for a half-hour set. The Main Stage show is free.

The music then heads over to the Polaris Bar at 10 p.m. for more of the Great Alaska Bluegrass Band's lively tunes.

You can sleep in Sunday as the festivities get a later start. Follow the traffic north out of town to the Nome River at mile 13 of the Kougark Road. There, at 1 p.m., you will find the start of the annual raft race. Featuring homemade crafts of all types, the race works its way to Dexter. If you want to race, show up at noon when the registration starts. A good viewing spot for the early portion of the race is the bridge about a mile downstream of the start. Bridge-standers, however, are reminded not to drop anything onto the floaters below.

Back in Nome, the afternoon winds down with free workshops offered by the Great Alaska Bluegrass Band at 4:30 p.m. at the elementary school. Get pointers on the banjo, mandolin, bass or guitar from the pros.

The weekend closes at the elementary school with a final concert by our guests from Juneau at 7:30 p.m.

Once the band has taken its final bow, you are free to go home, go over your photos and rest up for Monday.

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empty after all the excitement of the Midnight Sun Festival, do not despair. The American Cancer Society will put on a Relay for Life event on Saturday, June 27. The

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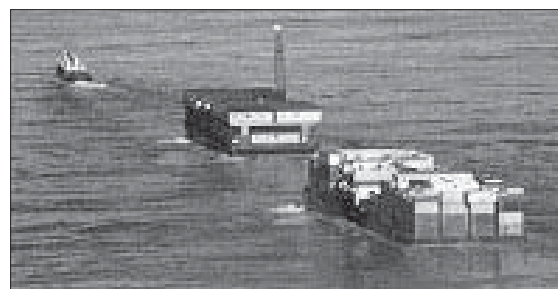
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# Tough winter means fewer cow moose hunt permits

By Tyler Rhodes

For the moment, a handful of hunters in the vicinity of Nome will again have the opportunity to hunt cow moose this fall—albeit in lower numbers.

Alaska Department of Fish and Game Area Biologist Tony Gorn said the current plan is to offer five permits for the Nome and Snake river drainages and 15 permits that cover the rest of unit 22(c). The offering is down from last year's offering of 10 permits in the nearby drainages and 20 farther away from Nome.

Gorn said the reduction is due to difficulties in tracking the population size this winter. "Because of the horrible weather we had in February and March, we didn't get to do a census in unit 22(c)," Gorn said. "You have to be really careful when you start removing cows from the population."

He added that as more is known about the population's health, the number of available permits could change. "I'm trying to evaluate what the winter kill of moose was. If I start to document large numbers of moose that died from starvation, I would either reduce those permits or cancel the hunt altogether," he said.

Gorn said the dead moose he has seen so far this season all appeared to have been



Photo by Tyler Rhodes

**THE LINEUP—Five out of a group of several moose browse near Sunset Creek in April. This year's harsh winter has led to fewer permits being offered for a fall cow moose hunt.**

killed by bears or wolves. He said examinations of bones from the dead moose show no sign of starvation.

If offered, the permits are available on a first-come, first-served basis and must be picked up in person at the Nome Fish and

Game office. The permits become available at 9 a.m. on July 24.

A waiting list is established for those who don't arrive early enough to score one of the few permits available. Regulations in the unit only allow one moose to be harvested per household. Some households will participate in the bull hunt, which occurs before the cow season. If they are successful in harvesting a bull, the cow tag will be available to the next person on the waiting list. "Usually if you're one of the top three [on the list] you'll get [a permit]," Gorn said.

Gorn said the antlerless hunt was established with the goal of slightly reducing the moose population in the area. He said that even with the hunt for cows, the area was experiencing a 3 percent annual growth rate. That statistic helped lead to last year's increased quota. "It's pretty amazing that unit 22(c) around here just doesn't have large areas of good moose browse, but the country has sustained a moose population for years," Gorn said.

This year, however, has Gorn feeling a bit more conservative in regard to the hunt. "The combination of not getting a census done and having the second highest snowfall on record makes me nervous to hit the population too hard," he said.

# Federal fishery council forms rural outreach committee

By Laurie McNicholas

Eric Olson, chairman of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, announced appointments to a seven-member Rural Community Outreach Committee June 9 at a council meeting in Anchorage.

The council, which oversees the management of fisheries in federal waters off Alaska, approved a motion to create the committee in February 2009.

The committee's primary tasks are (1) to advise the council on how

to provide opportunities for better understanding and participation from Alaska Natives and rural communities; (2) to provide feedback on community impacts sections of specific analyses; and (3) to recommend a specific outreach plan as needed for proposed council actions and to prioritize multiple actions when necessary.

The committee is intended to help the council improve its outreach process and analyses relevant to the concerns of communities and

Alaska Natives. It is not intended to function as the primary mechanism for community input on specific council actions.

Olson, a commercial fisherman who was born and raised in Dillingham, will chair the committee. He is employed by Kwik'Pak Fisheries, a subsidiary of the Yukon Delta Fisheries Development Corp.

The other committee members are:

- Duncan Fields of Kodiak, a member of the NPFMC and owner of

Shoreside Consulting;

- Jennifer Hooper of Bethel, Fishery and Forestry Resources, Natural Resources Department, Association of Village Council Presidents;

- Arnold (Ole) Olsen, a fisherman, past president of Afognak Native Corp., and a member of the Gulf Coast Communities Coalition board of directors;

- Paula Cullenberg, program leader, Alaska Sea Grant Marine Advisory Program;

- Tom Okleasik of Kotzebue,

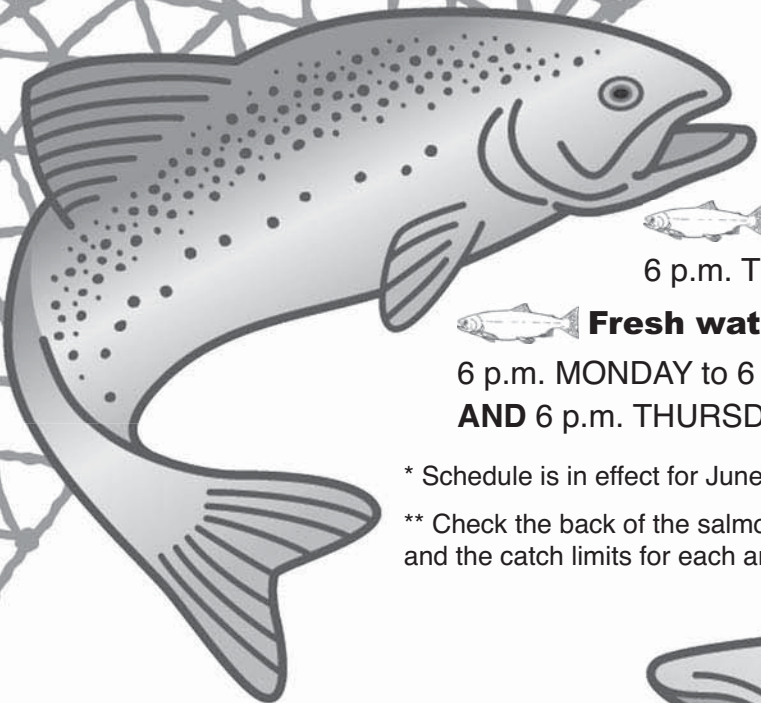
planning director, Northwest Arctic Borough; and

- Pete Probasco, assistant regional director, Office of Subsistence Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The committee intends to meet this summer and report back to the council in the fall/winter. The committee is no-host, as are all council committees, so members must pay for their own travel and accommodations. The NPFMC staff contact for the committee is Nicole Kimball.

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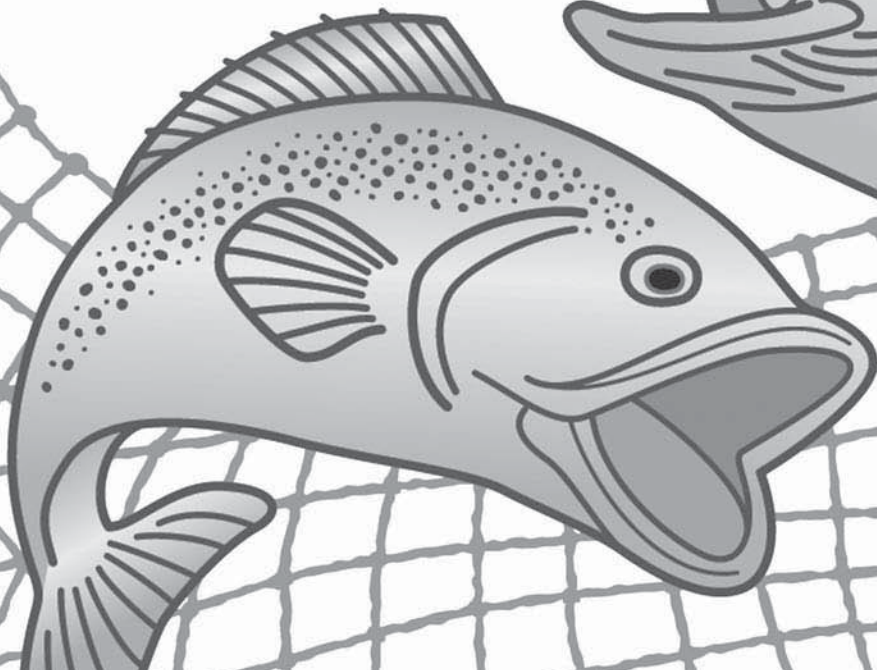
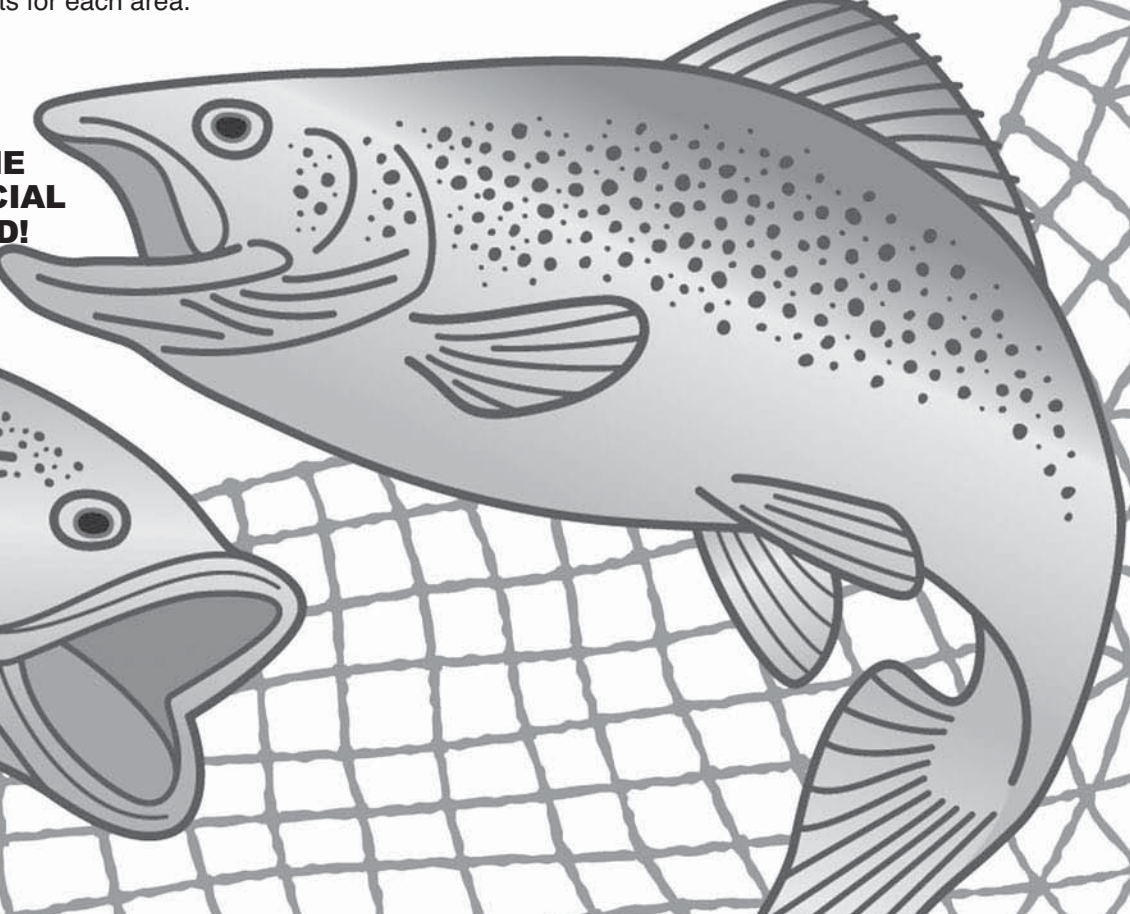
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# Friends of Pilgrim Hot Springs meet with CBNA administrator

By Laurie McNicholas

The Friends of Pilgrim Hot Springs, a group of Nomeites who are concerned about the future of the historic 320-acre site located off the Kougarak Road about 60 miles northeast of Nome, decided to form an organization under state law during a town meeting June 11 in the City Council Chambers.

In 1917 Pilgrim Hot Springs was deeded to the Catholic Church, which operated a boarding school and orphanage there from 1918 until the early 1940s. A church, other buildings, a cemetery and hot tubs are located on the site. A number of Seward Peninsula children whose parents died in the influenza pandemic of 1918 were raised at the orphanage. The property was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1977.

The Friends of Pilgrim Hot Springs also decided to write individual letters to Sen. Donny Olson and Rep. Richard Foster requesting a legislative waiver of the right of way requirement for the seven-mile public access road leading from the Kougarak Highway to Pilgrim Hot Springs. The road's 25-year right of way expired in 2005, explained Tom Buzek, business administrator for the Catholic Diocese of Fairbanks, which owns Pilgrim Hot Springs. Renewal of the right of way is a complex process that could take three years to complete, he explained.

Buzek also noted that the Bering Straits Native Corp. and the Mary's Igloo Native Corp. each own land along the road and have control of the access to Pilgrim Hot Springs. Several large holes in the road are filled with about three feet of water that currently prevents cars (but not trucks) from traversing the entire route.

Questions about the future of Pilgrim Hot Springs arose in March 2008 when the Catholic Bishop of Northern Alaska, which is the legal corporate name for the Diocese of Fairbanks, filed for bankruptcy reorganization under Chapter 11 because it lacked the resources to settle about 150 claims of sexual abuse by a few priests and volunteers. As part of the reorganization process the diocese advertised nationally and across the state in print, radio and television asking possible victims to file claims. In response the number of claimants nearly doubled to close to 300.

In a press release issued April 1, 2009, the CBNA stated that the reorganization plan the diocese has filed in bankruptcy court proposes to mortgage or sell many diocesan assets. The release said CBNA also will appeal to donors and conduct other fundraising to pay people who have filed claims for sexual abuse and cover reorganization costs.

The CBNA received possession of Pilgrim Hot Springs from the leaseholder, Art Neuman of PS, Ltd. in federal bankruptcy court last December, Buzak reported. He said the diocese had given a 99-year lease on the property to PS, Ltd. in 1969 in exchange for \$500 a month and 10 percent of royalties generated

through development of the site.

In court testimony Neuman cited impossibility and mutual mistakes as reasons he had not developed the property, and he did not ask to continue as leaseholder, Buzak said. The court returned possession of Pilgrim Hot Springs to the diocese because PS, Ltd. was a non-performing leaseholder.

Rather than sell the land, diocesan administrators hope to develop income-producing ventures on the property to help pay claimants. When Buzek joined the diocesan staff in 2000 he found that Pilgrim Hot Springs was one of the only income-producing properties owned by the diocese because it was leased out, he noted.

Buzek held informational meetings to discuss ideas for development of Pilgrim Hot Springs in Nome Feb. 2 and in Teller Feb. 7. At last week's meeting in Nome he said the reorganization plan filed by the diocese in bankruptcy court calls for development of projects at Pilgrim Hot Springs that will generate up to \$3 million for the plan over a five-year period.

## Geothermal energy potential

Buzek identified four phases of potential development for Pilgrim Hot Springs--geothermal, agriculture, preservation of historic buildings and tourism. Development of the area's geothermal resource could produce a cheaper power source for Nome than diesel fuel and could generate some income for the CBNA bankruptcy plan. Buzek is seeking investors willing to spend up to \$94 million to build a 5-megawatt geothermal plant. Noting that Nome may not need that much power, he said a less expensive 2-megawatt plant could be planned if that is feasible.

The source of geothermal energy (called the hot spot) in the Pilgrim Hot Springs area is unknown. Buzek said the University of Alaska Fairbanks Alaska Center for Energy and Power applied for a \$2.3 million renewable energy grant from the Alaska Energy Authority to conduct an assessment of the geothermal resource at Pilgrim Hot Springs. The proposal was recommended for funding, but was not among the final projects funded with the \$25 million available this year in the second round of funding. However, ACEP's organizational director Gwen Holdmann told Buzek on June 11 that she may have found funds to conduct geotechnical research at Pilgrim Hot Springs this summer.

Buzek noted that a geothermal plant probably will need to draw from a larger area than the 320 acres owned by the CBNA. Property surrounding Pilgrim Hot Springs is owned by the Mary's Igloo Native Corp. The 1918 flu pandemic and a tuberculosis epidemic two years later devastated the village of Mary's Igloo, which currently has no year-round residents. Matt Ganley, vice president of lands and resources, Bering Straits Native Corp., said the regional corporation deeded subsurface rights to the of Mary's Igloo Native Corp. when BSNC was bankrupt

in the 1980s.

Buzek said a 45-mile transmission line could be built along the Kougarak Road to transmit energy from the geothermal plant to Nome. Ganley noted that BSNC, Sitnasuak, the Bureau of Land Management and the State own land along the route. "There could be existing easements on the road," he added.

Buzek emphasized that efforts to provide a geothermal plant at Pilgrim Hot Springs will require support from Nome residents and a commitment from Nome Joint Utility System to buy power from the plant.

## Other potential uses of site

Buzek said geothermal development would require a long timeframe and a large monetary investment compared to projects based on agriculture, tourism or the preservation of historic buildings. He suggested that the Friends of Pilgrim Hot Springs, the BSNC and the Mary's Igloo Native Corp. discuss uses of the property in terms of its value to all of the people of the Seward Peninsula. He said it could be used for a spiritual retreat, health retreat, community gardens, a new community and/or a museum. "All kinds of things could be done with it," he noted.

Agricultural crops and livestock

were grown at Pilgrim Hot Springs during its years as a boarding school and orphanage. Louie Green, who worked for many years as caretaker of the property for PS, Ltd., said pretty good crops were produced there from 1975 to 1982. He recalled clearing 10 acres and planting mostly oats, barley and some potatoes and other vegetables. On June 3 of one year, flooding washed away the alfalfa seeds he had planted, he added.

Ganley said he has looked into a national source of funding for preservation of historic buildings and learned you cannot use the funds to directly benefit a religious organization. "This is a problem," he noted. "To improve the actual church, the way the law is, it must be separate from the [CBNA] itself. The best option is for those kinds of funds, but you can't get at them [as long as CBNA owns the church]." Ganley also questioned what would happen to investments in projects at Pilgrim Hot Springs if at the end of five years the CBNA has not derived the income from the property required under the bankruptcy plan.

Buzek displayed an aerial photo taken several days prior to the June 11 meeting that showed structures at Pilgrim Hot Springs surrounded by many large pools of water caused by flooding of the Pilgrim River this

year. Green pointed out strips of land that are dry enough in summer months to produce crops.

Jana Varrati said wetlands sink when water is removed from them. Buzek replied that hot water is pulled from about 5,000 feet below the surface to produce geothermal energy, so the process does not affect wetlands. While showing photographs of a 30-megawatt geothermal plant in Nevada, he explained that high pressure water pumps drive hot water through pipes to create steam from a coolant in two separate loops. In this closed loop system, water is injected back into the ground, he added. He said a geothermal plant at Pilgrim Hot Springs would be enclosed, unlike the Nevada plant.

Some visitors enjoy soaking in tubs of hot mineral water and watching a variety of migratory birds at Pilgrim Hot Springs in summer months. Buzek asked Green how many tourists come there. "In 2007, 350 in July, 200 to 250 in June, and in August it trailed off," Green replied.

Noting that the CBNA does not have a business arrangement with Green, who plans to leave town later this month, Buzek said he must find someone to take a lease on the prop-

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**SUNSHINE MAKES ME HAPPY!**—Brook Anungazuk, 7, enjoys the pleasure of the sun on June 11 at the East End Beach, playing with Shannon Ongtowasruk, 11.



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**READY TO PADDLE** (above top)—Sienna Pederson (front) and Mecca Goldsberry get a feel for paddling in Kirsten Timbers' kayak on the beach by Farley's Camp in early June.

**SCRUBBING THE BEACH**—George Bard (above) and Tony Skura take care of the West Beach under sunny skies during Nome's recent annual spring clean-up.

## Nome's prevention efforts get national attention

### *Sexual violence prevention group tours Nome, Teller and White Mountain*

By Tyler Rhodes and Diana Haecker

Remote as Nome and the Seward Peninsula may seem, the region recently grabbed the attention of some of the nation's leaders when it comes to combating sexual violence.

Leaders from the National Sexual Violence Resource Center paid a visit to Nome, White Mountain and Teller in the first week of June. As part of a larger visit to Alaska, the side trip to the Seward Peninsula was geared to show members of the national group both the problems confronting rural Alaskans in terms of sexual assault and the ways communities respond. "Part of it is a business meeting, but we also like to go out and see what is happening where we are visiting," said NSVRC Director Karen Baker. "We wanted to come here and learn about and meet real people."

The NSVRC Advisory Council's visit to Alaska can largely be attributed to council member, and Alaska State Representative Anna Fairclough.

According to NSVRC Advisory Council Vice Chair Marci Diamond, the center is a federally funded project to advocate and provide resources nationwide for sexual violence prevention and response. The group also works to ensure people have the best information about how to prevent and respond to sexual violence.

Members of the advisory council said they were both inspired and heartened by their visit here. "We learned that there is a lot of resilience, for one thing, of the survivors and of the service providers in that area," Diamond said. "That was really inspiring. There was a lot of

community strength in terms of people watching out for each other, but certainly there are the challenges of just transportation and access to services if something occurs in one area and you need medical care or police response."

Baker said the visit to Alaska and Nome has helped her understand both the logistical challenges residents here face and creative solutions employed to overcome them. "It's not about how much money you have, it's how people work together," Baker said.

But money does matter. "We can see resources are a huge issue," Diamond said. "I believe the NSVRC brought a donation and some small contributions, but there is such a huge need there." Diamond, who is the director of the sexual assault prevention and survivor services office with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, said the center is starting a couple of rural-focused programs that could benefit the region.

However, outside of direct financial support, Diamond and Baker said the center can work to take the concerns and needs of a community and make them heard on a national level. Baker said meeting in various locations around the country also enables the center to consider how national policy decisions will play out at local levels. "It allows us to ask, 'How would that work in Nome, Alaska?'" Baker said.

The advisory council is comprised of people from all over the nation and of different professions. "Not only are we from different places, we're from different backgrounds," Baker said. She said that diversity

helps the center understand how different systems and communities deal with sexual violence.

The members of the national advisory council covered some ground during their visit. The meetings started in Anchorage and then moved to Nome. While in Nome, some members were able to take a side trip to Teller. Others were able to travel with the Alaska State Troopers Col. Audie Holloway in a helicopter to White Mountain.

Baker said she wasn't completely sure of what to expect of Nome. "I'd heard of the Iditarod and of the cold. ... But I've been very overwhelmed by the friendliness of the people. We felt very welcome," she said. Baker

recounted encountering strangers who already knew that she belonged to the NSVRC group visiting Nome. "Strangers knew who we were."

Baker said she and other council members were treated to an amazing dinner that included many local specialties such as muktuk, seal oil and Eskimo ice cream. "The women's shelter prepared this incredible feast for us," she said. "The Bering Sea Women's Group, they shared more generously than some groups who have more resources."

Baker was particularly impressed with the resourcefulness displayed here. She noted how many residents often perform a variety of roles in serving their community, such as

Christine Schultz, a social worker who also prepares the deceased for funerals. "If there's a need, somebody's going to step up and do it," Baker said. "Everybody has an important role in the community."

Schultz acknowledged that wearing so many hats can be exhausting, but it is also fulfilling. "It can be overwhelming, but the benefits outweigh the work," she said. "You step up to the plate."

Diamond also lauded the Bering Sea Women's Group and other local resources and their work to help victims of domestic violence. "The Bering Sea Women's Group is a great, great resource. There is a child advo-

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**WHO, ME?—Sameria Ross denies being of much help in Nome and the region. As the director of the Bering Sea Women's Group (BSWG) shelter, Ross is more help than she realizes. The BSWG hosted a dinner for the NSVRC leaders at the XYZ Center on June 2.**

## • Pilgrim Hot Springs

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erty. He said the leaseholder would need liability insurance. He agreed with Varrati's comment that the algae-covered hot tubs are unappealing.

"There has not been much maintenance of the property for the past 40 years," Buzek noted. "Louie could testify that he did not have the resources. It should have been done per the lease of 1969. If PS, Ltd. had paid attention, the buildings could have been preserved. They are in terrible shape now. I hope the hot spot is not under the church."

Janet Tobuk recalled that her father, Tony Krier, had volunteered much time and labor to maintenance tasks at Pilgrim Hot Springs. "He replaced bridges and the next year had to replace them again," she said. "I asked my dad, 'Why put money into what's not yours?' He said he'd had a good time there."

Buzek said he is getting close to deciding to close Pilgrim Hot Springs to visitors this summer and clean up the area. He said he may post a sign on the property.

"I am saddened to hear what was said," commented Richard Benneville, who has transported tourists to Pilgrim Hot Springs for at least 15 years. "It's going against the spirit of it all."

"Maybe your business should put in a proposal first," replied Buzek. He suggested that Benneville call him.

Buzek spent last weekend at Pilgrim Hot Springs assessing conditions in the area. When he returned to Nome Sunday evening, he told *The Nome Nugget* that Pilgrim Hot Springs will be closed until further notice due to the 2009 Pilgrim River flood.

Buzek also said he has listened to many "heart stories" in the past few months from persons who remember good times at Pilgrim Hot Springs, have relatives buried in the cemetery on its grounds, or had friends and forebears who were raised at the orphanage or attended boarding school there. He suggested that they and all other friends of Pilgrim Hot Springs send their stories directly to him or to Bishop Donald Kettler in individual letters and state why it is important to them to keep the area accessible to the public. The mailing address for Tom Buzek and Bishop Kettler is: Catholic Diocese of Fairbanks, 1316 Peger Road, Fairbanks, AK 99709.

Buzek plans to return to Nome July 11 or 12 to spend a week at Pilgrim Hot Springs. He invited volunteers to help him clean up and paint structures at the site during that week.

The next meeting of the Friends of Pilgrim Hot Springs is scheduled June 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the Polar Cub Restaurant. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting and to become a member of the organization.

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cacy center and even the Troopers. I was impressed with [Trooper] Col. [Audie] Halloway and the local troopers there that were very interested in primary prevention and respecting folks' history and culture, and working towards where this doesn't have to happen," Diamond said.

Diamond said the visit served as an opening of a dialogue between those who work on a national level and Nome in regard to confronting sexual abuse. Such connections could help lead to national policy being written to help citizens in some of the most rural parts of the country.

Diamond said one area where that could make a difference is with the Violence Against Women Act, which heavily considers population under its funding formulas. "The council members involved in that are going

to go back and try to influence some change in how that legislation gets written, to make sure that there are some considerations to geography," she said. "Just the transportation costs alone are so much larger here than in many other places. ... I think they look to get some change in the national policy level around resource allocation. That could be a huge help if they are successful at that."

Despite all the challenges that come with Alaska's remote location and sparse population, council members were able to come away with some positive reflections. "It was really inspiring to see the voluntary efforts that people put in when everybody has their own struggles and challenges, and yet they find time to help others in the community," Diamond said. "There seems to be a really strong spirit of that that I think is something to build upon."



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Relay for life is a fundraiser walk/run for our local community members who are fighting **THE** fight against cancer. Help raise funds for Nome's cancer support group!

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## Extra duty contracts not approved

By Janet Ahmasuk

Extra duty contracts were not approved at the Nome Board of Education meeting June 9. The vote went down 3 to 2. Betsy Brennan and Barb Nickels voted yes and Albert McComas, Gloria Karmun and Kirsten Timbers voted no. Those voting no wanted to wait until the 2009/10 Activity Handbook is rewritten because they see serious problems with what is/is not in it. Board members voting yes did not want to be unfair to the students who were already out of town or were scheduled for sports events later this summer. Also pay for activities helpers under \$10,000 does not need board approval.

Outgoing Superintendent Rick Luthi offered to find three to four student handbooks from comparable schools/similar size to Nome Public Schools for the board.

The other two action items approved were a Federal Programs Administrator contract and the FY/09 Budget Revision.

In other business, Jeff Selvey, outgoing director of Northwest Alaska Career and Technical Center was presented with a service plaque for excellence, dedication to NPS and its children by Board President Karmun.

Major Gary Grennon, Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) instructor, announced that he has accepted a position with Anchorage's East High School as Army instructor. He thanked all for support while he was here and hopes the JROTC program continues at NPS.

Marcia Sloan from Nome Eskimo Community gave an update on the agency's on-going efforts on behalf of the NPS school children, which include the breakfast program, high school scholarships, applying for grants, school activities, implementing a program to engage more par-

ents, culturally relevant after school programs, finding other ways to provide resources, and looking for ways to fund a Native Education specialist.

JROTC students Sam Schmidt and Casie Habetter spoke on behalf of continuing the JROTC program—how much it meant to them over the years and that support for JROTC would mean so much to NPS students.

Parent Lynette Schmidt also asked for support for the JROTC program. She said efforts so far have failed and that funding now would need a Hail Mary pass, but they aren't giving up yet. She mentioned the kids in the program have been taught leadership skills and government processes, etc. Possibilities for next year may look better.

Steve Cropsey, who works for Rover Contractors on the Nome-Beltz construction project, mentioned that all workers out at the high school project are local hires. A full crew has been showing up. He has also been befriended by a big furry dog named Piggy—his new best friend on the job.

Board member Nickels would like to be able to read public comments before the work sessions start.

Board member Brennan mentioned that the students went to Nome Common Council themselves and she would like to see NPS Board support in a letter for the JROTC program.

Superintendent Luthi announced that Nome Elementary Teacher Jon Berkely has been moved into the position of Federal Program Administrator.

Board member Nickels thanked NEC employees Marcia Sloan and Joel Alowa for attending the meeting. Other board members thanked Selvey, Maj. Grennon, NCC/budget approval, and Bering Straits Native

Corp. for the \$200,000 donation to NACTEC.

At 6:48 p.m. the board went into executive session for two separate issues, a confidential student matter and a personnel issue.

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House Finance Co-chairs Mike Hawker and Bill Stoltze, and House Minority Leader Beth Kerttula.

The federal economic stimulus act sets a 2017 goal for states to meet energy-efficiency standards for residential and commercial construction but does not require that states count square footage or enforce the goal. The DOE has told legislators it will merely require that states prepare and promote a plan for how they could meet adequate energy-efficiency standards. Palin said, this isn't so. In a press release she said that full compliance with the strict new codes, which regulate even the type of lighting that can be installed, would cost Alaskans thousands of dollars per new home or renovation. "We took issue with Washington's universal building codes mandate and said they were unacceptable for Alaska," Palin said. "Eventually, bureaucrats at DOE admitted the requirements were 'not appropriate' and offered funding if I would just push the codes on all our communities. I believe in local control, so I said no."

### University of Alaska President Mark Hamilton retires

After being president of the University of Alaska since 1998, Mark Hamilton last week said that he's ready to retire from his position leading the 16-campus system. The 64-

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In the Kegoayah Kozga Library's  
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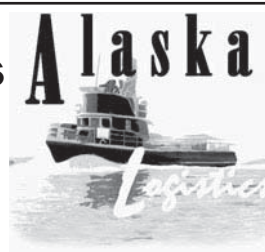
- Tuesday (ages 3-5): Storytime & Crafts - 10 a.m.
- Thursday (ages 6-13): Crafts & Activities - 10 a.m.

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## Alaska Logistics Barge Schedule

- Voyage 9003 departs Seward, AK on **June 18.**
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# HOROSCOPES

June 18 - 24, 2009

 <b>CAPRICORN</b> December 22–January 19	The chips are down, but you needn't worry, Capricorn. Luck is on your side. A crazy proposal is not as far out as it seems. Give it a second look. You'll be surprised by what you find.	 <b>ARIES</b> March 21–April 19	A hobby takes over your house. Time to get organized, Aries. Your generosity is immeasurable at a special event, and you leave feeling better than you have in some time.	 <b>CANCER</b> June 22–July 22	Be careful, Cancer. The rug could be pulled out from under you at work if you neglect to dot your Is and cross your Ts. An unexpected guest heats up the weekend.	 <b>LIBRA</b> September 23–October 22	Crazy things have happened. You know that, Libra, and it won't do you any good to get worked up about a situation that is out of your control. A whirl in the kitchen is a welcome change.
 <b>AQUARIUS</b> January 20–February 18	The ball is in your court, Aquarius. Make your move! The to-do list grows in the planning of an event. Relax. You'll manage just like you always do.	 <b>TAURUS</b> April 20–May 20	Now is not the time to make a hasty exit from a relationship. Stick in it for the long haul, and you will reap a heap of rewards, Taurus. Your fitness routine could use some tweaking.	 <b>LEO</b> July 23–August 22	This is your week to shine. Show off your talents, Leo, and make your wishes known. There is nothing you cannot do. A young acquaintance takes a real liking to you.	 <b>SCORPIO</b> October 23–November 21	The trick to succeeding at work is to know your limits, Scorpio. Don't take on anything you cannot handle and delegate responsibilities where needed.
 <b>PISCES</b> February 19–March 20	Great strides are made on a home improvement project, but the end is still nowhere in sight. Persevere, Pisces. The results will be too spectacular to describe.	 <b>GEMINI</b> May 21–June 21	Watch it, Gemini. Don't jump to conclusions. Your family is not up to what you think they are. Dodging the issue at work will get you nowhere. Confront it.	 <b>VIRGO</b> August 23–September 22	A minor loss is no reason to throw in the towel on the whole project. Keep at it, Virgo, and you will come out smiling. A friend lets their emotions get the best of them. Be there for them.	 <b>SAGITTARIUS</b> November 22–December 21	Pick and choose is your motto for this week, Sagittarius. The more thought you put into your decisions, the better the outcome will be. A family member makes an unusual move.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

# 2009 Nome River Gold Dust Dash

- 1st & 2nd place receive a gold nugget
- One gold nugget raffled to all finishers
- 4-mile run/jog/walk
- T-shirts to all finishers

**Saturday, June 20, 2009**

**Registration:** 7:30 - 7:50 a.m. Race is to immediately follow.

**East End Beach** (look for Wilbur Water, the water drop mascot).



Questions? Call Rahnia at 443-3480.



## Saying it Sincerely

By Pastor David Elmore from Community United Methodist Church  
for the Nome Ministerial Association

### “Turning the World Upside Down”

Reference: Acts 17: 1-15

As we read this passage from Acts, after Pentecost, the Disciples may have been accused of turning the world upside. Paul, Silas and others were traveling the known world, the Roman Empire, looking for cities with Jewish Synagogues. Being sort of the Jew's Jew, he would go to the Synagogue for three weeks straight – argued, explained, and proved from the Scripture why it was necessary for Jesus to suffer and rise from the dead. And people listened – they did not write him off as crazy. And it was not only the Jews who listened. It was the Greeks as well – and even a few of the leading women, according to the passage. And then, according to this passage, some of the Jewish leaders, the Pharisees and such, found some ruffians to stir things up. Now, when's the last time you've heard that word? I think a better term might be operatives, sort of like the political operatives, the dirty tricks people that are much too prevalent in our politics today. These operatives stirred up trouble, and then blamed Paul and Silas! They stirred things up because they didn't like what Paul and Silas had to say, and then accused them of turning the world upside down. And when they took them to the authorities, the authorities saw what was going on, and treated it is a religious mat-

ter – not a matter of state or of criminal behavior. Now these ruffians were real troublemakers – when Paul and company moved onto Beroa and repeated the pattern there, the ruffians came and made so much trouble that Paul had to leave for Athens – and he left instructions for Silas and Timothy to join him there!

Now, when's the last time we've been accused of turning the world upside down? At least for good things?

We were probably accused of that when the early missionaries came to this area and did their very best to force everyone to act like white people. That arguably was turning the world upside down, but not the right way – that would be oppression and denying the image of God by taking away the free will God had created all humans with. Turning the world upside down would have meant defending the first people's rights to be themselves and to live as they wished while giving them the opportunity to follow Christ.

Our world is being turned upside down again today. How are we going to respond? Are we going to be happy with the way we have always done things or are we going to change and become relevant again in not just our own lives, but in the lives of the community? And as I challenge us to again turn the world upside down, I leave you with a quote from Bishop Bolton at the 1996 United Methodist General Conference: “Let's stop whining about our situation and get on with doing ministry.”



Former Nome residents Mike Schick, Peggy Schick and Barb Earp visited recently. They especially enjoyed catching up with old friends. Sh-h-h. Don't tell their folks they were here.



Some 50 years ago, these little Zorros, three, conspired to stump the parade judges by failing to identify themselves. Do you recognize them?

Dr. Daniel Stang is pleased to announce that Dr. Richard Day, Orthodontist will be visiting Nome, once again, to see new patients.

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**Sunday** School 10 a.m./**Worship** Hour 11 a.m.

**Community Baptist Church-SBC**  
108 West Third, **443-5448**

**Small Group Bible Study** 10 a.m.  
**Sunday** Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
Pastor Bruce Landry

**Community United Methodist**  
2nd Ave. West, **443-2865**

**Sunday** 11 a.m. Worship  
**Tuesday** 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

**Thrift Shop** — Tuesday & Thursday 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

**Nome Covenant Church**

101 Bering St. **443-2565 • Pastor Harvey**

**Sunday** School 9:45 a.m./**Sunday** Worship 11 a.m.

**Wednesday:** Fellowship Meal 5:30 p.m./Ladies' Bible Study, Mens' Fraternity & Children's Choir 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday:** Youth Group 7 p.m. (call 443-7218 for location)

**Friday:** Community Soup Kitchen 6 - 7 p.m.

**Our Savior Lutheran Church**

5th & Bering, **443-5295**

**VBS 6/22-25 6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**/Morning Worship 11 a.m.

**River of Life Assembly of God, 443-5333**

**Sunday** School 10 a.m.

**Sunday** Worship Service 11 a.m.

**Wednesday** Night Service 6:30 p.m.

**St. Joseph Catholic Church, 443-5527**

Corner of Steadman and Kings Place

**Mass Schedule: Saturday** 5:30 p.m./**Sunday** 10:30 a.m.

**Seventh-Day Adventist (Icy View), 443-5137**

**Saturday** Sabbath School 10 a.m.

**Saturday** Morning Worship 11 a.m.

**Nome Church of Nazarene**

3rd & Division, 443-2805

**Sunday:** Prayer Meeting 9:30 a.m./Sunday School 9:45 a.m./Worship Service 11 a.m.

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6/18-25

## Employment

**PRESIDENT/CEO - Sitnasuak Native Corporation (SNC).** Nome, Alaska is seeking well-qualified and visionary leader for the executive position of the President/CEO. Sitnasuak Native Corporation's mission is: 'to earn sustainable profits on operations while protecting our land, culture, and benefiting shareholders.'

The President/CEO reports to the SNC Board Chairperson and is responsible for all operations of the company. This position requires a Bachelor's degree in Business or related field. Previous upper management experience is required and discernible knowledge of the businesses of SNC and its subsidiaries is expected to be acquired or demonstrated.

The President/CEO must demonstrate visionary leadership, business acumen, and a commitment to Sitnasuak Native Corporation. Applicants must submit a well-qualified resume, cover letter clearly defining areas of experience, expertise and skill sets, three letters of reference, and additional information, including significant contributions of quality improvement or administrative transformation.

The applicant's packet should be sent to the Sitnasuak Native Corporation Search Committee c/o Crystal Andersen-Booth, Chairperson-Board of Directors, PO Box 905, Nome, Alaska 99762. Applications should be sent by July 1, 2009, and the position will remain open until filled. Shareholder

preference is applicable to this position. EOE. Salary to commensurate with experience - \$150K per year.  
5/21-28;6/4-11-18-25

**Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation (NSEDG)** is currently recruiting for a **Community Development Coordinator (CDC)**. The CDC is responsible for assisting in the implementation of all programs and services administered by the Community Benefits Department while encouraging and supporting sustainable development projects within the Norton Sound Region. Qualifications: Undergraduate degree from an accredited university is preferred. Year for year applicable experience can be substituted for degree requirement. Experience in staff supervision, budgeting, program management, and grant writing is preferred. Must be a resident of the Norton Sound region and proficient with computers and associated technology.

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6/11-18-25; 7-2

## Trooper Beat

On May 29, AST received a report of a sexual abuse of a minor in the Norton Sound region, investigation continues.

On June 1, Nome AST received a report of 4-wheeler being stolen, the vehicle was recovered and investigation is continuing.

On June 2, Nome AST received a report of an assault taking place in St. Michael. The participants are known, no alcohol was involved and no serious injuries were suffered. The case will be forwarded to the Nome DAO for review.

On June 5, at 7:00 p.m., the Nome Police Department and AST arrested Kimberly Iykatan, 42, of Gambell, in Nome with an arrest warrant for Violation of Conditions of Release. Iykatan was remanded to AMCC with \$1,000 bail.

On June 6, at 7:40 a.m., AST received a report of an intoxicated minor in Gambell. A 16-year old juvenile was subsequently charged with Minor Consuming Alcohol.

On June 6, at 8:40 a.m., AST received a report of an intoxicated minor in Gambell. Sidney Kulowi, 18, of Savoonga, was subsequently charged with Minor Consuming Alcohol.

On June 8, at 4:00 a.m., AST received a report of a disturbance in Gambell. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of a 16-year old juvenile for Minor Consuming Alcohol and Assault 4. The juvenile was released to a parent.

On June 9, at 4:18 a.m., AST received a report of a disturbance in Gambell. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Stephan Apangalook, 18, of Gambell, for Violation of Conditions of Release and Minor Consuming Alcohol. Apangalook was remanded to AMCC.

On June 9, Nome AST received a report of an assault in the village of St. Michael. Investigation confirmed that John Elachik, 32, of St. Michael, had severely assaulted his girlfriend several days before the report. The victim had been treated at the St. Michael Clinic for her injuries. Elachik was arrested on June 10, and transported to Nome for arraignment, he was charged with Assault in the Fourth Degree and a Probation Violation.

On June 9, AST was notified of an overdue aircraft from Galena to Nome with two people on board. On June 10, AST and Alaska Air National Guard aircraft were deployed to search for the missing aircraft. Poor weather consisting of fog, poor visibility and low clouds hampered search efforts. At approximately 7:30 p.m., Nome AST was notified that the missing aircraft had been located approximately half a mile east of the village of Elim. Elim VPSO Gerald Otto responded to and secured the scene. Medical personnel from Elim responded and both the pilot and passenger were pronounced deceased. Next-of-kin are being notified by Law Enforcement at this time. AST, National Transportation and Safety Board, and Federal Aviation Administration investigators are responding to Elim to investigate the crash scene. Investigation is ongoing. All requests for information should be directed to the AST PIO Office and an update and release of additional information will be done after 12:00 p.m., on June 11, allowing investigators to conduct the investigation.

On June 10, AST and Alaska Army National Guard aircraft were deployed to search for the missing aircraft described as a red and white homebuilt RV-7. Poor weather consisting of fog,

poor visibility and low clouds hampered search efforts. At approximately 7:30 p.m. Nome AST was notified that a missing aircraft had been located approximately half a mile east of the village of Elim. Elim VPSO Gerald Otto responded to and secured the scene. Medical personnel from Elim responded, both the pilot Bruce Harden, 69, and passenger Lonnie Draheim, 50, both of Brookings, Oregon were pronounced deceased. AST, FAA and NTSB arrived in Elim on June 11. AST and NTSB arrived in Elim on June 11.

On June 10, Gambell VPOs arrested Roger Slwooko, 23, of Gambell, for a probation violation. Slwooko then spit on one of the VPOs. Slwooko will be transported to Nome for arraignment and charged with a Probation Violation and Harassment in the First Degree. Alcohol was involved.

On June 10, at about 2:15 p.m., AST received a complaint from a female who reported she was assaulted by her ex-boyfriend on June 10, at about 10 a.m. Investigation resulted in an arrest warrant issued for Kelly Slwooko, 31, of Gambell., charging him with Assault IV and probation violation.

On June 11, Unalakleet AST contacted Reginald Lockwood, 55, of Unalakleet, during the contact it was discovered that Lockwood was in possession of firearms in violation of his probation and state law. Lockwood was arrested and transported to Nome. He is being charged with two counts of Misconduct Involving a Weapon in the Third Degree and a Probation Violation.

On June 12, Unalakleet AST received a report of vandalism at the Stebbins teacher housing. A suspect has been identified and investigation continues.

On June 12, Unalakleet AST received a report of a death in the village of Stebbins. Investigation revealed that Austin Matthias, 83, of Stebbins had passed away. It was discovered that Matthias was suffering from multiple medical issues. His body was released to family for burial.

On June 12, Unalakleet AST received a report of an assault in the village of Stebbins. Investigation revealed that Kenny Washington, 31, of Stebbins, had handled a rifle while being intoxicated and pointed it at two people, one being a VPO. Washington was arrested for two counts of Assault in the Third Degree and Misconduct Involving a Weapon in the Fourth Degree and transported to Nome. Gregory Mike, 38, of Stebbins, was found to be intoxicated in violation of his probation and he was also arrested and transported to Nome for the Probation Violation.

On June 13, at 5:00 a.m., AST received a report of a disturbance in Gambell. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Virginia Sue Campbell, 26, of Gambell, for Probation Violation.

On June 13, at 5:00 a.m., AST received a report of a disturbance in Gambell. Dawny James, 21, of Gambell, was subsequently charged with Probation Violation.

On June 13, at 5:40 a.m., AST received a report of a disturbance in Gambell. Kathleen Irigoo, 21, of Gambell, was subsequently charged with Probation Violation.

On June 13, at 5:40 a.m., AST received a report of a disturbance in Gambell. Shawn Boolowon, 19, of Gambell, was subsequently

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## Seawall

**6/8**  
Raleigh Ahkvaluk, DOB: 9/23/67, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault in the Fourth Degree, Domestic Violence.

**6/9**  
Laura Gipson, DOB: 2/28/65, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault in the Third Degree, Misconduct Involving Weapons in the Fourth Degree, and Driving Under the Influence.

**6/10**  
Michael Mayac, DOB: 12/8/88, received a citation for a Minor Consuming Alcohol.  
Michael Aukon, DOB: 3/15/90, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Possession of Alcohol under 21.  
A Nome juvenile received a citation for Curfew Violation.

Fred Savok, DOB: 11/2/77, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violating Conditions of Release.

Dawn Oozevaseuk, DOB: 8/30/83, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.

**6/11**  
A Nome juvenile received a citation for Curfew Violation.

**6/12**  
A Nome juvenile received a citation for License to be carried / Exhibit on Demand.

A Nome juvenile received a citation for Minor Consuming Alcohol.

A Nome juvenile received a citation for Minor Consuming Alcohol and Minor in Possession of Tobacco.

**6/13**  
Judith Noyakuk, DOB: 9/3/82, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Disorderly Conduct.  
Clara Noyakuk, DOB: 4/22/88, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault in the Fourth Degree.

Jeffrey Saclamana, DOB: 4/17/82, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault Fourth Degree, Domestic Violence.

**6/14**  
A Nome juvenile received a citation for Curfew.  
Robert Baugher, DOB: 7/23/65m received a citation for ATV on Highway.

John Penetac, DOB: 11/12/64, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Drunk on Licensed Premises and Introduction of Alcohol to Licensed Premise.

During this reporting period, we had 13 persons transported to the hospital for a Title 47 Protective Custody Hold.

charged with Minor Consuming Alcohol and Probation Violation.

On June 13, at 12:40 p.m., AST arrested a 17-year-old juvenile from Gambell with an arrest war-

## Legals

### Request for Architectural Services Proposals Little Diomed K-12 Major Maintenance Project

The Bering Strait School District (BSSD) is soliciting proposals from architectural firms to do the design and engineering for the Little Diomed K-12 Major Maintenance project located in Little Diomed, AK.

Proposal to include A&E services from Schematic Design through Construction Documents:

a) Planning and design for the remodel or replacement of approximately 18,500 square feet of school educational space, including standard classrooms, labs, shops, physical education, storage, mechanical, electrical and flow space b) preparation of a project budget and independent cost estimate c) preparation of building performance specifications, d) soils analysis e) hazmat investigation, and, f) construction administration. Firms qualified and interested in the above scope of services are invited to submit the following information: a) name of firm b) resume of firm and of individuals that will be participating in this project c) registration, licensing and professional history d) Architect's Statement of Qualifications e) description of rural Alaska experience f) school project experience, list of projects completed within last ten years and sample 8 1/2" x 11" floor plans from several projects g) financial history of firm, including a recent financial statement h) work plan and proposed schedule for the performance of services i) narrative of your qualifications pertaining to this work j) experience with the "Team-Build" (CM/GC) approach to project delivery k) references.

Statement of Qualifications Forms may be obtained by contacting Bob Dickens at email [bdickens@bssd.org](mailto:bdickens@bssd.org). Requests may also be made to FAX Number (907) 624-3524.

Proposals must be submitted in quadruplicate and received by the Bering Strait School District prior to 3:00PM, June 19, 2009. Proposals received after that time will not be considered.

Proposals shall be addressed as follows:  
Bob Dickens, Facilities Director  
Bering Strait School District  
P.O. Box 225  
Unalakleet, Alaska 99684

"Architectural Services Proposal"

All questions regarding this proposal shall be submitted in writing and either faxed to (907) 624-3524 or emailed to [bdickens@bssd.org](mailto:bdickens@bssd.org). Firms qualifying for formal interviews will be notified by June 23, 2009. Individual Firm interviews may be conducted on or about June 30, 2009. BSSD reserves the right to relinquish formal interviews and award the A&E contract based on submitted proposals. BSSD shall not be liable for any costs incurred by any A&E firm in response to this request.  
6/4-11-18

### CITY OF NOME PUBLIC NOTICE

O-09-06-01 An Ordinance Approving and Adopting the FY2010 General Fund Municipal Budget for the City of Nome, Alaska Exercising the Power to Assess, and Authorizing the Levy of a General

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**YOU CAN'T AFFORD NOT TO BUY!**

Cute downtown 2br home w/yard!  
Easy to qualify!!! Payments as low as \$550 per month!!!!

216 W 2nd Avenue - \$122,000

**3br home with 1br guest house**

Greenhouse, shed, large lot

405 E Tobuk Alley - \$245,000

**4br/1ba, 7000sq ft lot**

404 East 5th Ave. - \$156,000

**Duplex – Remodeled owner's unit!**

111 W. 3rd Avenue - \$212,000

**2br/1.5ba w/garage & studio apartment**

803 E 3rd Avenue - \$259,000

### MUNAQSRI Senior Apartments • “A Caring Place”

#### NOW taking applications for one-bedroom unfurnished apartments, heat included

“62 years of age or older, handicap/disabled, regardless of age”

•Electricity subsidized; major appliances provided

•Rent based on income for eligible households

•Rent subsidized by USDA Rural Development

**515 Steadman Street, Nome**



EQUAL  
OPPORTUNITY  
EMPLOYER

PO BOX 1289 • Nome, AK 99762  
Michael Eaton, Manager

(907) 443-5220

Fax: (907) 443-5318

Hearing Impaired: 1-800-770-8973

rant for failure to appear. The juvenile was arrested in Savoonga and transported to the Nome Youth Facility.

On June 13, at 1:00 p.m., AST arrested a ju-

venile from Savoonga with an arrest warrant. The juvenile was transported to the Nome Youth Facility. Details are being withheld pending further investigation.

Property Tax  
O-09-06-02 An Ordinance to Establish, Approve and Adopt the FY2010 City of Nome Capital Projects Fund Budget  
O-09-06-03 An Ordinance to Establish, Approve and Adopt the FY2010 City of Nome Special Revenue Fund Budget  
O-09-06-04 An Ordinance to Establish, Approve and Adopt the FY2010 City of Nome Port of Nome Fund Budget  
O-09-06-05 An Ordinance to Establish, Approve and Adopt the City of Nome FY2010 Construction Capital Projects Fund Budget  
These ordinances had first reading at the regular meeting of the Nome City Council on June 8, 2009 at Noon, 12:00 PM and were passed to second reading, public hearing and final passage at a regular meeting of the Council scheduled for **June 22nd at 6:00 PM** in City Council Chambers of City Hall located at 102 Division Street. Copies of the ordinances are available in the office of the City Clerk.  
6/11-18

#### NOTICE OF DEFAULT — SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

A foreclosure sale will be held **August 13, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.** in the lobby at the main front entrance, Nome Superior Court, at the Federal Building, Front Street, Nome, AK of the Deed of Trust recorded August 1, 2002, as Instrument No. 2002-000701-0, Nome Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska, as a lien against real property described as: Lots 2 and 3 and the East 40 feet of Lot 4, Block 'G', according to the official

November 24, 1934 map of the TOWNSITE OF NOME; Records of the Nome Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska; which has a street address of 100 Front Street, Nome, AK 99762. Trustor/Record Owner Stanley Sobocienski, individually and as surviving spouse of Valerie Sobocienski, as to Lot 2; Stanley Sobocienski as to Lot 3 and the East 40 feet of Lot 4, have breached the obligation for which the Deed of Trust is security: failure to make payments when due under the Deed of Trust. Beneficiary, Wells Fargo Bank Alaska, National Association, is owed the principal amount of \$55,576.81, plus interest at the current rate of 8.25% (the interest rate is subject to change from time to time based on changes in an index which is the floating rate equal to the Prime Rate set from time to time by Wells Fargo Bank plus 2.5 percentage points above the index) per annum from December 14, 2008, plus costs, fees, and other charges incurred or advanced thereafter. The Trustee elects to sell the property and to apply the proceeds against the obligation. Trustee reserves the right to postpone the sale, set a minimum bid, submit an offset bid, and establish other bidding procedures at the sale. Questions should be directed to the Law Offices of GROH EGGERS, LLC, 2600 Cordova Street, Suite 110, Anchorage, AK 99503, phone (907) 562-6474.

Yukon Title Company, Inc., Trustee  
Dated: 5/11/09  
By: Cathy Shuttleworth  
6/11-18-25; 7/2

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## Looking for a new best friend or an addition to the family?

Grubby says, “get over to the animal shelter and see which of my friends want to go home with you.” His friends are waiting for you, call to make an appointment today.

Adopt a pet and get a **FREE** bag of dog/cat food from Doctor Leedy and the *Nome Kennel Club*. Dog food, cat food, cat litter and other donations are always welcome at the Nome Animal Shelter!

Nome Animal Control & Adopt-A-Pet • 443.5212 or 443.5262



Grubby



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**Notice**  
Nome Eskimo Community (NEC), a federally recognized Tribe, is requesting proposals from qualified firms and individuals for the provision of audit services. Interested firms and individuals must submit written proposals to NEC so that they are received, in person or by mail, on or before the close of business on Friday, October 30, 2009. The audit services will be for a three-year period beginning with the fiscal year ending December 31, 2009 through fiscal year ending December 31, 2011. All services are to be in accordance with 24 CFR Part 44, the Single Audit Act. In accordance with Federal regulations, Indian Preference in the selection process shall apply. For more information contact Debra Evans at (907) 443-2246 or email at [debraevans@gci.net](mailto:debraevans@gci.net). 6/11-18-25; 7/2

**Notice**  
Request for Proposal: The city of Unalakleet will receive sealed proposals until 12:00 noon (local time), 10 July, 2009, for Foothills Master Plan and Subdivision Design Project, Unalakleet, Alaska. Documents are available 12 June 2009 through the City of Unalakleet. Contact Herbert Ivanoff, City Administrator. Phone (907) 624-3531 Fax: (907) 486-3130. Email: [Herbert.Ivanoff@ciunak.net](mailto:Herbert.Ivanoff@ciunak.net). 6/18-25

**Operating Expense Assistance (OEA)**  
ALASKA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION (AHFC) announces the availability of annual funding for the Operating Expense Assistance (OEA) program. This program is for organizations who meet the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), HOME Investment Partnerships program criteria as Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) or who are interested in becoming CHDOs as defined by HUD 24 CFR Part 92. The OEA program provides CHDOs certified by AHFC with operating cost funding. To receive OEA funds, a CHDO must demonstrate that it has or intends to develop, sponsor, or own HOME Investment Partnership assisted housing outside of the Municipality of Anchorage. **Eligible applicants include only Non-Profit Organizations who qualify as CHDOs.**

If selected by AHFC, successful subrecipients must execute a Grantee Agreement and administer the funds in accordance with Federal HOME Program Regulations. **The only way interested parties can be included in this solicitation is by submitting an "Intent to Apply" form available on the internet: [www.ahfc.us](http://www.ahfc.us) (select Notices, Notices of Funding Availability).** To be eligible for funding under this program, "Intent to Apply" forms must be received by **4:30 p.m. Local Anchorage Time, June 30, 2009.** Forms delivered to an incorrect AHFC location or received after the deadline WILL NOT be eligible to apply and will not be considered for funding. Forms will only be accepted via email at: [cslover@ahfc.state.ak.us](mailto:cslover@ahfc.state.ak.us). Telefax and hard copy forms WILL NOT be accepted. For more information, or if unable to access the "Intent to Apply" form via internet, contact: Colette Slover, Planning Department Alaska Housing Finance Corporation 4300 Boniface Parkway, PO Box 101020, Anchorage, AK. 99510-1020 330-8275 or 1-800-478-2432 (toll-free statewide) 6/18-25

**NOTICE OF FY 2010 GOAL PRELIMINARY APPLICATION**  
In September 2009, Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) will announce the FY 2010 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for its Greater Opportunity for Affordable Living (GOAL) Program. Under this NOFA, AHFC makes grants, zero-interest loans, and federal tax credits available for competitive allocation to successful pre-application respondents who will acquire, rehabilitate, or construct rental housing. **In order to be eligible to apply for the FY 2010 GOAL Program, a Preliminary Application for your proposed project must be submitted to Alaska Housing Finance Corporation no later than July 28, 2009 at 4:30 P.M.** The preliminary application will, in part, provide sufficient information for AHFC to determine if the project proposal meets the minimum criteria for invitation into the full FY 2010 GOAL competition. A full list of items that will be reviewed during the pre-application is available in the FY 2010 GOAL Program Rating and Award Criteria Plan. The full FY 2010 GOAL application, to be submitted in the Fall of 2009, will address other aspects of the pro-

posed development in greater detail. These additional aspects are outlined in the FY 2010 GOAL Program Rating and Award Criteria Plan. Supporting information on all of these components will be submitted in the full GOAL application. **The deadline is 4:30 p.m. on July 28, 2009.** To obtain a preliminary application and find out more about these development programs, please visit the AHFC website at: [http://www.ahfc.state.ak.us/grants/goal_download.cfm](http://www.ahfc.state.ak.us/grants/goal_download.cfm). Or contact: Daniel Delfino Alaska Housing Finance Corporation P.O. Box 101020 Anchorage, Alaska 99510 907-330-8273 907-338-2585(FAX) 1-800-478-2432 [ddelfino@ahfc.state.ak.us](mailto:ddelfino@ahfc.state.ak.us) 6/18-25

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year-old Hamilton made the announcement at the close of a two-day board meeting in Fairbanks. A press release said that the specific departure date isn't set yet, but Hamilton made his intentions known so the

NOTICE

**The University of Alaska Fairbanks School of Education (including our distance-delivered programs) is hosting an accreditation review by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).** Both NCATE and the University of Alaska Fairbanks recognize that graduates, parents, schools, and community organizations have valuable perspectives on the quality of the programs that prepare teachers and other school personnel. We invite interested parties to submit written testimony on the School of Education to: Board of Examiners NCATE 2010 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Suite 500 Washington, DC 20036-1023 or by email to [callforcomments@ncate.org](mailto:callforcomments@ncate.org). Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of professional education pro-

grams offered at the University of Alaska Fairbanks (including our distance delivered education programs), and should specify the respondent's relationship, if any, to the institution (i.e. graduate, present or former faculty member, employer of graduates.) Copies of all correspondence received will be sent to the University of Alaska Fairbanks for comment prior to review. No anonymous testimony will be considered. Letters of comment should be received no later than July 20, 2009. UAF is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer and educational institution. 6/18

Public Notice  
CITY OF NOME

Moonlight  
Wells Permit

A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE CONDUCTED DURING THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE NOME CITY COUNCIL TO SEEK COMMENTS ON THE FOLLOWING:  
Approval of a Permit to be issued to Nome AK Gold Concentrates, LLC: for a Placer Mine in the Moonlight Wells Protection Area.  
**Date:** Monday, June 22, 2009  
**Time:** 6 p.m. PLEASE NOTE NEW TIME  
**Location:** City Council Chambers  
**THE PUBLIC IS INVITED AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND**

6/11-18

Public Notice

The Nome Planning Commission has one (1) seat available for re-appointment.  
If you are interested in serving on the Nome Planning Commission, please submit an application form.  
Application forms are available at City Hall or on the City of Nome website at: [www.nomealaska.org](http://www.nomealaska.org)  
ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THURSDAY, JULY 2, 2009 AT 5:00 P.M. TO CITY HALL, AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:  
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE  
CITY OF NOME  
P.O. BOX 281  
102 DIVISION STREET  
NOME, ALASKA 99762



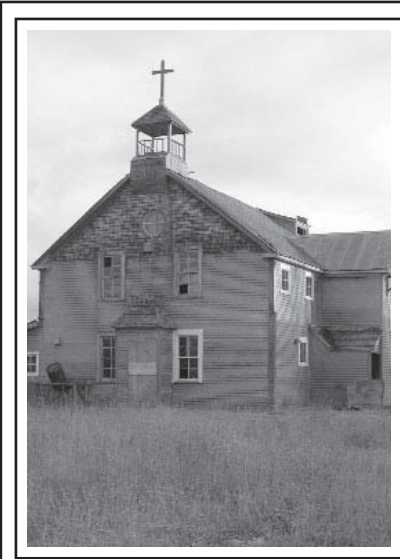
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Nome Eskimo Community  
Vacant Tribal Council Seat

Nome Eskimo Community currently has one (1) vacant Tribal Council seat. The seat will expire at the Annual Meeting 2009. Candidates must be a Tribal member of Nome Eskimo Community and 21 years or older to serve.  
Applications will be accepted until Friday, June 19, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.  
Interested members may pick up an application at the NEC office building at 200 W. 5th Avenue.  
If you have any questions, you may contact Linda at **443-2246** or email [nomeeskimo@gci.net](mailto:nomeeskimo@gci.net).

5/28; 6/4-11-18



Friends of Pilgrim  
Hot Springs

General meeting

Meeting to be held:  
**Thursday, June 25, 2009**  
**7 p.m.**  
**Polar Cafe**  
Public is welcome to attend

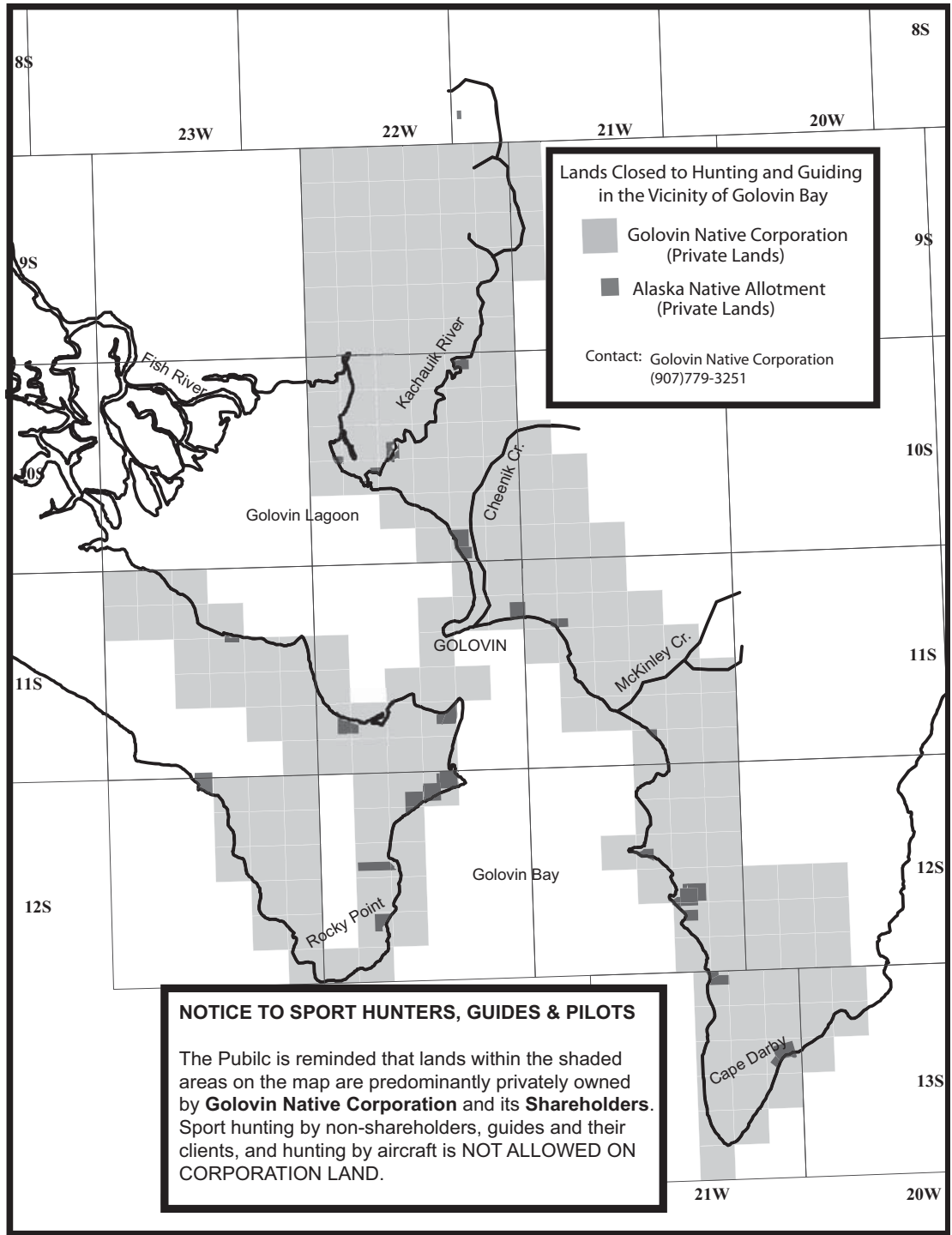






Photo by Nancy McGuire  
**BREAKFAST, ANYONE? — Girls’ basketball coach Doug Boyer and player Dylan Johnson prepare some carry-out breakfasts Saturday at their fund raising event at XYZ.**



Photo by Denise Olin  
**TAKES THE OATH— William McMillen is sworn in as the newest member of the Alaska State Bar by the Honorable Judge Ben Esch on June 12 in Nome. He took the Bar exam in February. McMillen has been in Alaska for three years and started working in Nome as the assistant public defender in August of 2008.**

Court

Week ending 6/12  
**Civil**  
Wards Cove Packing Co vs. Noyakuk, Robert; Debt - District Court  
State of Alaska, Dept of Revenue, CSSD vs. Oviok, Quddus; Petition for Order re PFD or Native Dividend  
Fagerstrom, Robert vs. SNC Telecommunication LLC; Employment Dispute - Superior Court  
Komok, Rhonda L vs. Peterson, Lena; Stalking Protect Proceed: Both Ex Parte & Long Term  
Komok, Rhonda L vs. Lockwood, Jordan; Stalking Protect Proceed: Both Ex Parte & Long Term  
**Small Claims**  
Credit Union 1 vs. Nassuk, Christopher D.; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Deft. Cert Mail  
Cornerstone Credit Services LLC vs. Kavairlook, Kevin; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Deft. Cert Mail  
Cornerstone Credit Services LLC vs. Segock, Kimberly M.; SC More Than \$2500: 1 Deft. Cert Mail

**Week ending 6/12**  
State of Alaska v. Fred L. Savok (11/2/77); 2KB-07-405CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109615149; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, defendant is released per Order and Conditions of Released entered 6/8/09; Shall remand himself to AMCC by 9pm on 6/9/09.  
State of Alaska v. Fred Savok (11/2/77); 2NO-09-331CR Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 6/10/09; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 6 months, 0 months suspended; Unsuspended 6 months shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC consecutive to revocation in 2KB-05-405CR; This Court recommends Wildwood Substance Abuse Program; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.  
State of Alaska v. Raleigh Ahkvaluk (9/23/67); Dismissal; Assault 4°, Charge Number 1; Filed by the DAs Office 6/9/09.  
State of Alaska v. Douglas F. Henry (6/4/78); 2NO-05-573CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109061712; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-08-790CR; Remanded into custody.  
State of Alaska v. Douglas F. Henry (6/4/78); 2NO-08-790CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110823588; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-05-573CR; Remanded into custody.  
State of Alaska v. Douglas Henry (6/4/78); 2NO-09-105CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Misconduct Involving a Weapon; Filed by the DAs Office 6/8/09.  
State of Alaska v. Delia Oozevaseuk (3/28/58); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110696769; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 60 days, remanded into custody.  
State of Alaska v. Willie Foster (12/21/79); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110823426; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: ADDED: Defendant is not to be where alcohol is present; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 30 days, shall report to AMCC by 6/15/09; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.  
State of Alaska v. Jimmy Vweyiouanna (3/17/67); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110698623; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to 6/5/10; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 2 days, remanded into custody; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.  
State of Alaska v. Arielle Jorgensen (10/31/87); Count 2: Theft 3°; Date of offense: 11/2/08; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 1 (001); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; Suspended Imposition of Sentence: Imposition of sentence is suspended; Defendant is placed on probation subject to terms, orders and conditions listed below; Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Restitution: Defendant has made restitution; Probation until 6/5/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; Other: Perform and show proof of 40 hours work service by 11/1/09.  
State of Alaska v. Ryan Okleasik (4/23/91); Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 5/26/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days with all but time served; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 6/5/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall take medication as prescribed; Shall not possess or consume marijuana or illegal drugs;

participate in and complete counseling and Matrix Program; Other: curfew 10p—7am except with person approved by and activity approval by a grandparent; No I-Pod music 12p—7am; Obtain GED and Kawerak Training Program; Follow house rules at residence, keep room neat, help with chores.  
State of Alaska v. Jake Sherman (11/14/51); Count 1: DUI; Date of offense: 3/28/09; 60 days, 40 days suspended; Report by 10/31/09 to AMCC; Fine: \$3,000 with \$0 suspended; Fine due 10/31/09; Police Training Surcharge: \$75 with \$0 suspended; \$75 (due 10 days from date of this judgment: 6/4/09); Jail Surcharge: \$150 (if probation), \$100 suspended; Amount due: \$50 to Collections Unit, AGs Office, Anchorage; Cost of Imprisonment: \$1,467 (2nd offense) with \$0 suspended; Full amount due to Collections Unit, AGs Office, Anchorage; Restitution: In an amount to be determined; Crim. R. 32.6; To be paid directly to, and to satisfaction of, the victim Karen Kunnuk; Complete Substance Abuse Treatment Assessment: other: NSBHS or an ASAP program by 7/1/09; File proof by end of probation that you received an assessment; Obey Driver's License Directives: Driver's license revoked for 1 year; Concurrent with DMV action; Use an Ignition Interlock Device; After you regain privilege to drive, use an ignition interlock (IID) as directed in the IID Information Sheet (CR-483) for 24 months during the period of probation; Costs of IID will be deducted from fine if you file proof of payment before fine due date; Probation until 6/4/10; Obey all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Commit no jailable offenses.  
State of Alaska v. Ivan Larsen (3/1/88); Disorderly Conduct; Date of offense: 3/10/09; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 10 days, 10 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 6/10/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not contact, directly or indirectly, or return to the residence of K.L. (excludes court appearances or parties).  
State of Alaska v. Mary Ahnangnatoguk (12/16/85); Count 005: Theft 3°; Date of offense: 2/23/09; Partial Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 1—4 (001, 002, 003, 004); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Restitution: Defendant has made restitution; Probation until 6/11/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law.  
State of Alaska v. Valerie J. Noongwook (10/29/76); 2NO-09-79CR Harassment 2°; Date of offense: 2/4/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 30 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 6/11/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in her residence, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol; Not be where alcohol is present; Other: Seek advice from elders regarding incident and problems.  
State of Alaska v. Thomas S. Sagonick (12/16/68); 2NO-07-329CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110064933; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: Shall not consume or possess any alcoholic beverages; Probation extended 6/10/10; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.  
State of Alaska v. Thomas Sagonick (12/16/68); 2NO-08-246CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault Fourth Degree; Filed by the DAs Office 6/10/09.  
State of Alaska v. Jonathan Moses (5/25/84); 2NO-08-918CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110829339; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 7 days, time has been served; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.  
State of Alaska v. Jonathan Moses (5/25/84); 2NO-09-195CR Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 4/1/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 45 days, 45 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 3/6/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; Other: Show proof of 40 hours work service by 8/1/09.  
State of Alaska v. Samuel T. Goldsberry (10/14/85); 2NO-07-520CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation as to PTRP filed 5/4/09; ATN: 110061054; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: all remaining time, recommends seaside center; Consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-09-296CR; Remanded into custody.

State of Alaska v. Samuel T. Goldsberry (10/14/85); 2NO-07-520CR Notice of Dismissal; Supplemental PTR filed on 6/3/09; Filed by the DAs Office 6/9/09.  
State of Alaska v. Samuel Goldsberry (10/14/85); 2NO-09-296CR Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 5/31/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 20 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Recommend Seaside CRC; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.  
State of Alaska v. Elizabeth Mokiyuk (5/18/72); 2NO-08-779CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110699262; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, consecutive to the revocation in Case No. 2NO-08-911CR; Shall report to AMCC by 2pm on 6/11/09; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated upon reporting to jail.  
State of Alaska v. Elizabeth Mokiyuk (5/18/72); 2NO-08-911CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109264383; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, consecutive to the revocation in Case No. 2NO-08-779CR; Shall report to AMCC by 2pm on 6/11/09; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated upon reporting to jail; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage.  
State of Alaska v. Elizabeth Mokiyuk (5/18/72); 2NO-09-118CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault Fourth Degree; Charge 002: Criminal Mischief Fourth Degree; Filed by the DAs Office 6/10/09.  
State of Alaska v. Elizabeth Mokiyuk (5/18/72); 2NO-09-118CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 003: Violating Conditions of Release; Filed by the DAs Office 6/12/09.  
State of Alaska v. Amos Cruise (9/1/89); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Driving in Violation of Instruction Permit; Filed by the DAs Office 6/12/09.  
State of Alaska v. Stephan S. Apangalook (6/13/90); 2NO-09-256CR Habitual Minor Consuming or in Possession or Control of Alcoholic Beverage; Date of offense: 5/7/09; 90 days, 90 days suspended; Consecutive to 09-257CR; Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Community Work: Complete 96 hours of community work service and submit proof of completion to the Nome Clerk of Court within 120 days; Driver's License or Permit: Revoked for 6 months, concurrent with any DMV administrative actin; Shall immediately surrender license/permit to court; Probation until his 21st birthday; Shall not consume inhalants, or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages; Shall surrender any license/permit, pay fine and surcharge, show proof of community work service, and report to jail as ordered; Shall submit to warrantless breath test at request of peace officer and may be arrested without a warrant for probation violation; Shall contact VBC at Gambell/NSBHS by 7/6/09, and shall be evaluated, pay for, and successfully complete any recommended alcohol education or treatment program(s); Inpatient treatment of up to 180 days can be required; Failure to comply with community work, evaluation, education or treatment requirements will result in an extra 6 months revocation of driver's license.  
State of Alaska v. Stephan Apangalook (6/13/90); 2NO-09-257CR Habitual Minor Consuming or in Possession or Control of Alcoholic Beverage; Date of offense: 5/7909; 90 days, 90 days suspended; Consecutive to 09-257CR; Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Community Work: Complete 96 hours of community work service and submit proof of completion to the Nome Clerk of Court within 120 days; Driver's License or Permit: Revoked for 6 months, concurrent with any DMV administrative actin; Shall immediately surrender license/permit to court; Probation until his 21st birthday; Shall not consume inhalants, or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages; Shall surrender any license/permit, pay fine and surcharge, show proof of community work service, and report to jail as ordered; Shall submit to warrantless breath test at request of peace officer and may be arrested without a warrant for probation violation; Shall contact VBC at Gambell/NSBHS by 7/6/09, and shall be evaluated, pay for, and successfully complete any recommended alcohol education or treatment program(s); Inpatient treatment of up to 180 days can be required; Failure to comply with community work, evaluation, education or treatment requirements will result in an extra 6 months revocation of driver's license.  
State of Alaska v. Stephan Apangalook (6/13/90); 2NO-09-322CR Count 1: Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 6/9/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed: count 2 (002); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 20 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 20 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.  
State of Alaska v. Stephan Apangalook (6/13/90); 2NO-09-323CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Minor Consuming; Filed by the DAs Office 6/11/09.

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## Nome Midnight Sun FOLK FEST



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### Schedule of events:

#### RHYTHM AND DANCE FOR KIDS

**FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 1:30 P.M.  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL • FREE**

Kids! Come learn about bluegrass music and instruments, and have fun with music by Folk Fest guests The Great Alaska Bluegrass Band!



#### CONCERT WITH THE GREAT ALASKA BLUEGRASS BAND

**FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 7:30 P.M.  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
\$8 • \$5 YOUTH & ELDER  
\$20 FAMILIES**

Soak up the driving bluegrass sound of our guest band, The Great Alaska Bluegrass Band.

#### OPEN JAM AT AIRPORT PIZZA

**FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 10 P.M.**

After the Great Alaska Bluegrass Band concert, break out your own instrument to play tunes with festival musicians.

#### FOLK FEST MAIN STAGE

**SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 4 - 9 P.M.  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL • FREE!**

Nome's talented musicians take the stage to perform in the Elementary School Commons, with a special set by guest band The Great Alaska Bluegrass Band! Stop by the elementary school gym to shop for crafts by local artisans and fill your belly with tasty goodies!

#### THE GREAT ALASKA BLUEGRASS BAND ROCKS THE POLARIS!

**SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 10 P.M.  
POLARIS BAR • FREE!**

Don't let the party end at the school! Head over to the Polaris Bar for a concert set by the The Great Alaska Bluegrass Band! Leave the smokes at home, the Polaris will be smoke-free for this event!

#### BLUEGRASS INSTRUMENT WORKSHOPS W/ THE GREAT ALASKA BLUEGRASS BAND

**SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 4:30 P.M.  
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Tune up your picking with a FREE workshop with members of The Great Alaska Bluegrass Band!

#### CLOSING CONCERT: THE GREAT ALASKA BLUEGRASS BAND

**SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 7:30 P.M.  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
\$5 • \$15 FAMILY**

Wind down after your busy Midnight Sun weekend with a final concert by our great guest band.

### SCHEDULE OF PERFORMERS • FOLK FEST MAIN STAGE SATURDAY, JUNE 20

4 p.m.: **Doors Open** • 4:30: **Opening Acts** • 5:00: **Nikki Polk** • 5:10: **Diego Ayala** • 5:20: **Bridie Trainor** • 5:30: **Andrew Cooper** • 5:40: **Miss Bonnie & the Wyld Earps** • 5:50: **Scott Foster** • 6:00: **Zeek Tenhoff** • 6:10: **Landbridge Tollbooth** • 6:20: **Wilfred Anowlic** • 6:30: **Dave Coler, Carl White, Ian McRae** • 6:40: **The Hillbilly from Montucky** • 6:50: **Karen McLane** • 7:00: **Sarah Hanson, Phil Hofstetter, Ian & Kristine McRae** • 7:10: **Jim Abbott** • 7:20: **The Great Alaska Bluegrass Band** • 7:50: **Wes Adkins** • 8:00: **The Carolina Plate-Lickers** • 8:10: **David Dodman** • 8:20: **Heidi Herter** • 8:30: **Bonnie Hahn & Richard Beneville** • 8:40: **Arlo Hannigan, Jamie Saghafi & Aidan Smith**

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Photo by Denise Olin

THEY'RE OFF—Fearless racers plunge into the Nome River Sunday for the start of the annual Bering Sea Lions Club Nome River Raft Race. For more on this year's race, see page 10.

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Photos by Tyler Rhodes

**TAKING THE PLUNGE** (above)—Casting aside reason, brave souls sprint into the frigid Bering Sea Saturday afternoon for the Nome Midnight Sun Festival's annual Polar Bear Swim at the East-end Beach.

**UP TO NO GOOD** (right)—Ken Shapiro displays his key to the vault, lit fuse and all, at the annual robbery at the Wells Fargo Bank on Front Street Saturday. Don't worry, the good guys foiled the robbers once again.



## Sunshine graces Nome's Midnight Sun Festival

**By Tyler Rhodes**  
Nomeites and visitors alike were likely catching their breath Monday after a sun-drenched weekend brought out hordes of revelers to a marathon of events for the annual Midnight Sun Festival.

The kids got the first crack at the festivities when the guests of the Nome

Midnight Sun Folk Festival, The Great Alaska Bluegrass Band, put on a kids' dance and concert at the elementary school Friday. A few wild rounds of bluegrass musical chairs and animal songs had the kids up and dancing. The band also let the children take a strum or two of each of the instruments.

Despite the gorgeous sunshine—

an element that had been in limited quantity for the last few weeks—a good showing turned out later in the evening for an indoor concert by The Great Alaska Bluegrass Band. Brought to Nome for the weekend from Juneau, the band delivered hard-charging, high-energy bluegrass tunes along with sweet harmonies

and slower songs.

That first show at the elementary school and a follow-up jam session and short set at Airport Pizza later Friday evening helped build a buzz around the band, with each performance gathering larger and larger crowds.

The festival next took to the beach in the early hours of Saturday

morning. Nearly 70 runners and walkers burst off the starting line of the annual Gold Dust Dash at 8 a.m., tackling the 4-mile race along the shores of the Bering Sea (*see related story on page 9*).

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## Shelter in, JROTC out as city finalizes 2010 budget

**By Laurie McNicholas**  
The Nome Common Council approved a general fund municipal budget for FY2010 at a meeting Monday after adding on \$5,000 for the Nome Sportsmen's Association to develop the shooting range near Sunset Creek west of town and \$10,000 for the Nome Emergency Shelter Team to continue operation of an emergency shelter in the winter and spring of 2009-2010.

Councilman Stan Andersen introduced motions to approve the funding requests.

NEST volunteers staffed the emergency shelter for 22 nights last March and April at the Nazarene

Church when temperatures dropped to -10° F or colder. At a meeting June 8, the council declined NEST's initial request for \$10,000 in municipal funds and use of the Mini Convention Center as an emergency shelter. Council members said they wanted to see a more defined plan before committing city resources to NEST's efforts.

In response, NEST Volunteer Coordinator Abby Huggins provided the council with concrete evidence of community commitment through in-kind, volunteer, material and monetary contributions to the emergency shelter. She also prepared alternative budgets—one

based on locating the shelter in a city-owned facility such as the Mini Convention Center and the other based on renovating a building such as the food bank to house the shelter.

The council also received individually written letters of support for NEST from Sitnasuak Native Corp., Kawerak Inc., Nome Eskimo Community, King Island Native Community, Norton Sound Health Corp., Bering Straits Foundation, Nome Community Center, the Regional Wellness Forum, Nome Youth Facility, Community United Methodist Church, radio stations KICY and KNOM, the Bering Sea Women's Group,

the Elim IRA Council and Sue Steinacher. Several of the organizations have provided in-kind contributions to support NEST's efforts.

Councilwoman Mary Knodel asked whether NEST is exploring other potential locations for the shelter. Glen Pardy, housing director for Nome Eskimo Community, said the team is trying to obtain information about a two-story house at 105 E. First Street that has been condemned and may be owned by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Pardy said he became involved in NEST's

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## Mining permit snagged by multiple violations

**By Laurie McNicholas**  
Bill Angus, the City of Nome's new public works director, paid an unannounced visit June 16 to a mine at Moonlight Wells operated by Marvin Rapose, dba Nome AK Gold Concentrates (NAGC).

On Monday Angus wrote a report to City Manager Josie Bahnke citing multiple violations of a city permit to mine at the site and Rapose's failure

to correct the violations.

At a meeting Monday night, members of the Nome Common Council referred to Angus' report as they addressed a proposed resolution to issue a Moonlight Wells permit renewal to NAGC for the 2009 mining season. The mine is located in the area where Nome draws its drinking water.

As noted in the first sentence of the proposed resolution, "...the citizens

of Nome desire to protect its potable water supply including aquifers for what is commonly known as Moonlight Springs and Moonlight Wells..." Following is Angus' report of permit violations by Rapose in the Moonlight Wells Protection area, to which he attached photographs documenting the violations.

"I conducted a no-notice visit at the subject mine last Tuesday (6/16/09) to

verify compliance with the terms spelled out in the subject permit.

"I found no activity at the mine and no representatives were apparently present on-site," Angus continued. "A casual inspection revealed approximately 20 drums (55 gal) of various lubricants, approximately 30 pails (5 gal) of various lubricants, a

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Corner Office

By Jason Evans  
Our state spending is out of control

Our state has serious economic problems in our future. Even with the prospect of a new, huge gas pipeline, new taxes from large mining developments and the possibility of a personal income tax or a statewide sales tax, we are out of control in our spending.

The State of Alaska FY2009 Operating Budget which starts next month totals \$11.1 billion and includes funding for public education, university system, public health and safety, transportation and resource development. Sarah Palin said, “This administration takes its fiscal responsibility seriously.” Yeah right, this is crazy.

In FY2002, just eight short years ago, on Tony Knowles’ last state budget, the state spent a total of \$2.1 billion.

Our state has slowly built our budget to a point where it has no sustainability. We have declining oil revenue, no personal income tax, no statewide sales tax, and very limited tax revenue on mining, fishing and tourism. The outlook for our state is not good and there is nothing big enough to save us.

If we took immediate action and 1) added the taxes from a new gas pipeline, plus 2) added a sales tax AND an income tax, and 3) took away our Permanent Fund Dividend and used it for state government, we still do not have enough money to sustain this type of spending. Long-term we are still not even close to being sustainable. There is nothing out there big enough that will replace our oil revenue and yet, no one is talking about it.

To create a solution we need years of planning and discipline and that discussion needs to take place. Politicians don’t want to talk about taxes, which are political death and a sure way not to be elected. So no one is saying a word and we are going down a bad path for our state’s future.

I don’t ever want to leave Alaska, but in a few years maybe I’ll move to Hawaii. Hawaii has been a poor state for years. Maybe I’ll spend a couple years in the sun and on the beaches and learn how to deal in a state with no money and then I can move back and enjoy Alaska again.

*The Corner Office is a column written by Jason Evans, a business and financial consultant. He has extensive expertise in business and finance. He was born and raised in Nome and may be reached at [jevans@financialalaska.com](mailto:jevans@financialalaska.com).*

Letters to the editor must be signed and include an address and phone number. Thank yous and political endorsements are considered ads.

Editorial

Oil Strike

No, there has not been a big oil discovery in Nome (unless we consider all that fuel that’s still in NJU’s tanks — that super expensive stuff we purchased for the Rock Creek Mine). Since every oil supplier in the Lower-48 knows that Alaska has to make big fuel purchases every summer, they stick it to us every summer with the top dollar fuel prices.

We should fool them this year and not buy a single drop of that precious stuff. Nome probably has enough of last summer’s expensive oil to get us through another winter. If those windmills on Banner peak get cranking we might find a pleasant surprise on our utility bills. Perhaps we could purchase our fuel on futures when the price of oil drops after the last barge leaves Seattle.

We should find the cost of keeping warm will be a constant challenge. Perhaps the future Nome homes will have an array of solar tubes and panels. We need to get in gear to beat the oil profiteers. Who knows, maybe global warming will have oil tankers docking in Nome in January. Are we ready and willing to strike a change?  
— N.L.M.—

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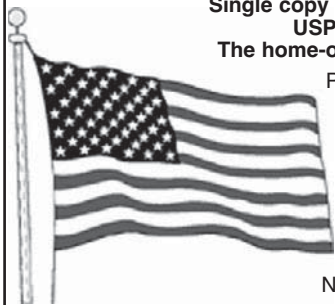
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Dear Editor,  
Here is a letter I sent to the Department of Justice.

Case U.S. v Alaska Gold Company and NovaGold Resources, Inc.  
DOJ No. 90-5-1-1-09621  
Public Comment on Settlement Agreement No. 2  
Mr. Casey,  
Violation of similar state permits  
The permittee did not control off-

site water quality exceedances and allowed waste to wash away from the facility. This is in violation of the State of Alaska’s Waste Management Permit 2003-DB0051.

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation has issued notices of violations numerous times that resulted in financial penalties to the permittee.

This case primarily concerns approximately 414 acres of disturbed

wetland property that was estimated to be filled with 13,697,436 cubic yards (cy) during the operation of the Rock Creek Mine.

The land-disturbing construction activities on various portions of the property resulted in violations of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act

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A Look at the Past



*Photo and History Courtesy of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum*

**IT’S MY TURN! — We have Mothers’ Day and Fathers’ Day. Why not Children’s Day? This is Nome celebrating Children’s Day on June 27, 1914 in Barracks Square on the oceanfront where the Post Office stands today. Note the U.S. Life Saving Station in the background.**

Nome Norton Sound Tide Predictions (High & Low Waters) — June 25 - July 1, 2009

Day	Date	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height
Th	06/25	01:16 a.m. LDT	-0.4	L 08:45 a.m. LDT	1.4	H 01:07 p.m. LDT	1.0	L 06:33 p.m. LDT	1.5
F	06/26	02:11 a.m. LDT	-0.5	L 09:34 a.m. LDT	1.5	H 02:23 p.m. LDT	1.0	L 07:49 p.m. LDT	1.5
Sa	06/27	03:03 a.m. LDT	-0.4	L 10:20 a.m. LDT	1.5	H 03:37 p.m. LDT	0.8	L 09:01 p.m. LDT	1.4
Su	06/28	03:53 a.m. LDT	-0.3	L 11:02 a.m. LDT	1.6	H 04:48 p.m. LDT	0.7	L 10:13 p.m. LDT	1.3
M	06/29	04:40 a.m. LDT	-0.2	L 11:42 a.m. LDT	1.6	H 05:56 p.m. LDT	0.5	L 11:27 p.m. LDT	1.2
Tu	06/30	05:26 a.m. LDT	0.0	L 12:19 p.m. LDT	1.6	H 07:00 p.m. LDT	0.4	L	
W	07/01	12:43 a.m. LDT	1.1	H 06:10 a.m. LDT	0.3	L 12:54 p.m. LDT	1.6	H 07:57 p.m. LDT	0.2

Daily variations in sea level due to local meteorological conditions cannot be predicted and may significantly effect the observed tides in this area. All times are listed in Local Standard Time (LST) or Local Daylight Time (LDT) when applicable. All heights are in feet referenced to Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW).

Weather Statistics

<b>Sunrise</b>	<b>06/25/09</b>	<b>04:21 a.m.</b>	<b>High Temp</b>	<b>63° 6/19/09</b>	<b>National Weather Service Nome, Alaska (907) 443-2321 1-800-472-0391</b>
	<b>07/01/09</b>	<b>04:31 a.m.</b>	<b>Low Temp</b>	<b>40° 6/16, 17, &amp; 19/09</b>	
			<b>Peak Wind</b>	<b>28 mph, W, 6/16/09</b>	
			<b>Precip. to Date</b>	<b>6.91"</b>	
<b>Sunset</b>	<b>06/25/09</b>	<b>01:48 a.m.</b>	<b>Normal</b>	<b>4.42"</b>	
	<b>07/01/09</b>	<b>01:40 a.m.</b>			

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Compiled by Diana Haecker  
**Earthquakes shake South-central, Aleutian islands**

Without much warning, except for the sudden calm and cessation of bird songs, the earth began to shake on Monday at 11:28 a.m. in South-central Alaska and along the Aleutian Islands chain. According to the Alaska Earthquake Information Center and the US Geological Survey, the initial earthquake mostly felt around the Talkeetna, Willow and Skwentna areas, registered 5.41 on the Richter scale. The shake was followed by a series of smaller aftershocks. The epicenter was located about 30 miles southwest of Talkeetna.

An even greater earthquake of magnitude 5.6 shook the Andreanof Island in the Aleutian chain at 11:55 a.m. A minute later, Southcentral felt another earth rumble with a 4.03 magnitude. The shocks were felt all the way to Soldotna, albeit weak. No damage was reported. Just as Nomeites were catching up on their sleep before the Midnight Sun festivities, the Alaska Earthquake Information Center says a magnitude 4.1 quake struck at 3:15 a.m. Saturday, June 20, about 87 miles southwest of Nome.

**U.S. court OKs dumping gold mine waste in Southeast Alaska lake**

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Supreme Court has upheld a U.S. government permit to dump mining tailings from the proposed Kensington gold mine into nearby Lower Slate Lake, even though all its fish would be killed. By a 6-3 vote on Monday, the justices say a federal appeals court wrongly blocked the permit on environmental grounds. Environmentalists fear that the ruling could set a precedent for how mining waste is disposed in American lakes, streams and rivers.

The Army Corps of Engineers in 2005 issued a permit for waste disposal at the proposed underground gold mine north of Juneau. The

Southeast Conservation Council and Earthjustice sued to halt the practice, saying dumping the mine tailings in the lake would kill fish. The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco blocked the permit, saying the dumping is barred by stringent Environmental Protection Agency requirements under the Clean Water Act of 1972.

This week's Supreme Court ruling gives the mine's operator, Coeur d'Alene Mining Corporation, the green light to go ahead with the mine's development. US Senator Mark Begich commented on the decision as being good for Southeast Alaska jobs and bringing clarity to a 20-year-old dispute. "It's time for the federal agencies to work with the Kensington team to move the project forward," Begich said in a statement.

Governor Sarah Palin also lauded the court's decision. "This is great news for Alaska," Palin said. "Today's ruling is a green light for responsible resource development. Kensington will produce as many as 370 well-paying jobs. We truly appreciate Coeur's tenacity in pursuing the project and its dedication to hiring Alaskans to work at the mine." The state supported Coeur's legal efforts to move the project ahead.

**Energy committee on info-gathering road trip**

House Special Committee on Energy co-chairs Bryce Edgmon, D-Dillingham, and Charisse Millett, R-Anchorage and other committee members continued their information-gathering with a visit to Fairbanks last week. The trip's insights are supposed to be used to draft a statewide energy plan, due out in time for the next legislative session starting January 2010. The committee held field meetings in Nome and Kotzebue in February, in Dillingham in March and in Bethel in May.

The Fairbanks hearing took place at the Butrovich Building on the University of Alaska Fairbanks campus with 40 people testifying on topics concerning what the state can do to help promote alternatives. The forum discussed what is needed until a natural gas pipeline is built, wind-diesel technology perfected and large-scale hydroelectric projects like the long-proposed Susitna Dam come to be realized. Also discussed was finding a way to wean the state off of expensive home heating oil, using propane to replace heating oil in rural Alaska

and other areas not connected to large-scale power grids, creating a statewide intertie instead of the current regional ones, and finding the right businesses to drive the new industry.

**Bill proposed to keep ethics complaints confidential**

House State Affairs Committee chair Bob Lynn, R-Anchorage, announced that he plans to introduce legislation in January to revise procedures for ethics complaints filed against the Executive Branch of state government. The proposed bill is in response to 15 ethics complaints filed against Governor Sarah Palin that alleged ethical misconduct ranging from wearing Arctic Cat logo wear during the start of the Iron Dog to alleged abuse of office for personal gain stemming from the Troopergate scandal, state reimbursements of questionable state travel with her children and using her office for her political action committee Sarah-PAC. A state personnel board had dismissed most complaints as having no merit. Two complaints are pending.

In regard to the Troopergate scandal, special ethics counsel Stephen Branchflower found that Palin did violate an ethics law that prohibits public officials from using office for personal gain. While ethics complaints against legislators stay confidential until found with merit, the executive branch is not guarded by similar confidentiality.

"If someone goes public with an ethics complaint against the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General or anyone in the Executive Branch before it's determined to have merit, it is not dismissed. As a result, an unsubstantiated complaint can be all over the newspaper, TV, and talk radio before it's even investigated. That's not fair. It invites frivolous complaints by people with a political agenda, wasting public money and the time of everybody involved," Lynn said.

**Corps of Engineers has new commander**

Army Corps of Engineers Colonel Kevin Wilson turned over command of the Alaska District to Colonel Reinhard Koenig in a ceremony at district headquarters on Elmendorf Air Force Base on Tuesday. Wilson,

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

June 25 - July 1, 2009

EVENT PLACE TIME

**June is mammogram promotion month @ NSHC, 443-3227 for details or to make your appointment today!**

**Thursday, June 25**

*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*Preschool Story Hour	Kegoayah Library	10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 6:30 p.m.
*Audiology	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Pregnancy Mom & the Unborn video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
<b>Friends of Pilgrim mtg</b>	<b>Polar Cafe</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
*Beginning Baton with Jay	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
*Thrft Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
*Swing Dancing with Seiji	Nome Rec Center	7:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.

**Friday, June 26**

<b>Dr. Ray, Orthodontist, is here for one day, call 443-2055 before today for an appt.</b>		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 4 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50
*Smoking Sessation class	Prematernal Home	1 p.m.
*Pregnant Teens Taking Care video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Ruslan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Adult Drop-in Soccer	Nome Rec Center	8 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.

**Saturday, June 27**

*UMW Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 8 p.m.
*Celebrate Birth video	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
<b>Relay For Life Fundraiser Walk/Run</b>	<b>East End Park</b>	<b>3 p.m.</b>
*Close to the Heart video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*AA Meeting	BHS Bldg. 2nd floor	8 p.m.

**Sunday, June 28**

*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*I am your Child video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*** AHFC Goal Preliminary Application Submission Deadline 4:30 p.m. ***		
*Smoking Time to Quit video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*AA: Big Book Study	HR Conf. Room, NSHC	6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

**Monday, June 29**

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 10 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.
*Start out Right video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Beginning Yoga with Kari	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*All about Baby's video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Ruslan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Drop-in Volleyball	Nome Rec Center	7:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.

**Tuesday, June 30**

*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*Preschool Story Hour	Kegoayah Library	10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	noon - 1 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	1 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Social Service video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*RVSV-What you should Know	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*** AHFC OEA program CHDO Intent To Apply Application Deadline 4:30 p.m. ***		
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*AA Teleconference: 1-800-914-3396	(CODE: 3534534#)	7 p.m.
*Thrft Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
*Adult Drop-in Soccer	Nome Rec Center	8 p.m. - 10 p.m.

**Wednesday, July 1**

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Rotary Club	Airport Pizza	noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 10 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.
*Celebrate Birth video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Nutrition Class video	Prematernal Home	3:00 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Ruslan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Hello Central (also on Channel 98)	Nome Visitors Center	7:30 p.m.
*AA Meeting	BHS Bldg. 2nd floor	8 p.m.

**Recurring activities/events (3 or more days a week):**  
Summercise Nome Rec Center noon - 5 p.m. (M - Th)

<b>Business/place of interest hours of operation:</b>		
XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Tu - F)
Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m. (everyday)
Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. (everyday)
Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 8 p.m. (M - Th)
		noon - 6 p.m. (F - Sa)
Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 8 p.m. (M - Th & Sa)

*Relay For Life is a local fundraiser, make your pledge today or walk/run on Saturday, June 27.*

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# Bering Straits Development Co. gets into hot water

By Sandra L. Medearis

Crews have been off and on the roof of the Aurora Executive Suites on "D" Street several times in several weeks installing a 40-foot bracket on the east-west wing of the building. Last week they were up there again, taking advantage of sunshine and safer footing on a dry roof, putting 150 solar heat collector tubes on the bracket at an angle to aim them toward the equator.

The exercise is Bering Straits Development Co.'s latest project to collect energy available for the taking. This time the innovative company hopes to use this Apricus solar hot water system to turn the sun's heat into hot water for the apartments. Under certain circumstances, the apparatus will provide heat to the building as well as those ahhh-inspiring hot showers. The word Apricus in Latin has to do with "sunny" and "warm."

Installers hope the solar energy collectors will both save the use of fossil fuel and yield additional benefits in providing data for other alternative energy users wanting to divert a major cost of living.

"Hot water heaters typically make up 35 percent to 50 percent of a household energy bill," said Rob Bensin, electrical power administrator for the project. "The data will allow us to better judge, install and predict payback with this real-life experience in the Nome area."

How much the solar hot water system would save depends on hot water usage, the weather and the requirements of a particular system.

Bensin chose the tube system for its high efficiency after a long study of data sheets, he said.

BSDC, owned jointly by Sitnasuak and Bering Straits Native corporations, currently has solar panels on the



Photo by Sandra L. Medearis

**GREEN MACHINE**—Bering Straits Development Co. has installed a rooftop solar energy hot water system to provide ahhh-inspiring hot showers at Aurora Executive Suites and burn less fossil fuel.

Old Federal Building on Front Street and operates an 18-unit wind farm north of town. The solar panels are quietly producing savings at the Old Federal Building, while the wind turbines have required more tinkering.

At a confab in the office of Jerald Brown, BSDC's chief operating officer, Brown, Bensin and Tony Parsons, construction manager, applauded the simplicity of the tubes that makes them easy on maintenance. No moving parts—unlike wind turbines that have been giving heartache—just brackets, tubes, storage tank, sensor, controller and, well, pumps to move the "free" hot water. Free, after the payback, but Brown pointed out that there actually would be payback for homeowners as the setup costs less

than other solar collectors. The number of tubes can be adjusted to the need, and the system sets up rapidly.

Cost savings on various parts of the planet vary with solar levels. Energy is reduced on cloudy days. The solar tubes will not supply 100 percent of hot water year-round without backup from another energy source.

Just the same, using solar energy part of the time would mean less emission up the stacks from the boilers, Bensin observed.

So how do the tubes work?

Pretty fast. Folks attending alternative energy classes in Nome have seen Nomeite Dave McDowell, already basking in the benefits of his Apricus installation, demonstrate how one of the tubes placed outside

a meeting hall on a cloudy day in winter came back in with the metal tip hot as a firecracker in 10 to 15 minutes. The individual tube comprises two layers of toughened glass with a vacuum in between the layers. The vacuum layer acts like the Thermos bottle in your lunch bucket, preserving about 97 percent of the energy absorbed from the sun. This increases efficiency of the collector and protects it from cold air. Manufacturers say the system does not need antifreeze.

The sun's energy transfers to the water by way of heat pipes inside each tube. Heat transfer liquid circulates through a header and goes to heat exchangers in two 119-gallon tanks containing domestic water that

is heated and stored. During short days, the water in the tanks might only be conditioned for assisting the domestic hot water heater. The tanks also have a second heat exchanger for heating the complex when domestic hot water demands are met. An outdoor temperature sensor controller will lower the heating transfer liquid in the boiler system when the outside temperature is above 30° F.

The solar hot water system has been designed for northern climates, according to manufacturers based in Australia, and targets markets in northern United States and northern Europe.

One sunny day last week Bensin came out of the Executive Suites after checking the solar hot water system. "It's working," he beamed. "The water is hot and the system is dissipating surplus heat outside."

In the United States, the Apricus solar tube collector system falls under the benefits of a federal government energy credit system.

Meanwhile, Parsons frequently has a clipboard in hand to read the meters on another project—the flat panel solar collector system and basement boilers at the Old Federal Building on Front Street across from the post office. There, Parsons can log how long boilers are operating down to 1/100 of an hour and keep track of wind speed and temperature outside as part of data collection on the solar panels.

The activity and data collection in energy issues is in BSDC's business plan to make alternative energy and energy-saving devices available to the public, such as LED light bulbs—giant steps ahead of spiral compact fluorescent bulbs—for domestic and commercial applications.

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pallet of approximately 12 lead acid automotive type batteries, a medium duty truck with a large bulk fuel tank mounted on the back, approximately ten jugs of anti-freeze (1 gal) and a large stained area on the ground that clearly indicates that oil had been spilled (not recently). All of these items were within the "Protected Area" and all are violations of the permit. After returning to my office, the applicant arrived unexpectedly. I told him that I just returned from visiting the mine and shared my concerns with respect to these violations. I told him that the materials had to be removed from the site prior to the Public Hearing in order to gain a favorable report/recommendation from me. I also told him that I would report my findings to the City Manager. I provided the applicant copies of the 2008 permit, the related application prepared by NAGC, and a draft copy of the Temporary Operations Permit. He was told verbally and in writing what the specific violations were and the importance of getting the violations off the site.

"Today, I called the applicant and asked permission to revisit the site," Angus wrote. "He

wanted to meet with me and came to my office. He said the batteries were gone and the 5 gal pails were emptied. Upon my arrival, I met the applicant and again looked around the site. I saw that most of the 5 gal pails were open and empty with residual oils still in the bottom. He said the oils were consolidated into one pail which was accepted at the landfill. There were about ten pails yet to be opened and emptied by the applicant. It seems unlikely that: a pail of oil was accepted at the landfill and that a trip would be made all the way to the landfill without emptying the few that were remaining. I suspect the oil was dumped on-site somewhere. The pallet of lead acid batteries was still on-site, just as it was last week. I believe the applicant was trying to deceive me when he said the batteries were gone."

Angus made the following recommendations:

"1. Grant temporary permit effective in a week, subject to removal of all violations (verified by me).

"2. Final and proper...disposition of all offensive materials to be physically inspected and verified by me. (It is too easy to simply bury things out there).

"3. Over excavation and proper disposal of

all contaminated soils (verified by me prior to backfill).

"4. Submit to random, unrestricted, and unscheduled site inspections at interval not to exceed two weeks."

Councilwoman Mary Knodel moved to amend the proposed resolution issuing a Moonlight Wells permit renewal to NAGC for the 2009 mining season to include the four recommendations by Angus. The council approved both the amendment and the resolution as amended by votes of 4 to 1. Stan Anderson, Jerald Brown, Knodel and Randy Pomeranz voted yes; Jon Larson voted no. Councilman Neal Foster was absent from the meeting.

Dr. Derrick Leedy recently complained to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and to the Nome Common Council that violations of state and federal environmental standards are taking place in the NAGC mining operation. In a letter to the council dated June 19, Leedy states:

"There are State and Federal stormwater violations in both the Marvin Rapose and Betty Crutch mining operations on the west and north side of Anvil Mountain. Some of the lands may be leased by Alaska Gold or Pri-

vate Mineral Holders.

"There is also a violation of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game habitat permit that is [a]ffecting Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) in Anvil Creek and its receiving waters. Turbidity levels are way beyond the limits set by the Alaska Water Quality Standards..."

Accompanying Leedy's letter is a photo of outflow from the Marvin Rapose mining operation that Leedy says shows turbidity exceeding Alaska Water Quality Standards.

In his letter Leedy recommends that the council contact Eva DeMaria, EPA Office of Compliance and Enforcement, Region 10, about the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit program and to arrange for an agency to inspect both mine sites. He also recommends that the council have the landowners develop and implement a mitigation plan to correct the stormwater discharges.

"Wait until this is completed prior to the issuing of a permit for the Moonlight Springs Watershed Protected Area that is about 3.5 square miles," he advised. "Only issue a permit for mitigation at this time.

"The city faces a huge liability if a permit is issued," Leedy concluded.



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# Sinking houses, stinking swamps spur complaint to NJUS

By Sandra L. Medearis

Some houses at East End sit in a swamp replete with moss and algae.

These backyard lakes and deep puddles beneath houses may result from sewer and water construction projects, road construction, melting permafrost, or any combination of several of these.

Whatever the cause, the situation is lowering yards and property values by destroying landscaping and raising safety and health risks in their neighborhood, several residents told the Nome Joint Utility System board of directors on June 16. These homeowners want the issue on the agenda at next month's meeting so that the utility can look at whether soil testing and hydrology played a part in designing the water and sewer installation with proper or dysfunctional drainage along Sixth Avenue.

NJUS board and staff said they could take a look, but that the responsibility for drainage belonged to the City of Nome.

Jana Varrati who lives at Fifth Avenue and "I" Street, told the NJUS panel that when she and spouse Ben Esch bought their home, yards between "H" and "I" streets were all at the same level and seeded with the same grass—beautiful—until a couple of years ago. Now water that flows in and ponds from thaw to freeze up has spoiled the yards and stagnates beneath houses, according to Varrati.

"Our front yards are full of sink

holes, huge chasms and swamps. Water is accumulating under our homes; some on pads (and some on pilings) are sinking at a rapid rate," she said. "It looks and smells like polio water [stagnant disease-bearing water]," filled with "mosses and unsavory growth."

Varrati alluded to City liability for lowered property values and the risk of a child drowning in one of the "lakes."

Varrati, as did her neighbors Kris Busk and Scott Kent, asked the board to get the issue on the next agenda to allow staff to drive by the water-logged area and look at maps and hydrology.

Busk asked that NJUS investigate the causes and look into designing a solution, maybe drainage parallel and perpendicular to the affected property.

"My main concern is the safety of Nome's citizens," he said.

Some board members were ready to dive into the "lakes" and begin a vigorous backstroke, saying that handling this issue was the City's job—road crews only build what and where they are told to build.

"Is it a utilities issue or a City drainage issue?" asked board member Carl Emmons. "Drainage of the City is way beyond our scope."

Utilities director John K. Handeland said staff would pull files and videos to take a look at utility work in the area.

In the discussion, board members cited examples from personal knowledge of other sink holes and swamps

that they attributed to the warmer climate melting ice lenses associated with permafrost. The melting of these slabs of ice that go vertical or horizontal beneath building sites causes houses all over town to go up and down like the music from a circus calliope.

"There's a lot of ice in the ground up there," Emmons said.

In fact, NJUS board president Jimmy West Jr. said, "In the Sixth Avenue job, they over-excavated and replaced it with better material."

The best material to underlie construction projects in the arctic would be sand and gravel to help defeat the forces of permafrost and melt.

Heaving ground beneath buildings comes partly with water flowing in to make ice lenses that push up, separate and melt under certain conditions to drop the level again. The water doesn't rise in sand and gravel. Water rises in clay, but slowly, not to make lakes and ponds in the yard out the back bedroom window. Silt is the culprit, like silt that goes along with old beach lines.

Silt wicks the water up the worst, ice scientists and geologists say. Add warmer temperatures or drainage from utilidor removal and thawing of permafrost goes top to bottom until it has gone deep enough to drain the impromptu lakes. The quick analysis is that ground needs to remain frozen or home owners need to keep filling until the site stabilizes.



Photo by Sandra L. Medearis

**HANDOFF**—Jana Varrati provides photos to NJUS board member Fred Moody showing swamps and small lakes that plague property owners on the east end between "H" and "I" streets along Sixth Avenue. Utility manager John Handeland is seen in the background.

Varrati and her neighbors are filling their land.

"As owners we realize our responsibilities for upkeep and maintenance of our properties, and we have put in load after load of fill to try to deal with this problem," she said. "It keeps getting worse."

The problem did not show up until the project to fill Sixth Avenue.

"The installation of utilities on Sixth Avenue brought this problem to light and exacerbated it," Varrati said.

The board will discuss the issue further at the next regular board meeting in July.

# Post office, court may get new landlord

By Sandra L. Medearis

About a dozen interested parties representing themselves, nonprofit organizations and local government met with federal real estate officials to find out more about impending disposal of the Federal Building on Front Street.

This building is where good citizens report for court jury duty and pick up their mail at the post office. The building has been referred to the real estate disposal section of the Government Services Administration because not enough federal offices occupy the

building. The June 17 meeting in the court area was preliminary to what could be a yearlong process to determine who will be the next landlord.

"The ratio is off. There is a lack of tenants with less than 50 percent federal occu-

pancy," Blaine Hastings manager of GSA property disposal, northwest arctic region, said. "This building has been determined excess to GSA need."

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efforts last October. He suggested that a city official or a council member become a permanent member of NEST.

### JROTC funding nixed

The council rejected a motion by Andersen to add \$118,000 to the city's FY2010 budget to continue the Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps program at Nome-Beltz High School. Andersen and Jerald Brown voted in favor of the motion, while Knodel, Jon Larson and Randy Pomeranz voted against it. Councilman Neal Foster was absent from the meeting. Last year Nome Public Schools deleted JROTC funding from its budget, and the council subsequently approved a motion by Andersen to add \$136,000 for the program to the City of Nome's FY2009 general fund budget.

In testimony Monday prior to the vote, Barb Nickels, a member of the Nome Board of Education said the board cannot fund the JROTC program but supports its missions, goals and positive impacts on students. Copies of a letter from board President Gloria Karmun in support of the program were distributed to council members.

JROTC Cadets Gregory Saclamana and Landis Bjorgen advocated for funding to continue the program next year, citing its benefits to students and community services performed by cadets. Bjorgen said cadets had raised \$5,804 through car washes and other activities, received pledges of \$16,100 in contributions and have \$4,000 in a JROTC account, for a total of \$25,904. He asked the council to allocate \$118,096 in municipal funds to the program for the coming school year.

### 2010 City budgets adopted

The council approved an FY2010 general fund budget totaling \$10.228 million based on a property tax rate of 7 mills. Other FY2010 City of Nome budgets adopted by the council Monday were:

- The capital projects fund budget totaling \$9.7 million. Grants and appropriations from federal and state agencies and other entities

fund this budget.

- The Port of Nome budget totaling \$4.58 million, \$3 million of which are Federal Emergency Management Agency funds for repair and maintenance of the Cape Nome quarry.

- The special revenue fund budget totaling \$278,321. This budget accounts for revenues and expenditures for grants, contracts and agreements that the City accepts for purposes other than direct operational and administrative expenditures in the general fund budget.

- The construction capital projects fund budget totaling \$2.96 million. This budget accounts for revenues and expenditures associated with school and port construction bond monies.

### Other council actions

Knodel made a motion to approve a request from Gary Hart, dba Nome Checker Cab Inc., to transfer his six taxi licenses to Rodney Jones effective Aug. 1. Larson moved to amend the motion to say that Jones must comply with all provisions of applicable City ordinances before the taxi licenses are transferred to him. The council approved the amendment and the main motion.

In a letter to the council dated June 9, Rhonda L. Komok appealed a decision by Chief of Police Dallas Massie to deny her application for a Chauffeur's License with the City of Nome. She also appealed the decision in public comments during the council meeting. In a letter to Komok dated June 5, Massie said he is unable to approve the application because she does not meet the requirements set forth in the Nome Code of Ordinances Section 3.10.030.

During the council meeting, Brown asked Massie to comment on Komok's appeal. Massie said he could not go into all the reasons for issuing the denial in an open session. Council members met with Massie in executive session, following which they voted unanimously to deny Komok's appeal.

### City Manager's report

City Manager Josie Bahnke said

Nome Volunteer Fire Department Chief Matt Johnson and three NVFD volunteers have flown to Wisconsin to inspect the department's new ladder truck and drive it to Washington state for shipment to

Nome on a barge.

Bahnke recently met with staff of Sitnasuak Native Corp. to discuss placement of the Two Eskimo Boys statue on the southwest end of Anvil City Square. A life-size statue of

Constantine Uparazuck and Gabriel Adams with two huskies will arrive in Nome by barge in July, announced SNC Chairperson Crystal Andersen-Booth in a letter dated June 1 to the City of Nome.

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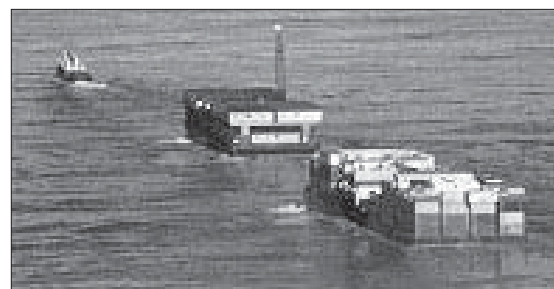
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# Nanooks let loose in the jungle

*Nome-Beltz Spanish Club gets a taste of life south of the border in Costa Rica*

By Tyler Rhodes

While some Nomeites were still skiing and many were waiting for that last patch of snow to disappear from their property, a group of 15 of their neighbors were basking in humid 80°F days in the jungle.

After more than a year of planning and fundraising, 11 Nome-Beltz High School students and their four chaperones spent 10 days in Costa Rica taking Spanish language classes in the morning and rallying for various adventures in the afternoons. The trip was organized by Nome-Beltz Spanish teacher Erika Eaton.

The crew departed Nome in the early afternoon May 29, arriving in San Jose approximately 24 hours later. The group quickly bypassed the Central American country's capital and largest city, taking vans for a three-hour trip to the town of La Fortuna in the northwest part of the country in the Alajuela Province.

Last week, students Kailyn Kashevarof, Cori Eide, Jeff Rose and Niki McGuffey, along with Eaton and chaperone Nikki Polk, met with a *Nome Nugget* reporter to share some highlights of the trip. Other students on the voyage were Alex Morgan, Sean Yi, Mark Steiger, Emerson Conger, Mason Evans, Josh McComas and Rene Lammer. Filling out the ranks of the chaperones were Bobby Evans and Mari Lammer.

When asked about their favorite experience from the trip, the word "zipline" quickly leapt out of the students' mouths. Suspended hundreds of feet above the jungle and tethered to a cable that ran through the trees, the group raced at speeds up to 50 mph along the lines as they descended toward the ground.

While the conversation bumps from highlight to highlight—white-water raft trips, canyoning expeditions and hot springs—there is also a surprising revelation for a bunch of students who just got out of school. They enjoyed their language classes.

"At first I didn't want to do it at all," said Eide, who graduated this year. The students, however, quickly warmed to the classes held each morning in La Fortuna. "It really helped my conversation skills," Eide added.

McGuffey said she saw her ability to both speak and comprehend improve quickly. "Speaking it got way better for me," she said. She noted she wasn't always able to follow conversations word for word, but would pick up enough key words to know what was being discussed.

Some students found that they were better prepared to speak the language than they thought. "It was a lot easier than I expected it to be," Kashevarof said.

While Eaton enjoyed the more adrenaline-fueled elements of the trips, like ziplining, her highlight came from watching her students progress with their language skills. "The best part of the trip for me was seeing my students start using their Spanish spontaneously with each other around town," Eaton said.

The students reported having an easier time understanding Spanish in the small town of La Fortuna versus the larger cities of San Jose and Turrialba, where they spent some time as well. "When you go to the city, they talk so fast," Eide said.

They also found more patient listeners in the small town. "People in La Fortuna were more used to tourists," McGuffey said.

Not only was the language a bit foreign, but also the customs. The students talked about seeing school children head to school at the early hour of 7 a.m., all wearing uniforms. The also noted that the Costa Rican students' extracurricular activities differed a bit. "They're really good at soccer," Kashevarof said.

The group did get some interaction with local students—on the Nomeites' terms—through a game of basketball. "They were OK. They couldn't shoot, but they handled themselves," Rose said. The advantage, however, was definitely with the Nanooks.

Other little differences between home and Costa Rica also struck the group. The students said they were surprised to see that the television programming would be a mix of Spanish and English shows. The same applied for music on the radio.

The trip also gave the students chances to taste new foods. They were introduced to tamales wrapped in banana leaves, juices sipped straight from the fruit through a straw and other exotic fruits. McGuffey said that although she missed Starbucks, she enjoyed the Costa Rican coffee, learning to drink it black.

The trip also gave the students chances to have upfront encounters with animals—some wild and some not-so wild. The group visited a farm outside La Fortuna where they saw a dairy operation. Each student got a chance to milk a cow. Some kids had more luck than others with the task. "I just couldn't milk it for some reason," Rose said.

The students also saw coffee plants and pineapples growing, as well as yucca plants and pepper trees.

The farm trip also included a walk into the nearby jungle where students spied many tiny poisonous frogs, giant leaf-cutter ants, big butterflies and centipedes.

The group also encountered other animals throughout the trip that were



Photo by Erika Eaton

**WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE**—Nome-Beltz Spanish Club members (left to right) Niki McGuffey, Sean Yi, Cori Eide, Emerson Conger and Jeff Rose take a break in the central plaza in La Fortuna, Costa Rica in early June. The club, under the guidance of teacher Erika Eaton, prepared for more than a year for the 10-day trip.

not quite as exciting to see. "The bugs scared me," McGuffey said. She added that they would put geckos into their rooms in hopes they would eat the bugs.

Some of the other animals experienced on the trip were just outside the hotel. "I would wake up to roosters every morning," Eide said.

The students also got a taste of life in a country where the social and political systems do not work quite the same as in the United States. On the way to a raft trip near the city of Turrialba, the traffic on the highway began to thicken before it came to an abrupt stop. The group's van driver was able to snake his way through the gridlock until he could go no farther and the source of the bottleneck was discovered.

Just 15 minutes away from the start of the raft trip after a three-hour drive that started at 5 a.m., the group's journey came to an end for much of the day. Workers from nearby pineapple plantations had barricaded the roads to protest working conditions and the effects of pesticides in the drinking water they used. The large group of workers, while peaceful, would not let traffic pass in either direction. "It was like a

sit-in protest," McGuffey said.

While getting a bit of a cultural lesson, the students made the best of the four to five hours spent waiting on the side of the road. Food vendors appeared out of nowhere selling partially frozen juices and other cool snacks and drinks. "It was very calm," Polk said. "People selling things made it all the more clam."

While many of the days on the trip were tempered by afternoon rain showers, the weather this day was warmer. "It was the only day I was actually able to get a tan," Eide said.

Once the barricade was opened the group was able to finally drive the final few miles to Turrialba. They arrived too late, however, to raft that day. The group made up for the lost time the next day with a canyoning trip in the morning and a raft trip during the afternoon. The students gave the raft trip high marks. McGuffey said their guide was great, with the students teaching him some English. She said the group sang songs as they bounced down the river.

The students' short stay in the city of Turrialba had a different feel than that of the more touristy La Fortuna. The traffic was more hectic, the streets more crowded. The city also held some surprises. Rose described turn-

ing a corner during a walk and arriving in a giant market. "All of the sudden we were in this huge warehouse. It was jam-packed," Rose said. He said he was surprised to find stands selling trinkets and items of all sorts, from clothing and food to DVDs, all spread pell-mell throughout the market.

Even with its more chaotic atmosphere, Rose said he would have liked to spend more time in the larger city. Overall, he was surprised at the modernity of the nation. "I was expecting it to be a little more third-world," he said.

Eaton gave her students high praise for their enthusiasm and how they handled themselves during the trip. Whether it was trying new foods or putting up with a four-hour roadblock, she said the group was willing to go with the flow. She said she would be willing to go back with the same group in a heartbeat.

Eaton also expressed gratitude toward all the support given by parents, community members and organizations in helping make the trip a reality. Several community entities donated funds, and parents and students logged countless hours baking and selling goods, washing cars and organizing rummage sales to raise funds to cover the expenses.

## • Federal buiding

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Current occupants would not be kicked out, Hastings said. GSA would help them negotiate a new lease with new landlords or find a place to move.

Another federal agency would have first grab at the two-story building, Hastings said. Right off, the federal Department of Health and Human Services, and Housing and Urban Development, under priority consideration, could evaluate the property to assist the homeless. That designation would be good for 30 years.

"If it is suitable, they can have the first jump," Hastings said. "Federal agencies don't seem excited. We don't anticipate a response."

The local and state governments, schools and city included, stand next in line to get the building at a price discounted up to 100 percent—meaning for free—as a public-use conveyance for library, museum, port facility, law enforcement, self-help housing or the like.

"We can convey it to the city at no cost," Hastings said, adding that the building is in the historical district,

so "the city can acquire it as a historical monument."

State and local government could lease the building, and even make a profit, to defray maintenance and the like. It is likely folks will not be making U-turns and double parking in front of a different post office.

"We have a good core of tenants who mostly have indicated no desire to move," Hastings said.

If there are no takers among government agencies, then the building would go on the block for fair market value to other qualified public uses or private individuals. However, there would be no local preference, with the sale listing going on the Internet for all interested. Speculators beware, however, as there is a clause in effect for a certain period of new ownership to prevent localities from "land banking" property and then selling it for a higher price to a third party.

"We have no interest in seeing it go to one organization or another. We will send a notice to the mayor," Hastings told the group. "We are hoping we can find a good owner for the building and everyone

would be happy."

Several local people asked about asbestos issues. GSA realty specialist

Fred Zderic said he did not think any abatement would be needed to use the building as it stands.

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**CHOPPING BAIT (left)**—Randy Hoogendorn chops frozen herring and chum salmon for bait Sunday morning in Nome's small boat harbor as he and Robin Thomas prepare for a return trip to the crab grounds.

**DELIVERY (above)**—Jason Johnson carefully places red king crabs in a tote while Travis Murphy lifts crabs from the hold to the deck Sunday morning at the Northern Norton Sound Seafood Products plant in Nome.

# Red king crab processed at Nome plant

By Laurie McNicholas

As Travis Murphy and Jason Johnson filled totes with their red king crab catch Sunday morning at the Northern Norton Sound Seafood Products plant in Nome, Robin Thomas and Randy Hoogendorn chopped crab bait—frozen herring and water-marked chum salmon harvested last year—for their return trip to the crab grounds.

On the previous Sunday, June 14, rescue personnel had plucked Murphy and Johnson from atop an overturned flat-bottom boat about 50 yards offshore from the beach behind Nome's Front Street. The Norton Sound summer commercial fishery for red king crab opened at noon the following day.

While Murphy and Johnson offloaded their catch, Richard Okinello and David Walluk removed live crab from holding tanks filled with seawater at about 36°F and placed them in totes for processing. A couple of days earlier the plant had processed its first 2,000 pound crab batch of the season, according to NNSSP manager Rich Ferry.

Eric Osborne said he had found crab all over the fishing grounds off Golovin, but no concentrations of crab in any spot. He made his first crab delivery to the NNSSP plant last Friday. On Sunday he was preparing to take on bait and ice at the plant for his second crab trip of the season. Frank McFarland was expected to deliver a load of crab to the plant on Sunday afternoon.

This summer's commercial red king crab fishery quota is 375,000 pounds, reports the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. Of that amount, 7.5 percent (28,125 pounds) is allocated to the Community Development Quota fishery. The Norton Sound CDQ and open access king crab fisheries opened simultaneously this year.

Norton Sound Economic Development Corp., one of six entities in the Western Alaska Community Development Program, represents 15 member communities in the Bering Strait region. NSDEC owns the NNSSP plant and operates the Southern Norton Sound Seafood Products plant in Unalakleet, which processes salmon and herring.

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# National report calls for emission reduction

*In effort to curb global warming, society to understand complexity of global warming*

By Diana Haecker

Climate change is real, and yes, primarily induced by man-made greenhouse gas emissions, says a new federal report titled "Global Climate Change Impacts in the United States."

The 190-page study was commissioned in 2007 and released last Thursday. It is the product of a consortium of 13 US government science agency experts, led by the National Ocean and Atmospheric Administration.

The report confirms that global warming increases in recent decades are human-induced and that climate changes already have visible impacts in the United States, notably Alaska, may it be through erosion in coastal areas to changes in water availability and insect infestations.

Culprit for the warming trend is a combination of emissions from burning fossil fuels such as coal, oil and gas and the clearing of forests and agricultural practices. John Holdren, assistant to President Barack Obama for science and technology, said that the report paints a comprehensive picture and urges to take action. "It tells us why remedial action is needed sooner than later as well as showing why that action must include both global emissions reductions to reduce the extent of climate change and local adaptation measures to reduce the damage from the changes that are no longer avoidable," Holdren said in a statement.

University of Fairbanks scientists David McGuire and John Walsh were part of the study. "A key point from the study is that, from everything we're seeing in terms of impacts, it's clear that we are committed to more warming," said McGuire, a landscape ecology professor and researcher with the UAF Institute of Arctic Biology.

Scientists agree that cuts in carbon

dioxide emissions would lessen warming over this century and beyond. If emissions continue to rise at or near current rates, temperature increases are more likely to be near the upper range of temperature rise projections. While warmer temps sometimes seem appealing to arctic and sub-arctic residents, warming upsets the balance in a frail ecosystem with potentially severe consequences. Temperatures rise faster in the winter and in the arctic, the report says. The arctic also stands out in the report's projections of more precipitation while the tropics see a decrease in rainfall. Key predictions for Alaska include drier conditions, an increase in insect infestations and wildfires, declines in lakes and increase in coastal storms threatening coastal villages and fishing fleets; change and decline in fisheries and infrastructure damage due to melting permafrost.

The projected sea-level rise increases erosion, storm surge damage and flooding, especially in the Southeast US and in Alaska. Due to the ocean's absorption of carbon dioxide, it has been observed that the oceans are increasingly acid, which in turn leads to the inability of corals and other sea life to build shells and skeletons.

While Alaska sees increased beetle infestations, rapidly melting glaciers and erosion problems already, the report says that all different scenarios considered, "relatively large and sustained changes in many aspects of climate are projected by the middle of this century, with even larger changes by the end of this century."

"Choices made about emissions reductions now and over the next few decades will have far-reaching consequences for climate-change impacts," the report says.

"Almost no policy action could be implemented that would mitigate

the factors causing the warming fast enough that we wouldn't experience any impacts," said McGuire. "It's up to our society to make decisions about the degree of warming and impacts we are willing to deal with." Not only environmental consequences are projected, but also national security issues are addressed as global food and water scarcity could lead to mass migrations, health impacts and even armed conflicts.

According to an Alaska fact sheet published with the report, over the past 50 years, Alaska has warmed at more than twice the rate of the rest of the United States. Its annual average temperature has increased 3.4°F,

while winters have warmed even more, by 6.3°F. As a result, climate change effects are much more pronounced than in other regions of the United States. The higher temperatures are already causing earlier spring snowmelt, reduced sea ice, widespread glacier retreat and melting permafrost.

"Alaska's at the vanguard of climate change and we're seeing the changes here sooner than elsewhere," said John Walsh, director of the Center for Global Change and Arctic System Research at UAF's International Arctic Research Center.

In conclusion, the report says that a combination of mitigation and

adaptation is in store for humanity to deal with the problem. Also, more science and research is needed to supply the basis for society to come up with adaptation and mitigation strategies. "The best decisions about these strategies will come when there is widespread understanding of the complex issue of climate change — the science and its many implications for our nation," the report says. While humans have adapted to changing circumstances in the past, "future adaptations will be particularly challenging because society won't be adapting to a new steady state but rather to a rapidly moving target," the report concludes.

## Key findings for United States:

- **Climate changes are underway in the United States and are projected to grow.** Climate-related changes are already observed in the United States and its coastal waters. These include increases in heavy downpours, rising temperature and sea level, rapidly retreating glaciers, thawing permafrost, lengthening growing seasons, lengthening ice-free seasons in the ocean and on lakes and rivers, earlier snowmelt, and alterations in river flows. These changes are projected to grow.
- **Crop and livestock production will be increasingly challenged.** Agriculture is considered one of the sectors most adaptable to changes in climate. However, increased heat, pests, water stress, diseases, and weather extremes will pose adaptation challenges for crop and livestock production.
- **Threats to human health will increase.** Health impacts of climate change are related to heat stress, waterborne diseases, poor air quality, extreme weather events, and diseases transmitted by insects and rodents.

## Key findings for Alaska:

- Longer summers and higher temperatures are causing drier conditions.
- Insect outbreaks and wildfires are increasing warming.
- Closed-body lakes in Interior Alaska are declining in area.
- Thawing permafrost damages roads, runways, water and sewer systems, and other infrastructure.
- Coastal storms increase risks to villages and fishing fleets.
- Displacement of marine species will affect key fisheries.

## • State

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the outgoing Alaska District Commander, will command a new Corps district office at Kandahar in southern Afghanistan. Koenig had served as the Chief of the Operations Branch for the Office of the Chief of Engineers at the Pentagon and in Iraq from July 2006 to August 2007. Both Wilson and Koenig worked in the Alaska District earlier in their military careers as captains during the 1990s, then returned as district commander, said Corps spokeswoman Pat Richardson.

### Corps proposes to continue clean up Northeast Cape on St. Lawrence Island

In early July, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers plans to remove toxic waste left by former military facilities at Northeast Cape on St.

Lawrence Island. The work is scheduled to begin in early July and end by mid September.

The U.S. Air Force constructed an Aircraft Control and Warning station and a White Alice Communications System station at Northeast Cape in the early 1950s. The operations ended in 1969 and 1972 when the buildings and most equipment were abandoned in place due to the high cost of removing them from the remote island. A solid waste dump for the installations was located along Cargo Beach Road. The Corps wants to expose and remove the buried drums and contaminated soil from the Cargo Beach Road landfill and then build a new landfill cap. The Corps also plans to conduct a pilot study of in situ chemical oxidation treatment of fuel-contaminated soil in the former Main Operations Complex. The cleanup entails that equipment and supplies are brought to the island by barges landing at Kitnagak Bay and a work camp would be set up near the existing airfield. The Corps' environmental assessment determined that the actions will have minor short-term impacts on the environment but would improve the long term overall quality of the project environment. Between 1994 and

2005, the Corps removed containerized hazardous and toxic wastes and demolished structures at Northeast Cape. The former radar and communications facilities are located 60 miles southeast of the village of Savoonga. No public meeting is scheduled on the cleanup, but comments can be submitted by June 28 to: Christopher.B.Floyd@usace.army.mil.

### Early walrus count results alarm conservation group

(AP)—A partial federal assessment of Pacific walrus estimates their minimum population at just 15,164 but says the count likely missed a number of animals. The estimate released last week only represents animals counted in about half of walrus habitats in the Bering and Chukchi seas and does not account for animals that were in water rather than on ice. A 1990 aerial survey estimated the walrus population at 201,039 in the region. The count was done by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in response to a court deadline requiring the agency to identify marine mammal stocks most affected by interactions with commercial fishing. The Center for Biological Diversity has petitioned to list walrus as an endan-

gered species because of the impact of global warming on Arctic sea ice.

### State intervenes in Outer Continental Shelf oil lease sale litigation

The State of Alaska last week has moved to intervene in a federal court case in which the Native Village of Point Hope seeks to rescind dozens of leases issued by the federal government under an offshore oil and gas lease sale conducted for federal waters in the Chukchi Sea. Newly appointed and sworn in attorney general Dan Sullivan said that he would "vigilantly safeguard and defend Alaska's interests," particularly those relating to economic opportunities for Alaskans and the balance of state and federal rights and responsibilities. "This case entails both such in-

terests," he said.

The Point Hope plaintiffs contend that the decision by the U.S. Mineral Management Service to conduct the lease sale for the Outer Continental Shelf, along with the environmental impact statement underlying that action, violated federal law, including the Endangered Species Act. The lawsuit seeks to void all of the leases issued in the sale. If successful, the lawsuit could delay development of the OCS for decades. Although the lawsuit is against the federal government, ConocoPhillips, Shell and now the State of Alaska have intervened. AG Sullivan said that the state's interest in the matter is that oil and gas industry is the largest employer in Alaska and that the industry's taxes account for 90 percent of the general fund revenue for state government.



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**WAVE-RUNNER (above)**—Shanna Moeder works her way to the finish line Saturday morning along the beach east of Nome to claim the top spot for women in the 2009 Gold Dust Dash.

**SKILLED AND LUCKY (right)**—Teddy Payenna is all smiles after finishing first in the Gold Dust Dash. The high school runner was rewarded with a gold nugget for his effort. He also won another nugget in a drawing.



# Runners hit the beach in search of gold at annual Dash

By Tyler Rhodes

Well before the fire engines and floats took to Front Street Saturday, a parade of runners and walkers strode and streamed down the beach east of town for the 2009 Gold Dust Dash.

High schooler Teddy Payenna dominated the race, taking the lead shortly after the start and never giving it up. Payenna finished the 4-mile race in 24 minutes and 34 seconds. Tyler Rhodes took the runner-up honors, finishing nearly a minute later.

Shanna Moeder claimed the win for the women, finishing in 33:17. Caitlin Tozier was

the next woman to cross the line, marking a time of 36:19.

Nearly 70 ran and walked along the Bering Sea from East-end Beach almost to the mouth of the Nome River before making a U-turn and heading back to the start. Some zigzagged to avoid the waves of the incoming tide while others plodded through the water, preferring wet feet to the energy-sapping dry sand.

Both Payenna and Moeder received gold nuggets for their wins. Payenna was doubly lucky, taking home a second nugget won through a drawing.

## 2009 Gold Dust Dash

East-end Beach to the Nome River and back, 4 miles

1) Thaddeus Payenna, 24:34; 2) Tyler Rhodes, 25:32; 3) Kevin Keith, 27:28; 4) Harry Karmun, 27:30; 5) Lonny Booshu, 28:28; 6) Gary Knuepfer, 28:29; 7) Douglas DeVore, 31:48; 8) Nick Schmidt, 32:43; 9) Shanna Moeder, 33:17; 10) Emery Booshu, 36:05; 11) Joe Peterson, 36:18; 12) Caitlin Tozier, 36:19; 13) Rosa Schmidt, 36:22; 14) Joseph Fiskeaux, 36:35; 15) Emily Self, 38:02; 16) Hannah Tozier, 38:18; 17) Nikki Polk, 41:16; 18) John Bioff, 41:28; 19) Denise Potlock, 44:34; 20) Christine Schultz, 44:43; 21) Penny Jack, 47:15; 22) Myra Stotts, 51:43; 23) Erica Wieler, 51:43; 24) Quinn Tozier, 52:36; 25) Nora Nagaruk, 52:54; 26) Susanna Fiskeaux, 53:06; 27) Mary Fiskeaux, 54:46; 28) Ben Fiskeaux, 54:46; 29) Martha Fiskeaux, 54:46; 30) Luda Kinok, 54:49; 31) Rena Booshu, 55:58; 32) David Booshu,

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Photo by Tyler Rhodes

**HERE COMES TROUBLE**—A gang of thugs make their way down Front Street just after noon on Saturday toward the Wells Fargo Bank. Luckily law enforcement was standing by to take care of the would-be thieves in the annual bank robbery production as part of Nome's Midnight Sun Festival.

## • Festival

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### Nome loves a parade

The band was back on display on the back of a flatbed truck a few hours later along with dozens of Nome's organizations and entities for the annual Midnight Sun Parade up and down Front Street. Joining the requisite fire trucks and ambulances, several groups created floats to honor this year's theme of "50 Years under the Midnight Sun," in honor of Alaska's five decades of statehood. Nome Elementary School's entry in the parade, a monstrous blue and gold birthday cake followed by a large group of young candle-carriers took the top prize for floats, earning \$100 from the Nome Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Some of Nome's youngest residents tossed candy at their peers and children of all ages as they rode on the Nome Preschool Association's float. The candy-throwers not only pleased the eager kids that lined both sides of Front Street, the contest judges also smiled upon them, awarding the entourage as the best youth float. The association also received \$100.

Also honored with a \$100 prize was the King Island float. Members of the King Island community drummed and danced for nearly an hour on a trailer as the parade

worked its way west on Front Street, executed a loop and returned eastward to the state building again.

A \$50 prize was awarded for the best bike, which went to a cruiser by the name of "Old Yellow." Another \$50 was supposed to go to the best skateboard in the parade. However, with no entries, the prize instead went to the best dog. Pooch-owner Cathy Chamberlain, who paraded with a costumed husky and two chihuahua-pomeranian mixes atop a large rolling flower took home the improvised prize.

Joining the prize-winners were floats representing churches, the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps, Norton Sound Heath Corp.'s CAMP department, a family of cavemen parodying the GEICO insurance commercials, The Arctic ICANS Relay for Life, and the Nome-Beltz class of 1989, among others.

### The good guys win again

The crowds didn't wander far after the parade finished its lap around downtown. Some sampled the barbecue chicken served by the Lions Club as they waited for the next show to begin. Sure enough, at high noon at the Wells Fargo Bank, they were not disappointed.

Good guys with guns, not-so-good guys also toting firearms, ladies of ill

repute and others, all donning turn-of-the-century costumes, set the scene for Nome's annual bank robbery. As the peaceful scene unfurled before the bank, heads could be seen turning westward along Front Street. In the distance a gang of questionable character spread across the street, heading straight for the bank. Leading the charge was Ken Shapiro, who stood out in the crowd of miscreants not so much for what he had on, but for what he didn't. Wearing only his long red underwear, Shapiro called out that he was going to find the unlucky person who stole his pants.

When the gang arrived at the bank, a short gunfight ensued. Shapiro relieved the fight's loser of his coat. As Sheriff Wyatt Earp, who looked a lot like Nome's Arlo Hannigan, talked matters over with Shapiro, other members of the gang slipped inside the bank. Shapiro soon raised the stakes when he lighted the fuse of a stack of dynamite and walked into the bank himself. A deafening boom followed and bank employees were soon seeing fleeing the building—one noticeably missing his pants. Shapiro, now fully clothed, emerged with his gang.

Earp and his men, however, couldn't let the mayhem stand unanswered and corralled the robbers with a volley of gunfire. With only a few men left standing, the robbers pledged to

be good and emptied their loot on the ground. It didn't stay there long, however. The piles of candy that flowed

from the bags were quickly pounced

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**HERE COMES THE CANDY** (above, left)—A beautiful butterfly grabs a handful of candy to toss at spectators as the Midnight Sun Festival parade makes its way eastward on Front Street Saturday.

**CANDLES AND CAKE** (left)—Nome Elementary School's entry won for the best float in the parade with the theme "50 Years under the Midnight Sun."

**HELLO CENTRAL ON THE BEACH** (above)—Nome's Richard Beneville mugs for the camera before Polar Bear swimmers take to the sea Saturday.



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upon by the children who lined the performance area.

### A quick swim

With the sun still dominating the cloudless sky, a healthy crowd pushed eastward after the robbery performance to the beach. Where runners and walkers had previously traveled along the shore that morning, the masses during the afternoon would point themselves south for the annual Polar Bear Swim. Encouraged by the bright sunshine and a raging palette bonfire, dozens of brave souls charged into the Bering Sea for a brief swim. Those who dunked themselves in the chilly water were rewarded with a certificate to prove they lacked the good sense to stay out of water that could quickly render them hypothermic.

Some achieved the feat with a quick in-and-out dunking, while thicker-skinned participants actually executed some swim strokes in the chilly water. Many tan-challenged folks came out of the water with a red glow to them. Nearly all who emerged from the sea returned to the beach with a smile.

Following the swim, sun-soaked revelers could duck inside the elementary school for a big serving of Nome's talent and goodies at the Folk Fest Main Stage event. The Main Stage event features 10-minute musical performances, mostly of local acts, but also from visitors.

### Nome's talent takes the stage

Nearly 20 acts filled the bill at this year's event, delivering everything from Nikki Polk's heartfelt folk songs

to Andrew Cooper's searing Gibson Flying V electric guitar playing Ozzy Osbourne tunes. Greg Mitchell and his crew, which included Charlie Painter, Megan Hahn, Jimi Adams, Ron Horner and Bonnie Hahn, again put some theatrics into their performance as Miss Bonnie and the Wyld Earps. Festival headliners, The Great Alaska Bluegrass Band, grabbed the stage for an extended set.

While the show rolled on in the school's commons, the gym hosted a couple dozen booths offering food and crafts. A hungry visitor could find anything from a pulled pork sandwich and pizza to ulus and mas-sages. Shopping and eating didn't mean missing out on the show. A wall-sized screen and speakers pumped both audio and video of the show into the gym.

After four solid hours of music, several of the festival's performers gathered on stage to sing "Goodnight Irene" together, most adding a verse of their own to the tune.

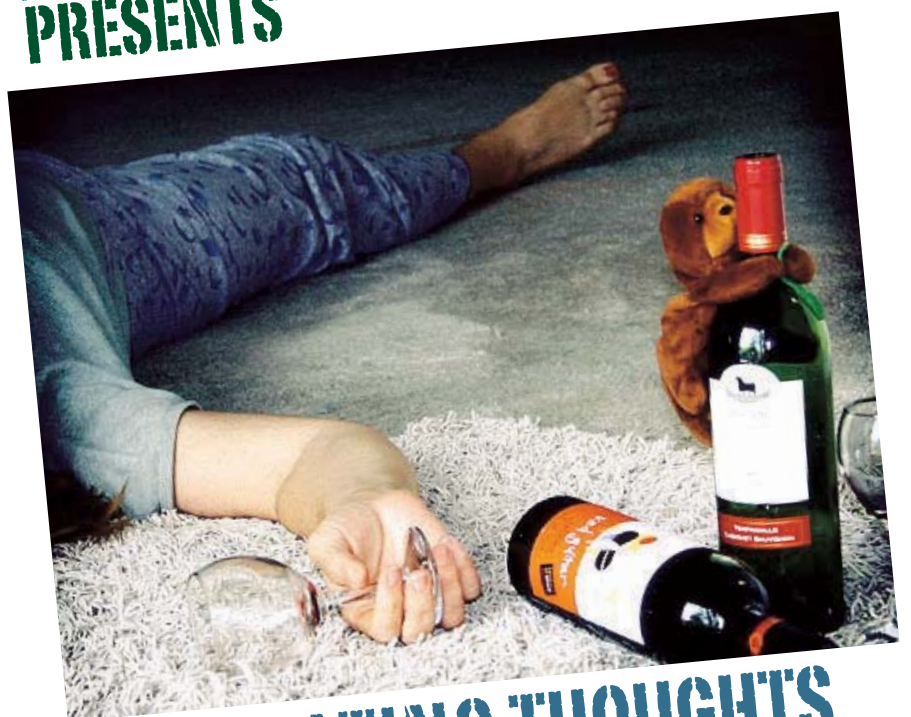
### Rains yield for raft race

If it floats, it was probably part of someone's raft on Sunday. The Bering Sea Lions Club Nome River Raft Race annually tests the ingenuity and competitive drive of a host of Nomeites. While most of the homemade rafts entered exhibit some signs of ingenuity, the competitive drive usually only applies to the first half of the field. The back-of-the-packers are most often out for a pleasure cruise.

After nothing but sunshine since Thursday, this year's race appeared threatened by poor weather as Sunday dawned with pounding rain. Un-

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Made possible by a grant from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and the Dept. of Juvenile Justice.





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**SHADY LADY (above)**—Honie Abercrombie makes eyes and waves at the crowd gathered in front of the Wells Fargo Bank Saturday as she plays a role in the annual bank robbery.

**CLEARING THE STREET (above, right)**—Undertaker Bryon Redburn and deputy Louis Murphy clear Front Street of poor Doug DeVore who was the first casualty in the 2009 bank robbery re-enactment.

**CHARMING CHILDREN (right)**—The Miller family helps give Nome the appearance of a calm, peace-loving town during the bank robbery production. Little do they know, bandits are on their way to the bank.



Photo by Paul Kudla



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# 2009 Nome Midnight Sun Festival



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**WITH FEELING (above)**—Dave Coler, rock-'n'-roller, sings his heart out during the Nome Midnight Sun Folk Festival's Main Stage event Saturday afternoon at Nome Elementary School. Playing under the name, The Carolina Plate Lickers, Coler was joined for a set by Lorne Carroll and Laura Davis. Nearly 20 acts took the stage at the event.

**BLUEGRASS (left)**—Andrew Heist of the Great Alaska Bluegrass Band sings a number with the group Friday evening at the elementary school for the Folk Festival's opening concert.



# All Around the Sound

## New Arrivals

Charleen and Nicholas Tom of Saint Michael announce the birth of their son **Mario Damian Sipary Dan**, born May 13 at 9:12 a.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. He weighed 8 pounds, 3.6 ounces and was 20" in length.

Sandra and Robert Annogiyuk of Savoonga announce the birth of their daughter **Marlene Doi Anna Angiyinga Annogiyuk**, born May 31 at 11:33 p.m. She weighed 8 pounds, 1.2 ounces and was 21" in length. Siblings are Jason Naghull Annogiyuk, 30; Sharona Naluwi Annogiyuk, 27; Sonny Kuuf Annogiyuk, 24; Randy Keniiti Annogiyuk, 21; Logan Nuut Annogiyuk, 18; and brother J.R. Sikneq Annogiyuk, 12.

Misty Iworrigan and Corey Akeya of Savoonga announce the birth of their daughter **Paige Chelsea Rene Quizalugaq — Paqileghhmii Akeya**, born May 5 at 4:33 a.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. She weighed 7 pounds, and was 18" in length. Siblings or other family members are: brothers Ramsey, 2; and Ashton, 1; grandfather Kenneth Iworrigan Sr. from Gambell; and Peggy and Norman Akeya from Savoonga.

Natalie Maude Olanna of Brevig Mission announces the birth of her son **Alex Ander Neapuk Seetot**, born June 14 at 3:27 p.m. He weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces, and was 20" in length. Maternal grandparents are Frieda Olanna and Delbert Seetot of Brevig Mission; great aunts are Nellie Eide of Nome, and Nancy Huls of Brevig Mission. Welcome, Alex.

Tiffany R. Slwooko and Jason E. Annogiyuk of Gambell announce the birth of their son **Jonathon Merrill "Esnighqwaq" Annogiyuk**, born June 14 at 7:28 p.m. He weighed 8 pounds and was 20" in length. His sisters are Tanisha Doi Slwooko, 11, Helen Paanga Annogiyuk, 5. His brother is Api Slwooko, 8. Maternal grandparents are the late Timothy and Annie Slwooko. Paternal grandparents Robert and Sandra Annogiyuk of Savoonga.

Carol D. Nashoanuk and Randy P. Henry, Sr. of Stebbins announce the birth of their daughter **Kaelyn Julie Rose Henry**, born June 15 at 10:21 p.m. She weighed 7 pounds, 11.6 ounces, and was 19" in length. Siblings are Kailey Nashoanuk, 6; Karla Henry, 3; and Randy Henry, Jr., 23 months. Maternal grandparents are Morris and Roselyn Nashoanuk of Stebbins. Paternal grandparents are Patrick and Julie Henry of Stebbins.

## Shutterbugs snap Alaska, reveal hidden gems

Alaska Wilderness League and Alaska Wilderness Recreation and Tourism Association teamed up in May on a national photography contest to highlight national park-quality public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management in Alaska. The Alaska's Hidden Gems Photography Contest attracted 61 submissions from all over and had 50 that qualified for entry. Sue Steinacher of Nome was the overall contest winner and placed first in the *Wildlife* category. Sue has lived in Nome off and on since the mid-1980s and considers it one of Alaska's best kept secrets. In September 2007, while camping with

friends from Fairbanks in the Kigluai Mountains, some 60 miles north of Nome on the Seward Peninsula, and watching the sun rise on the north face of the "Kigs," she heard the gargling of the approaching cranes and grabbed her camera for the winning shot. "The opportunity to enjoy these magnificent mountains and the refuge they provide to the wildlife we value, are what sustains most of us who tough it out year after year in this distant northwest corner of Alaska," says Sue.

## Graduates

Louise Keller Bauman is pleased to announce the graduation of her daughter **Eda English** from the University of Alaska Fairbanks on May 10. Eda graduated *summa cum laude* with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Management and minor in Rural Development. Eda also graduated salutatorian from the 1999 Class of Nome-Beltz High School. Eda plans to continue her education and has been accepted in the graduate degree program at the UAF School of Management. Her proud parents are Louise Bauman and Brent Bauman of Nome, and Frank Katchatag from Unalakleet.

## Honors

*The Nome Nugget's* Diana Haecker was named a first place winner for reporting on social issues and took second place for reporting on science (technology, ecology, environment and energy). She was also awarded a second place for photography in the National Federation of Press Women's Communications Contest.



**ON TO GRADUATE SCHOOL —** Eda English graduated from UAF this spring and will pursue a graduate degree in Management at UAF.

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**WAGON WHEEL FLY-IN**—Airplanes adorn the hillside at Wagon Wheel Creek as Doug Doherty serves a big breakfast to the aviation enthusiasts including Darlene Whitney, Sterling Ambrose and Sean Bogart.



Photo by Larry Eggart

**HEADING FOR FUN**—Nome aviator heads for weekend at Wagon Wheel Camp near Council.

## Wagon Wheel rounds up Nome aviators

By Janice Doherty

Larry Eggart's dream of hosting an aviators' weekend getaway after almost 20 years of hoping it would all come together one day proved to be a success. Nine private aircraft parked on the colorful, wild-flower covered tundra strip throughout the day on Saturday, June 13. The location was 71 miles east of Nome just past Council among the majestic bright green cottonwood trees and the sound of the ice-cold

Wagon Wheel Creek rushing by. Magenta woolly lousewort and cobalt blue forget-me-nots adorned the Alaskan tundra as the aviation enthusiasts enjoyed the picnic and campout weekend.

Private aviators from Nome who participated in the event included the following: Larry Eggart and Darlene Whitney in their Maule, Lynn Johnson in his Taylorcraft, Victor Olsen in his Piper PA-12, Debbie and Tony Parsons in their Piper PA-

11, Simon and Jennifer Kinneen in their Piper PA-14, Tony and Angie Gorn in their Piper PA-12, Jay Wieler in his Piper PA-18, Sean Bogart and Sterling Ambrose in Sean's Citabria and Doug and Janice Doherty in their Cessna 170B.

The temperatures reached a balmy 75°F on Saturday afternoon as the pilots compared Alaskan Bush wheels and shared many Alaskan aviation experiences. The children, including Gavin and

Kellen Kinneen and Erica and Landon Wieler played hide and seek in the bushes and chased each other with light sabers. A beautifully decorated cake with 28 candles surprised Jennifer Kinneen as the aviators sang happy birthday to her. After the children went to sleep, a wine and cheese tasting took place.

A nesting raven caring for her recently hatched fledglings entertained the group with their loud

squawks. Those who chose to camp out for the evening woke up to a big Alaskan breakfast prepared by Doug Doherty and Sean Bogart before they all flew back to Nome. This event will be held annually during the second weekend of June, weather permitting. Interested aviation enthusiasts may contact Larry Eggart of Nome for more details.

## Assault, weapon misconduct land Teller man in jail

A Teller man was arrested Tuesday morning on assault and weapons charges after Alaska State Troopers responded to a call about an intoxi-

cated man with a gun in the village west of Nome.

According to Trooper Sgt. Andrew Merrill of the Nome Post,

David Soolook Jr., 46, was arrested and charged with assault in the third degree, third- and fourth-degree misconduct involving weapons, and two counts of reckless endangerment.

Merrill said Troopers received the call at 6 a.m. Tuesday, and responded from Nome by both aircraft and car. Merrill said Soolook's girlfriend received minor injuries in the incident, requiring a visit to the Teller clinic. Merrill said no further care was needed. He also said alcohol was involved.

Troopers Merrill, Ann Sears and John Stroebele responded to the call. Soolook was scheduled to be arraigned Tuesday afternoon in District Court in Nome.

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# HOROSCOPES

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  <b>CAPRICORN</b> December 22–January 19   Time to get the ball rolling on that home improvement project, Capricorn. It cannot wait any longer. A health issue rears its ugly head once again.	  <b>ARIES</b> March 21–April 19   You're much too smart to fall into that trap. Resist it with all of your might, Aries. Travel is on the agenda. The best destination is not far from home.	  <b>CANCER</b> June 22–July 22   You race to the finish, but will you make it, Cancer? Only time will tell, and much sooner than you think. A friend reaches out to you; don't turn a deaf ear.	  <b>LIBRA</b> September 23–October 22   Passion sizzles at home, and you wine and dine that special someone. All of the pieces of the puzzle come into place at work, except for one. Don't drop the ball, Libra.
  <b>AQUARIUS</b> January 20–February 18   Up and at 'em, Aquarius. All eyes are on you to come up with the perfect solution to a dilemma. The message at home is clear. Heed it.	  <b>TAURUS</b> April 20–May 20   Pick a side at home, Taurus, and you will be doomed. They are both right. Say so and make your exit. A financial snafu works out in your favor.	  <b>LEO</b> July 23–August 22   Push the envelope too much, Leo, and you just might find yourself in hot water. Pull back and give someone else the reins. A home repair goes well with the right materials.	  <b>SCORPIO</b> October 23–November 21   Get it, Scorpio, got it. That's how quick you are this week. Your mind goes into overdrive, and the ideas fly. A cheeky young friend takes you someplace extra-special.
  <b>PISCES</b> February 19–March 20   Magic is about to happen. Anything will be possible, Pisces, so go forth and shine. A young friend asks the very question you hoped they wouldn't. Be honest.	  <b>GEMINI</b> May 21–June 21   You can dish it out, but can you take it, Gemini? The answer to that question comes this week. Bits and pieces at home turn into one awesome product.	  <b>VIRGO</b> August 23–September 22   You're flip-flopping on an issue, and it isn't cool. State your opinion, Virgo. It is essential for the situation to progress. Sighs at home indicate that something is up.	  <b>SAGITTARIUS</b> November 22–December 21   Time to make amends, Sagittarius. You opened mouth, inserted foot and what transpired afterwards was quite the mess. This is not something that will blow over. You must act now.

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**REUNITED**—The Nome-Beltz High School class of 1989 added some extra events to Nome’s Midnight Sun Festival for their 20-year class reunion. Pictured here at an event at Farley’s Camp June 20 are (back row, left to right) Bobby Bahnke, Ed Kelliher, Merrileigh Boring, Earl Merchant, Cynthia Gray, Fritz Carlson, Tim Parker, JeriAnn Tomter and Suzi Piscoya. In the front row (left to right) are Cynthia Outwater, Kathy Wheelahan, Melissa King, Crystal Booth, Roberta Castel, Marie Tozier and Linda Kimoktoak.

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# Saying it Sincerely

By Pastors David and Julie Elmore  
from Community United Methodist Church  
for the Nome Ministerial Association

**Bible Reference: Acts 2: 1-21**

Several weeks ago we celebrated Pentecost Sunday. Red is the color of Pentecost, reminding us of the power of the Holy Spirit; that it burns like the tongues of fire that rested upon each person in this passage from the book of Acts. But more than just being powerful, the Holy Spirit symbolizes change. After Pentecost, the church was forever changed. Our passage says that all people were able to hear the Gospel, God’s good news, in their own language. And the change goes deeper than that. Luke, who most believe to have written the book of Acts, saw this occasion as the fulfillment of Joel’s prophecy: “In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” (Acts 2:17-21)

It seems as if the Church has fallen a bit short at times of God’s will as revealed at Pentecost. There are many in our region who at one point were not allowed to even speak their own language, much less to hear the gospel in it. That is one reason why it is so important that we continue the tradition of singing hymns translated into the languages of this region. The Holy Spirit transcends language and culture. Who needs a translator when we have the Holy Spirit in our lives?

Dr. Lovett Weems, United Methodist Professor of Church Leadership, says that if we refuse to change we are essentially saying that the Kingdom of God has been brought to completion. Certainly we have a long way to go before we say God’s reign is present in its fullness. Calling people to faithful, committed discipleship to Jesus Christ is not easy. Sometimes it may even be painful. God never promised us things would be easy – God only promised us the peace that comes from knowing God. The promise of Pentecost is that as we remain faithful, and even if we may fall away a bit, God is faithful and through the Holy Spirit God is with us on this journey no matter how tough. No matter what unexpected turns this journey may take. As we seek to be God’s people and faithful disciples, Pentecost tells us we are not alone on that journey. Thanks be to God!



The Ahnangnatoguk family would like to inform the friends and family of Carol Ann Outwater that her burial service will be held at the Nome Cemetery at 1 p.m. on June 26, 2009.

## Nome-Beltz Senior High honor roll semester 2

<b>12th Grade</b> Madelyn Alvanna-Stimpfle Jessica Avessuk Kelsey Babcock <b>Milton Baker</b> Rachael Bauman <b>Jesse Blandford</b> <b>Taylor Booth</b> Cara Buie <b>Cori Eide</b> Andrea Jones Tlalaluk Katchatag <b>Hattie Keller</b> Willis Pate <b>Miles Reader</b> Misty Reader Lauren Steiger <b>Darell Tweet</b> Sharon Verdin Emmylou Vial Kimberly West  <b>11th Grade</b> Curtis Babcock Lonny Booshu Steffen Cox Jeremy Head	Richelle Horner Dawson Kauer Charles Kowchee Charlotte Mattheis Nikole McGuffey Eric Odden AnnieKate Olson <b>Lauren Otton</b> Jeremy Perkins Lucas Ritter <b>Taylor Romanesko</b> <b>Chrystiene Salesky</b> McKenzie Scott Addison Shield Hilary Stiles Louise Tungwenuk Derek Wieler  <b>10th Grade</b> Jeremiah Johnson Kailyn Kashevarof Renee Lammer Christian Leckband Alexander Morgan Elizabeth Sherman-Luce David Stickel Timothy Sullivan	Norman Tweet  <b>9th Grade</b> Daniel Anderson <b>Nathan Blandford</b> <b>Elizabeth Herzner</b> <b>Jens Irelan</b> Xaiver Kowchee Jacob Martin Mary Ruud Danielle Scott Raechel Stiles <b>Brendan Wehde</b>  <b>Junior High (missed last week)</b> <b>8th Grade</b> David Olin <b>7th Grade</b> John Tocktoo
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To make honor roll, students must maintain a 3.0 (B) grade point average, have no grade lower than a C, and be taking at least four classes. Bolded names signify a 4.0 Gpa.

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**Mass Schedule: Saturday** 5:30 p.m./**Sunday** 10:30 a.m.
- Seventh-Day Adventist (Icy View), 443-5137**  
**Saturday** Sabbath School 10 a.m.  
**Saturday** Morning Worship 11 a.m.
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Seawall

6/15 Karl Peterson, DOB: 4/1/44, received a citation for Expired Registration.

6/17 John Merculief, DOB: 10/15/67, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault in the 4th Degree, Domestic Violence.

6/18 Patrick Omiak, DOB: 3/17/82, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Probation Violation.

6/19 Lorraine Jungers, DOB: 1/29/63, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Probation Violation. Raymond Kunnuk, DOB: 4/13/72, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault 4th Degree, Domestic Violence. Dylan Lott, DOB: 9/1/88, was issued a citation for Failure to Provide Child Safety Device.

6/20 Nicole Topkok, DOB: 5/2/91, received a citation for Minor Consuming Alcohol. Louis Green, DOB: 10/26/85, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault 4th Degree. Andrew Ozenna, DOB: 1/3/86, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Indecent Exposure and Probation Violation. Camille Droman, DOB: 10/14/66, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Indecent Exposure. Camille Droman, DOB: 10/14/66, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Fugitive From Justice. Theodora Katcheak, DOB: 3/13/89, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Probation Violation, two counts Assault on a Police Officer, two counts Harassment, Criminal Mischief and a citation for Endangering Welfare of a Child.

6/21 Andrew Cooper, DOB: 9/2/86, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault 4th Degree Domestic Violence.

Andrew Kunayak, Jr., DOB: 2/27/72, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Probation Violation. Diana Ellanna, DOB: 2/28/85, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Probation Violation.

6/22 Daisy Weinard, DOB: 5/9/90, received a citation for Minor Consuming Alcohol. Debra Moto, DOB: 4/12/85, 4/12/85, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault 4th Degree, Domestic Violence.

During this reporting period, we had three persons transported to the hospital for a Title 47 Protective Custody Hold.

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Employment

**PRESIDENT/CEO** - Sitnasuak Native Corporation (SNC), Nome, Alaska is seeking well-qualified and visionary leader for the executive position of the President/CEO. Sitnasuak Native Corporation's mission is: "to earn sustainable profits on operations while protecting our land, culture, and benefiting shareholders."

The President/CEO reports to the SNC Board Chairperson and is responsible for all operations of the company. This position requires a Bachelor's degree in Business or related field. Previous upper management experience is required and discernible knowledge of the businesses of SNC and its subsidiaries is expected to be acquired or demonstrated.

The President/CEO must demonstrate visionary leadership, business acumen, and a commitment to Sitnasuak Native Corporation. Applicants must submit a well-qualified resume, cover letter clearly defining areas of experience, expertise and skill sets, three letters of reference, and additional information, including significant contributions of quality improvement or administrative transformation.

The applicant's packet should be sent to the Sitnasuak Native Corporation Search Committee c/o Crystal Andersen-Booth, Chairperson-Board of Directors, PO Box 905, Nome, Alaska 99762. Applications should be sent by July 1, 2009, and the position will remain open until filled. Shareholder preference is applicable to this position. EOE. Salary to commensurate with experience - \$150K per year. 5/21-28;6/4-11-18-25

**Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation (NSEDC)** is currently recruiting for a **Community Development Coordinator (CDC)**. The CDC is responsible for assisting in the implementation of all programs and services administered by the Community Benefits Department while encouraging and supporting sustainable development projects within the Norton Sound Region. Qualifications: Undergraduate degree from an accredited university is preferred. Year for year applicable experience can be substituted for degree requirement. Experience in staff supervision, budgeting, program management, and grant writing is preferred. Must be a resident of the Norton Sound region and proficient with computers and associated technology. Closing Date: Open Until Filled.

**NSEDC offers a competitive salary and excellent benefits package. Please see our website to view the full job description and to download the application at [www.nsedc.com](http://www.nsedc.com) or contact Camille Cruz, HR Director, (800) 650-2248. Qualified individuals should submit their application, resume and cover letter to: NSEDC, 420 L Street, Suite 310, Anchorage, AK 99501, Telephone: (907) 274-2248 and Fax: (907) 274-2249. 6/11-18-25; 7-2**

**Two position recruitment notice in the Children & Family Services Dept at Kawerak Inc. Positions are open until filled.**  
DIVISION:Children and Family Services

**JOB TITLE: Tribal Family Coordinator**  
**LOCATION: Golovin, Alaska**  
**POSITION STATUS: Regular, Part-Time**  
**EXEMPT STATUS: Non-exempt**  
**PAY SCALE GRADE: 9-10-1 1-12 (\$18.45 – 25.55)DOE**  
**REPORTS TO: Children & Family Services Program Director**

QUALIFICATIONS:

- 1) High School Diploma or GED equivalent plus six (6) months experience in the human services field.
  - 2) Must possess basic computer knowledge and skills in Windows, Internet usage, Microsoft Excel and Word software.
  - 3) Must possess strong oral and written communication, organizing and record keeping skills.
  - 4) Must possess strong work ethics.
  - 5) Must be able to maintain client confidentiality.
  - 6) Must be willing to travel.
  - 7) No prior convictions of child abuse, family violence or other convictions that would affect the performance of the position requirements.
  - 8) Subject to random drug testing.
- Native Preference per Public Law 93-638.

DIVISION: Children and Family Services  
**JOB TITLE: Foster Parent Recruiter/Case-worker I**  
**LOCATION: Nome, Alaska**  
**POSITION STATUS: Regular, Full Time**  
**EXEMPT STATUS: Non-exempt**  
**PAY SCALE GRADE: 10-1 1-12 (\$19.58 – 25.55)DOE**  
**REPORTS TO: Family Services Program Director**

QUALIFICATIONS:

- 1) High school diploma or G.E.D.
- 2) At least one year of work experience in a human service agency required. Education in a human service field may substitute for the work experience on a year for year basis.
- 3) Basic computer skills and ability to utilize Windows (Word and Excel) and Internet required.
- 4) Knowledge of Bering Strait region preferred.
- 5) Must have a valid Alaska Driver's License.
- 6) Must be willing to travel extensively in rural Alaska.
- 7) No prior conviction of child abuse, family violence, or other convictions that would affect the performance of the position requirements.
- 8) Ability to maintain client confidentiality.

**EEO**  
Interested individuals may contact Human Resources with questions at 907-443-5231. Applications can be accessed via Kawerak website at [www.kawerak.org](http://www.kawerak.org) or by contacting Human Resources at 907-443-5231. Applications may be faxed to the Human Resources office at 907-443-4443 or sent via email to [personnel@kawerak.org](mailto:personnel@kawerak.org). Thank you. 6/25

[ens@bssd.org](mailto:ens@bssd.org). Requests may also be made to FAX Number (907) 624-3524. Proposals must be submitted in quadruplicate and received by the Bering Strait School District prior to 3:00PM, June 19, 2009. Proposals received after that time will not be considered.

Proposals shall be addressed as follows:  
Bob Dickens, Facilities Director  
Bering Strait School District  
P.O. Box 225  
Unalakleet, Alaska 99684

"Architectural Services Proposal"

All questions regarding this proposal shall be submitted in writing and either faxed to (907) 624-3524 or emailed to [bdickens@bssd.org](mailto:bdickens@bssd.org). Firms qualifying for formal interviews will be notified by June 23, 2003. Individual Firm interviews may be conducted on or about June 30, 2008. BSSD reserves the right to relinquish formal interviews and award the A&E contract based on submitted proposals. BSSD shall not be liable for any costs incurred by any A&E firm in response to this request. 6/4-11-18

CITY OF NOME

PUBLIC NOTICE

O-09-06-01 An Ordinance Approving and Adopting the FY2010 General Fund Municipal Budget for the City of Nome, Alaska Exercising the Power to Assess, and Authorizing the Levy of a General Property Tax  
O-09-06-02 An Ordinance to Establish, Approve and Adopt the FY2010 City of Nome Capital Projects Fund Budget  
O-09-06-03 An Ordinance to Establish, Approve and Adopt the FY2010 City of Nome Special

Revenue Fund Budget  
O-09-06-04 An Ordinance to Establish, Approve and Adopt the FY2010 City of Nome Port of Nome Fund Budget  
O-09-06-05 An Ordinance to Establish, Approve and Adopt the City of Nome FY2010 Construction Capital Projects Fund Budget  
These ordinances had first reading at the regular meeting of the Nome City Council on June 8, 2009 at Noon, 12:00 PM and were passed to second reading, public hearing and final passage at a regular meeting of the Council scheduled for **June 22nd at 6:00 PM** in City Council Chambers of City Hall located at 102 Division Street. Copies of the ordinances are available in the office of the City Clerk. 6/11-18

NOTICE OF DEFAULT – SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

A foreclosure sale will be held **August 13, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.** in the lobby at the main front entrance, Nome Superior Court, at the Federal Building, Front Street, Nome, AK of the Deed of Trust recorded August 1, 2002, as Instrument No. 2002-000701-0, Nome Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska, as a lien against real property described as: Lots 2 and 3 and the East 40 feet of Lot 4, Block 'G', according to the official November 24, 1934 map of the TOWNSITE OF NOME; Records of the Nome Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska; which has a street address of 100 Front Street, Nome, AK 99762. Trustor/Record Owner Stanley Sobocienski, individually and as surviving spouse of Valerie Sobocienski, as to Lot 2; Stanley

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Legals

Request for Architectural Services Proposals  
Little Diomed K-12 Major Maintenance Project

The Bering Strait School District (BSSD) is soliciting proposals from architectural firms to do the design and engineering for the Little Diomed K-12 Major Maintenance project located in Little Diomed, AK.  
Proposal to include A&E services from Schematic Design through Construction Documents:  
a) Planning and design for the remodel or replacement of approximately 18,500 square feet of school educational space, including standard classrooms, labs, shops, physical education, storage, mechanical, electrical and flow space b) preparation of a project budget and independent cost estimate c) preparation of building performance specifications, d) soils analysis e) hazmat investigation, and, f) construction administration. Firms qualified and interested in the above scope of services are invited to submit the following information: a) name of firm b) resume of firm and of individuals that will be participating in this project c) registration, licensing and professional history d) Architect's Statement of Qualifications e) description of rural Alaska experience f) school project experience, list of projects completed within last ten years and sample 8 1/2" x 11" floor plans from several projects g) financial history of firm, including a recent financial statement h) work plan and proposed schedule for the performance of services i) narrative of your qualifications pertaining to this work j) experience with the "Bam-Build" (CM/GC) approach to project delivery k) references. Statement of Qualifications Forms may be obtained by contacting Bob Dickens at [email@bssd.org](mailto:email@bssd.org).

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Grubby

Trooper Beat

On June 10, at about 10:23 a.m., Gambell VPOs received a request for assistance at a Gambell residence. Amos Slwooko, 25, of Gambell, was arrested for Resisting Arrest, Harassment I and probation violation. Slwooko was telephonically arraigned, due to weather, then transported to Nome and lodged at AMCC.

On June 11, NomeAST received a report of an assault in Stebbins. The incident was not a crime involving domestic violence and alcohol was not involved. The report will be sent to the DAO for review.

On June 13, at about 9:30 p.m., Stebbins VPOs received a report that Pamela Pete, 30, of Stebbins, was intoxicated and drove her 4-wheeler into a porch and broke a window at the same residence. Pete was arrested for Criminal Mischief III, Driving Under the Influence, Resisting Arrest, and Criminal Trespass II. Pete was telephonically arraigned.

On June 15, at 7:30 p.m., AST received a report of a domestic disturbance in Gambell. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Lee Koozaata, 29, of Gambell, for Misconduct Involving Weapons 4, Assault 4, and Resisting Arrest. Koozaata was remanded to AMCC.

On June 17, at about 2:50 a.m., Nome Police

Department received two 911 hang-up calls from a 45-year old female reporting she was assaulted by her boyfriend at their residence in Nome. AST investigation revealed 57-year old Michael G. West of Nome assaulted his girlfriend and when she was attempting to call the police he pulled the telephone cord out of the wall twice. West was arrested for Assault IV, domestic violence, and Interfering with a Report of Domestic Violence. West was transported to AMCC where he was booked with no bail.

On June 15, at approximately 2:30 a.m. Kelly Slwooko, 31, of Gambell, was arrested on an outstanding arrest warrant for Assault IV. Further investigation revealed Kelly Slwooko was intoxicated in violation of his probation. Slwooko had been consuming "Oust" hairspray and hand sanitizer. Slwooko was transported and remanded to AMCC without incident.

On June 17, Nome Alaska Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Enforcement arrested Douglas Seidemann, 45, of Nome, in a local business. Seidemann was arrested for Assault 4-DV and Reckless Endangerment and transported to AMCC. Bail set at \$5,000.00 and Third Party Custodian.

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Sobocienski as to Lot 3 and the East 40 feet of Lot 4, have breached the obligation for which the Deed of Trust is security: failure to make payments when due under the Deed of Trust. Beneficiary, Wells Fargo Bank Alaska, National Association, is owed the principal amount of \$55,576.81, plus interest at the current rate of 8.25% (the interest rate is subject to change from time to time based on changes in an index which is the floating rate equal to the Prime Rate set from time to time by Wells Fargo Bank plus 2.5 percentage points above the index) per annum from December 14, 2008, plus costs, fees, and other charges incurred or advanced thereafter. The Trustee elects to sell the property and to apply the proceeds against the obligation. Trustee reserves the right to postpone the sale, set a minimum bid, submit an offset bid, and establish other bidding procedures at the sale. Questions should be directed to the Law Of fices of GROH EGGERS, LLC, 2600 Cordova Street, Suite 110, Anchorage, AK 99503, phone (907) 562-6474. Yukon Title Company, Inc., Trustee Dated: 5/11/09 By: Cathy Shuttleworth 6/11-18-25; 7/2

Notice

Nome Eskimo Community (NEC), a federally recognized Tribe, is requesting proposals from qualified firms and individuals for the provision of audit services. Interested firms and individuals must submit written proposals to NEC so that they are received, in person or by mail, on or before the close of business on Friday , October 30, 2009. The audit services will be for a three-year period beginning with the fiscal year ending December 31, 2009 through fiscal year ending December 31, 2011. All services are to be in accordance with 24 CFR Part 44, the Single Audit Act. In accordance with Federal regulations, Indian Preference in the selection process shall apply. For more information contact Debra Evans at (907) 443-2246 or email at [debraevans@gci.net](mailto:debraevans@gci.net). 6/11-18-25; 7/2

Notice

Request for Proposal: The city of Unalakleet will receive sealed proposals until 12:00 noon (local time), 10 July, 2009, for Foothills Master Plan and Subdivision Design Project, Unalakleet, Alaska. Documents are available 12 June 2009 through the City of Unalakleet. Contact Herbert Ivanoff, City Administrator. Phone (907) 624-3531 Fax: (907) 486-3130. Email: [Herbert.Ivanoff@couunk@alaska.com](mailto:Herbert.Ivanoff@couunk@alaska.com). 6/18-25

**Operating Expense Assistance (OEA)**  
ALASKA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION (AHFC) announces the availability of annual funding for the Operating Expense Assistance (OEA) program. This program is for organizations who meet the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), HOME Investment Partnerships program criteria as Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) or who are interested in becoming CHDOs as defined by HUD 24 CFR Part 92. The OEA program provides CHDOs certified by AHFC with operating cost funding. To receive OEA funds, a CHDO must demonstrate that it has or intends to develop, sponsor, or own HOME Investment Partnership assisted housing outside of the Municipality of Anchorage. **Eligible applicants include only Non-Profit Organizations who qualify as CHDOs.** If selected by AHFC, successful subrecipients must execute a Grantee Agreement and administer the funds in accordance with Federal HOME Program Regulations.

**The only way interested parties can be included in this solicitation is by submitting an "Intent to Apply" form available on the internet: [www.ahfc.us](http://www.ahfc.us) (select Notices, Notices of Funding Availability).** To be eligible for funding under this program, "Intent to Apply" forms must be received by **4:30 p.m. Local Anchorage Time, June 30, 2009.** Forms delivered to an incorrect AHFC location or received after the deadline WILL NOT be eligible to apply and will not be considered for funding. Forms will only be accepted via email at: [cslover@ahfc.state.ak.us](mailto:cslover@ahfc.state.ak.us). Telefax and hard copy forms WILL NOT be accepted. For more information, or if unable to access the

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(CWA). The environmental consequences of this construction activity include massive discharges of sediment-laden stormwater in 2007, 2008 and now presently occurring in 2009. In 2007 and 2008 the disturbed areas had few of the erosion control measures in place that should have been implemented through a NPDES stormwater permit. Adequate measures to control contaminant releases to the nearby three streams were not taken during the construction of the Rock Creek Mine. The fill material impacted the three perennial coastal streams. There is strong evidence that the receiving waters of the Snake River were also impacted. These alterations diminished the value of the coastal streams as habitat for the native aquatic life, such as salmon and other fish. The sedimentation events occurred when salmon eggs were in the streambed, depleting them of oxygen. The property started in earnest to stabilize particularly vulnerable areas of the property to reduce the ongoing erosion risks, but this attempt failed resulting in contamination in May and June of 2009 of all three streams, especially Lindblom Creek. A digital photo taken on June 12, 2009 was taken of Lindblom Creek at the Glacier Creek Rd. There should be related State enforcement actions against the Rock Creek Mine. Payment and Penalties: As a re-

"Intent to Apply" form via internet, contact: Colette Slover, Planning Department Alaska Housing Finance Corporation 4300 Boniface Parkway, PO Box 101020, Anchorage, AK. 99510-1020 330-8275 or 1-800-478-2432 (toll-free statewide) 6/18-25

NOTICE OF FY 2010 GOAL PRELIMINARY APPLICATION

In September 2009, Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) will announce the FY 2010 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for its Greater Opportunity for Affordable Living (GOAL) Program. Under this NOF A, AHFC makes grants, zero-interest loans, and federal tax credits available for competitive allocation to successful pre-application respondents who will acquire, rehabilitate, or construct rental housing. **In order to be eligible to apply for the FY 2010 GOAL Program, a Preliminary Application for your proposed project must be submitted to Alaska Housing Finance Corporation no later than July 28, 2009 at 4:30 P.M.** The preliminary application will, in part, provide sufficient information for AHFC to determine if the project proposal meets the minimum criteria for invitation into the full FY 2010 GOAL competition. A full list of items that will be reviewed during the pre-application is available in the FY 2010 GOAL Program Rating and Award Criteria Plan. The full FY 2010 GOAL application, to be submitted in the Fall of 2009, will address other aspects of the proposed development in greater detail. These additional aspects are outlined in the FY 2010 GOAL Program Rating and Award Criteria Plan. Supporting information on all of these components will be submitted in the full GOAL application. **The deadline is 4:30 p.m. on July 28, 2009.** To obtain a preliminary application and find out more about these development programs, please visit the AHFC website at: [http://www.ahfc.state.ak.us/grants/goal_down-load.cfm](http://www.ahfc.state.ak.us/grants/goal_down-load.cfm). Or contact: Daniel Delfino Alaska Housing Finance Corporation P.O. Box 101020 Anchorage, Alaska 99510 907-330-8273 907-338-2585(FAX) 1-800-478-2432 [ddelfino@ahfc.state.ak.us](mailto:ddelfino@ahfc.state.ak.us) 6/18-25

NOTICE

**The University of Alaska Fairbanks School of Education (including our distance-delivered programs) is hosting an accreditation review by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).** Both NCATE and the University of Alaska Fairbanks recognize that graduates, parents, schools, and community organizations have valuable perspectives on the quality of the programs that prepare teachers and other school personnel. We invite interested parties to submit written testimony on the School of Education to: Board of Examiners NCATE 2010 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Suite 500 Washington, DC 20036-1023 or by email to [callforcomments@ncate.org](mailto:callforcomments@ncate.org) Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of professional education programs of fered at the University of Alaska Fairbanks (including our distance delivered education programs), and should specify the respondent's relationship, if any, to the institution (i.e. graduate, present or former faculty member, employer of graduates.) Copies of all correspondence received will be sent to the University of Alaska Fairbanks for comment prior to review. No anonymous testimony will be considered. Letters of comment should be received no later than July 20, 2009. UAF is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer and educational institution. 6/18

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA

SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: )  
ERNIE W. BUTTS,

sult of the CWA violations described above, under the settlement the Alaska Gold Company and NovaGold Resources, Inc. will pay fines totaling \$883,628 to resolve violations of a stormwater discharge permit. The Need for Injunctive Relief: In order to repair damage caused by the companies I strongly recommend additional monies be paid by the company to improve overall site stabilization to prevent further erosion and restoration of stream segments at three sites on the property. The cost of these measures will more than likely exceed \$ 2,000,000. Site Stabilization – Under additional conditions of the settlement, work should continue to stabilize portions of the property vulnerable to erosion. This should include such measures as completion of a soil “nail wall” to stabilize the slopes of the waste rock and development rock mounds as well as the sides of the Tailings Storage Facility (TSF). Erosion control needs to be maintained in the future on roadways that are used on the property. Terracing slopes, and planting and maintaining vegetation cover should be used to control erosion at this site, including the barren ridges of earthen fill. For all required vegetation, the settlement also needs to require the control of invasive plant species and use native grasses and shrubs such as willows. These stabilization measures should start to take place prior to freeze-up this year. It would be prudent for the U.S. to do this in a

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Deceased. 2no-08-21 PR  
Case No. **NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Notice is hereby given Gary D. Butts has been appointed personal representative of the above-entitled estate. All persons having claims against said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to Gary D. Butts, c/o Lewis & Thomas, P.C., Box 61, Nome, Alaska 99762, or filed with this Court at P.O. Box 1110, Nome, Alaska 99762. DATED this 12th day of June, 2009. /s/ Robert D. Lewis, Attorney for Gary D. Butts Personal Representative, Box 61, Nome, AK 99762 6/25; 7/2-9



Friends of Pilgrim Hot Springs

General meeting

Meeting to be held:  
**Thursday, June 25, 2009**  
**7 p.m.**  
**Polar Cafe**  
Public is welcome to attend

LEGAL NOTICE

- SOCIETY OF JESUS, OREGON PROVINCE BANKRUPTCY -

NOTICE OF DEADLINE TO FILE CLAIMS

IF YOU SUFFERED INJURY BY PHYSICAL, MENTAL, OR SEXUAL ABUSE OR MISCONDUCT BY A JESUIT PRIEST OR OTHER PERSON FOR WHICH YOU CLAIM THE SOCIETY OF JESUS, OREGON PROVINCE HAS SOME RESPONSIBILITY, OR IF YOU HAVE ANY OTHER REASON TO ASSERT A CLAIM AGAINST THE SOCIETY OF JESUS, OREGON PROVINCE, YOU MUST ACT NOW TO FILE YOUR CLAIM

THE LAST DAY TO FILE CLAIMS IS  
NOVEMBER 30, 2009

**SOCIETY OF JESUS, OREGON PROVINCE (the “Debtor”) has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection (United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Oregon, Case No. 09-30938-elp11). The Bankruptcy Court has ordered that all persons with a claim for damages against the SOCIETY OF JESUS, OREGON PROVINCE for injuries resulting from sexual, mental, or physical misconduct or abuse, or for any other reason, must file a claim on or before November 30, 2009.**

You must complete and file a proof of claim if: (1) you contend that the Debtor is responsible for any injury or other damages to you because you claim that you were injured by physical, mental, or sexual abuse or misconduct, whether by a priest, other clergy, a worker, a volunteer, an employee or other person or entity within the states of Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington (the “Oregon Province Territory”) for which you claim the Debtor has some responsibility; or through such acts that occurred outside the Oregon Province Territory for which you claim the Debtor has some responsibility; or (2) if you have a claim against the Debtor for any other reason.

For more information, or to receive a long form Notice of Claims Bar Date and Proof of Claim Form write to: Society of Jesus Oregon Province Case, c/o BMC Group, Inc., PO Box 3020, Chanhassen, MN 55317-2011, call the toll free number listed below, or visit the website set forth below.

1-888-909-0100  
[www.bmcgroup.com/sjop](http://www.bmcgroup.com/sjop)

HUD  
• Please be advised that any public comments must be received at the Nome Eskimo Community office within 10 (ten) calendar days of the initial date of this posting. All conflict to interest comments must be in a sealed envelope, addressed as “Conflict of Interest Comment.” Comments that are received will be reviewed at the next regularly scheduled Nome Eskimo Community meeting. Nome Eskimo Community will not consider any comment received aft the end of this ten (10) day comment period. 6/25; 7/2



Romantic tryst on Middle Beach ends in jail

A couple who perhaps got too caught up in the Midnight Sun festivities last weekend are facing indecent exposure charges after allegedly getting a little too close and personal

Saturday on the beach in Nome. The Nome Police Department said it received a call June 20, reporting a couple having sex in the Middle Beach area. Officers responded and

arrested Camille Droman, 43, and Andrew Ozenna, 23, charging them both with misdemeanor charges of indecent exposure. According to a press release from the police department, a subsequent

investigation led to additional charges of being a fugitive from justice levied against Droman. Police say she has an active warrant against her in Lake County, Fla., for possession of methamphetamine and three

counts of possession of paraphernalia. As of Tuesday morning, she was awaiting extradition to Florida. Ozenna was arraigned June 22. A pre-trial conference on the matter was set for Aug. 5.

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timely matter as NovaGold Resources, Inc. today has no source of income or cash flow and may remedy the situation by declaring bankruptcy.

Stream Restoration – Under this additional settlement the channels of all three creeks and the inflow areas of the creeks that enter the Snake River should be carefully analyzed because channel restoration may be needed due to the cumulative effects from the contamination and the future probable effects that may happen for a number of years.

Tailing Storage Facility – Today the facility is filled with over 50 million gallons of water in a storage dam that was not designed to hold water, but paste mill tailings. The area of the recycle mill pond also needs to be addressed.

Monitoring of stream conditions and vegetation to ensure that performance criteria in the new agreement have been met should follow

all work on the slopes and waterways.

Payment of Penalties: As a result of the CEA violations already settled and agreed upon by the permittee of \$883,628. This is the second largest fine in Region 10 but it is certainly not the largest fine for a NPDES Permit violation in the United States.

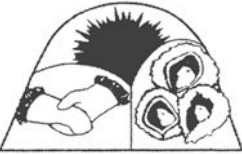
The additional fines for restoration will represent a significant deterrent to others who disregard Federal and State erosion control requirements. I would estimate that the new restoration work and extensive repair work would cost between \$2.0 Million to \$5.0 Million.

This new additional settlement will reduce erosion at the Rock Creek Mine, restore perennial stream systems, including surrounding native plant habitats, and will lead to cleaner, safer streams and coastal waters.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dr. Derrick Leedy  
Nome, AK

Thank you!

The Bering Sea Women's Group thanks Mitch Erickson and Sari Haugen of the Nome Visitor Center! Their assistance is highly appreciated. Thank you for making the visiting NSVRC (National Sexual Violence Resource Center) members feel welcome and helping to make their visit a positive experience. Also, thank you to those who participated to make the dinner a success! Thank you to Norton Sound Seafood Products for donating the fish for the dinner.



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Public Notice

The Nome Planning Commission has one (1) seat available for re-appointment.

If you are interested in serving on the Nome Planning Commission, please submit an application form.

Application forms are available at City Hall or on the City of Nome website at: [www.nomealaska.org](http://www.nomealaska.org)

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Wales Native Corporation  
Annual Shareholders' Meeting Notice

The 36th Wales Native Corporation Annual Shareholders' Meeting will be held in Wales, Alaska on Friday, July 10, 2009 and the doors will open at 1 p.m. for registration.

The meeting will be held at the Native Village of Wales Multi-Purpose Building. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect three (3) Directors and to conduct any other business that may come before the shareholders.

Proxies for this meeting must be returned by Friday, July 10, 2009 to be valid. If you have any questions or comments, please contact our office at (907) 664-3641 or mail to the following address: Wales Native corporation, PO Box 529, Wales, AK 99783-0529.

Sealed Bid Sale  
Individual Native Allotments

The Bureau of Indian Affairs is offering for sale, on behalf of the Native owners, the following tracts of land:

Item No.	Description	Minimum Acceptable Bid	No. of Acres
1	Barbara Joe, owner. St. Michael Townsite Lot, Lot 2, Block 15, Tract C, USS 5579.	\$15,000.00*	0.27
2	Patricia Sagoonick, owner. Lot 2, USS 10250, Alaska, situated on the right bank of the Bonanza River approximately 2 miles southwesterly from the village of Solomon, Alaska.	\$50,000.00*	39.98
3	Linda Anselm, owner. Situated 22 miles northeasterly of Unalakleet, F17247, USS 5454, lots 5 & 6. Accessible by boat.	\$229,000.00	149.00
4	Paul Washington, owner. Situated on the north westerly shore of St. Michael Bay, 1 mile south westerly of St. Michael. F16241, USS 12488, Lot 1. Accessible by vehicle.	\$250,000.00	159.96

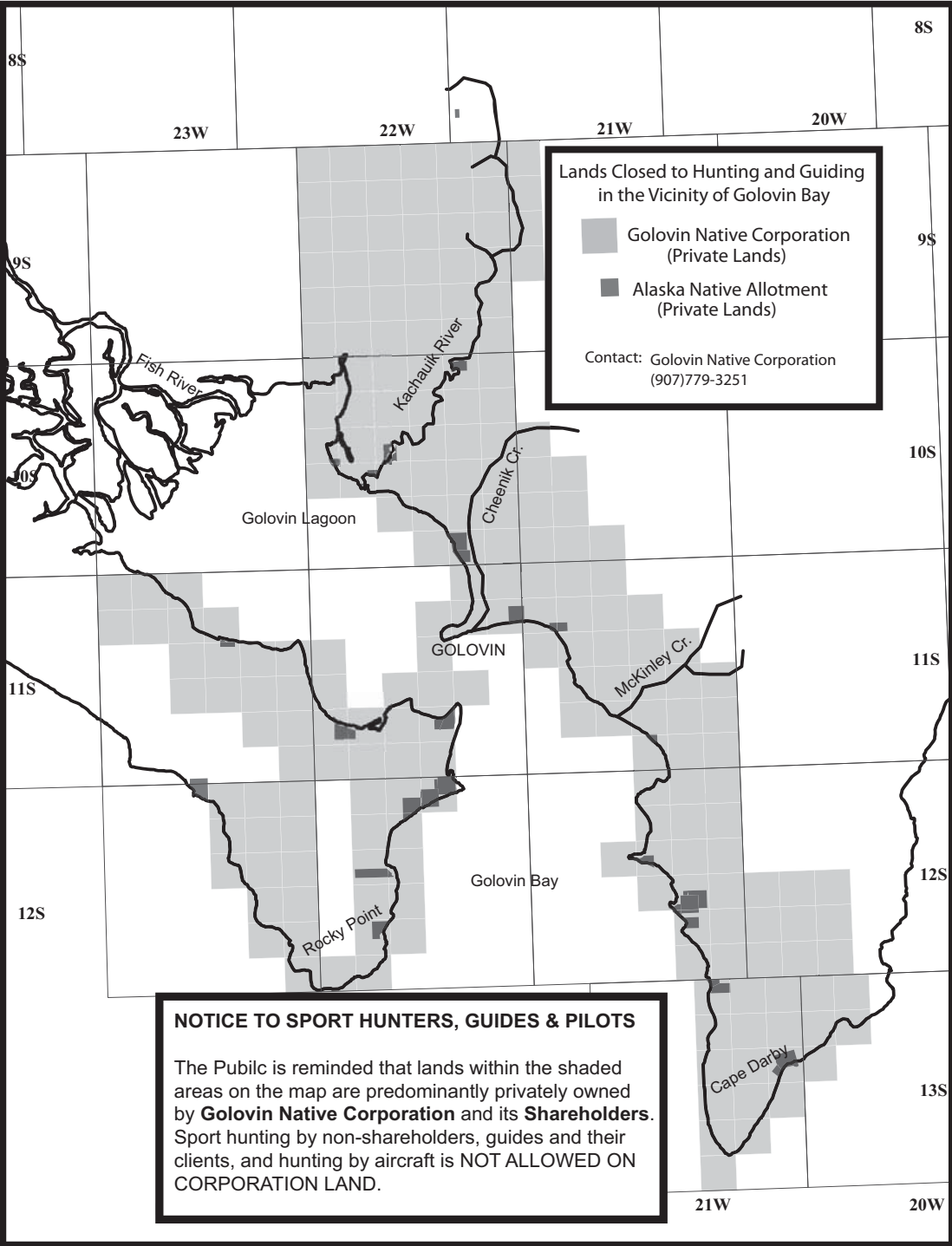
*Deferred payment plan available; please ask Kawerak LMS staff for details. TITLE TO LAND SOLD AS A RESULT OF THIS ADVERTISEMENT WILL BE CONVEYED IN A FEE SIMPLE STATUS BY APPROVED DEED. TERMS AVAILABLE ARE CASH OR DEFERRED PAYMENT AS SPECIFIED.

Sealed Bid Opening will be on August 12, 2009 at 2 p.m.

For a Bid Packet or for more information please contact:  
**Kawerak, Inc. Land Management Services, P.O. Box 948, Nome, Alaska 99762.**

AWARD WILL BE MADE TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER WHO MEETS OR EXCEEDS THE MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE BID, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE NATIVE OWNER. Instructions and further information are available at the above office or by phone, toll free within Alaska **1-800-443-4316**, direct **907-443-4326**. Terms of sale specified thereon.

6/25, 7/2-9-16-23-30, 8/6





Court

Week ending 6/19  
**Civil**  
Nome Commercial Company vs. Sobocienski, Stanley; Real Estate Mat-  
ter - Superior Court  
James, Tami vs. James Jr., Dennis; DV: ExParte Only  
**Small Claims**  
No Small Claims filed.

**Criminal**  
State of Alaska v. Ivan Larsen (3/1/88); **Corrected** (by typesetter) Disor-  
derly Conduct; Date of of fense: 3/10/09; Any appearance or perform-  
ance bond is exonerated; 10 days, 10 days suspended; Jail Surcharge:  
\$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days  
to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50  
shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 6/10/10;  
Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to  
warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation;  
Shall commit no violations of law , assaultive or disorderly conduct, or  
domestic violence; Shall not contact, directly or indirectly or return to the  
residence of K.L. (excludes court appearances as parties).  
State of Alaska v. Patrick R. Takak (3/4/91); Minor Consuming or in Pos-  
session or Control of Alcoholic Beverage; Date of of fense: 3/21/09;  
Fined \$300 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$200 to Nome Clerk of  
Court, or show proof of completing 66 hours of community work serv-  
ice, by 9/1/09; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 6/17/09); Shall not  
consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances, or  
alcoholic beverages; Shall pay the fine or show proof of community work  
service, as ordered.  
State of Alaska v. Michael Aukon (3/15/90); 2NO-09-144CR Order to Mod-  
ify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110701179; Violated conditions of pro-  
bation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 45 days, this court  
recommends placement at Seaside Center; Remanded into custody;  
All other terms and conditions of probation in three original judgment re-  
main in effect.  
State of Alaska v. Michael Aukon (3/15/90); 2NO-09-325CR Habitual Minor  
Consuming or in Possession or Control of Alcoholic Beverage; Date of  
offense: 6/10/09; 90 days, 90 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150  
with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days toAGs Collections  
Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 due within 10 days;  
Pay total of \$50 to Nome Clerk of Court by 10 days; Community Work:  
Complete 96 hours of community work service and submit proof of com-  
pletion to the Nome Clerk of Court within 120 days; Driver's License or  
Permit: Revoked for 6 months, concurrent with any DMV administrative  
action; Shall immediately surrender license/permit to court; Probation  
until his 21st birthday; Shall not consume inhalants, or possess or con-  
sume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages; Shall surrender  
any license/permit, pay fine and surcharge, show proof of community  
work service, and report to jail as ordered; Shall submit to warrantless  
breath test at request of peace of ficer and may be arrested without a  
warrant for probation violation; Shall contact NSBHS while incarcerated,  
and shall be evaluated, pay for, and successfully complete any recom-  
mended alcohol education or treatment program(s); Inpatient treatment  
of up to 90 days can be required; Failure to comply with community  
work, evaluation, education or treatment requirements will result in an  
extra 6 months revocation of driver's license.  
State of Alaska v. Ernest Ailak (9/12/43); Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense:  
4/16/09; Partial Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond  
is exonerated; \$100 applied to surcharge; 120 days, 60 days sus-  
pended; Unsuspended 60 days have been served; Jail Surcharge: \$150  
with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to:  
AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall  
be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 6/17/10; Shall  
comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no vi-  
olations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence.  
State of Alaska v. Dawn Oozevaseuk (8/30/83); Order to Modify or Revoke  
Probation; ATN: 110701404; Violated conditions of probation; Condi-  
tions of probation modified as follows: Must contact NSBHS within 2  
days of release from incarceration; Suspended jail term revoked and  
imposed: 30 days, remanded into custody; All other terms and condi-  
tions of probation in three original judgment remain in effect.  
State of Alaska v. Andrew Irrigoo (2/22/80); Violating Protective Order; Date  
of offense: 6/3/09; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated;  
300 days, 180 days suspended; Unsuspended 120 days shall be served  
with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100  
suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Col-

lections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid  
through this court within 10 days; Probation until 6/16/12; Shall comply  
with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless ar-  
rest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall not possess  
or consume alcohol for 1 year (date of judgment: 6/16/09); Subject to  
warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer; Other: Not re-  
turn to Clarence Irrigoo, Sr. residence within 8 hours of consuming al-  
cohol; No violation of any DVRO.  
State of Alaska v. Eli Mendenhall (5/4/76); Notice of Dismissal; Charge  
001: Assault Fourth Degree; Filed by the DAs Office 6/16/09.  
State of Alaska v. Kenneth Noongwook (6/7/90); Notice of Dismissal;  
Charge 001: Assault Third Degree; Filed by the DAs Office 6/15/09.  
State of Alaska v. Xavier Pete Jr. (8/26/88); 2NO-08-175CR Order to Mod-  
ify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109526634; Violated conditions of pro-  
bation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time,  
remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in  
three original judgment remain in effect.  
State of Alaska v. Xavier Pete Jr. (8/26/88); 2NO-08-676CR Order to Mod-  
ify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110698632; Violated conditions of pro-  
bation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time,  
remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in  
three original judgment remain in effect.  
State of Alaska v. Xavier Pete, Jr. (8/26/88); 2NO-08-676CR Habitual Minor  
Consuming or in Possession or Control of Alcoholic Beverage; Date of  
offense: 6/4/09; 90 days, 90 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with  
\$100 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days toAGs Collections Unit,  
Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 due within 10 days; Pay  
total of \$50 to Nome Clerk of Court by 10 days; Community Work: Com-  
plete 96 hours of community work service and submit proof of comple-  
tion to the Nome Clerk of Court within 120 days; Driver's License or  
Permit: Revoked for 6 months, concurrent with any DMV administrative  
action; Shall immediately surrender license/permit to court; Probation for  
1 year; Shall not consume inhalants, or possess or consume controlled  
substances or alcoholic beverages; Shall surrender any license/permit,  
pay surcharge, show proof of community work service; Shall submit to  
warrantless breath test at request of peace officer and may be arrested  
without a warrant for probation violation; Shall contact NSBHS within  
10 days or release, and shall be evaluated, pay for , and successfully  
complete any recommended alcohol education or treatment program(s);  
Inpatient treatment of up to 90 days can be required; Failure to comply  
with community work, evaluation, education or treatment requirements  
will result in an extra 6 months revocation of driver's license.  
State of Alaska v. Stephan Apangalook (6/13/90); Count 1: V iolating Re-  
lease Conditions; Date of of fense: 6/9/09; Binding Plea Agreement;  
Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 2 (002); Any appearance  
or performance bond is exonerated; 20 days, 0 days suspended; Un-  
suspended 20 days shall be served with defendant remanded toAMCC;  
Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50  
within 10 days to:AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Sur-  
charge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.  
State of Alaska v. Karen Nguyen (7/10/55); Misconduct Involving Controlled  
Substance 5; Date of of fense: 2/22/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Any  
appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 60 days, 60 days sus-  
pended; Forfeit marijuana to State; Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 sus-  
pended; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court  
within 10 days; Probation until 6/17/10; Shall comply with all court orders  
by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not pos-  
sess or consume controlled substances without prescription; Person  
and baggage are subject to warrantless search at any airport.  
State of Alaska v. John Ahkvaluk (7/20/65); Notice of Dismissal; Charge  
001: Assault Fourth Degree; Filed by the DAs Office 6/16/09.  
State of Alaska v. Gregory E. Mike (8/4/70); Order to Modify or Revoke  
Probation; ATN: 109061766; Violated conditions of probation; Proba-  
tion extended to 6/15/10; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed:  
10 days, remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of pro-  
bation in the original judgment remain in effect.  
State of Alaska v. Kimberly Iyakitan (6/1/67); Notice of Dismissal; Charge  
001: Violating Conditions of Release; Filed by the DAs Office 6/15/09.  
State of Alaska v. John Penetac (11/12/64); Count 001: Drunken Person on  
Licensed Premises; Date of offense: 6/14/09; Binding Plea Agreement;  
Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 2 (002); Any appearance  
or performance bond is exonerated; 10 days, 0 days suspended; Un-  
suspended 3 days shall be served with defendant remanded toAMCC;  
Forfeit alcohol to State; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall  
pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to:AGs Collections Unit, Anchor-  
age; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court

within 10 days; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines  
stated.  
State of Alaska v. Amos Slwooko (5/11/84); 2NO-09-54CR Order to Modify  
or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110829771; Violated conditions of proba-  
tion; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed:  
120 days, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-09-327CR; Re-  
manded into custody.  
State of Alaska v. Amos Slwooko (5/11/84); 2NO-09-327CR Count 002:  
Harassment 1°; On Peace Of ficers; Date of of fense: 6/10/09; Partial  
Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 1 (001);  
Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 360 days, 120  
days suspended; Unsuspended 240 days shall be served with defend-  
ant remanded toAMCC consecutive to 2NO-09-54CR; Jail Surcharge:  
\$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days  
to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50  
shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 6/15/11;  
Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to  
warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation;  
Shall commit no violations of law assaultive or disorderly conduct; Shall  
not possess or consume alcohol, nor enter or remain on the premises  
of any bar or liquor; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request  
of any peace officer for alcohol; Alcohol/Mental Health Assessment by  
1 month of release; Participate in and complete recommended treat-  
ment and aftercare; Including residential treatment up to 6 months.  
State of Alaska v. Patrick Omiak, Jr. (3/17/82); Order to Modify or Revoke  
Probation; ATN: 110827206; Violated conditions of probation; Probation  
extended to 6/18/10 from both counts; Suspended jail term revoked and  
imposed: 10 days from count one (1); Remanded into custody; Must  
pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge toAGs Office, Anchorage; All other  
terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in ef-  
fect.  
State of Alaska v. Magdeline Kakaruk (3/10/84); Assault 4°; DV; Date of  
offense: 4/27/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or per-  
formance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 90 days suspended; Jail Sur-  
charge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within  
10 days to:AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge:  
\$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until  
6/19/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Sub-  
ject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of proba-  
tion; Shall commit no violations of law assaultive or disorderly conduct,  
or domestic violence; Shall not contact, directly or indirectly Nellie Pe-  
nayah, without consent; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor  
have alcohol in her residence, nor enter or remain on the premises of  
any bar or liquor; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of  
any peace officer for alcohol; Not be where alcohol is present.  
State of Alaska v. Eric Daniels (4/22/72); Count 1: Assault 4°; DV; Date of  
offense: 2/19/09; Partial Plea Agreement; Any appearance or perform-  
ance bond is exonerated; 210 days, 90 days suspended; Unsuspended  
120 days shall be served with defendant remanded toAMCC; Jail Sur-  
charge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within  
10 days to:AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge:  
\$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until  
6/19/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Sub-  
ject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of proba-  
tion; Shall commit no violations of law assaultive or disorderly conduct,  
or domestic violence; Shall not contact, directly or indirectly or return to  
the residence of Judith Daniels; Mental HealthAssessment 9/3/09; Par-  
ticipate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare.  
State of Alaska v. Matthew Hadley (7/3/84); Notice of Dismissal; Charge  
001: Assault Fourth Degree; Filed by the DAs Office 6/19/09.  
State of Alaska v. Lee Koozaata 12/6/80);Amended Order to Modify or Re-  
voke Probation; ATN: 107501454; On 2/15/07 defendant was convicted of  
violating the crime of Importation of alcohol; V iolated conditions of  
probation by committing a new of fense, as set forth in the Petition to  
Modify or Revoke Probation filed on 1/14/09; Probation terminated; Sus-  
pended jail term revoked and imposed: 27 days, consecutive to the term  
in Case No. 2NO-09-21CR; Suspended \$100 Correctional Facility Sur-  
charge must be paid within 10 days to: AG Collection Unit, Anchorage.

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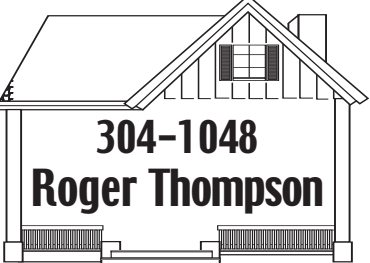
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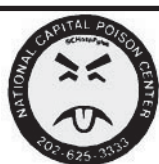
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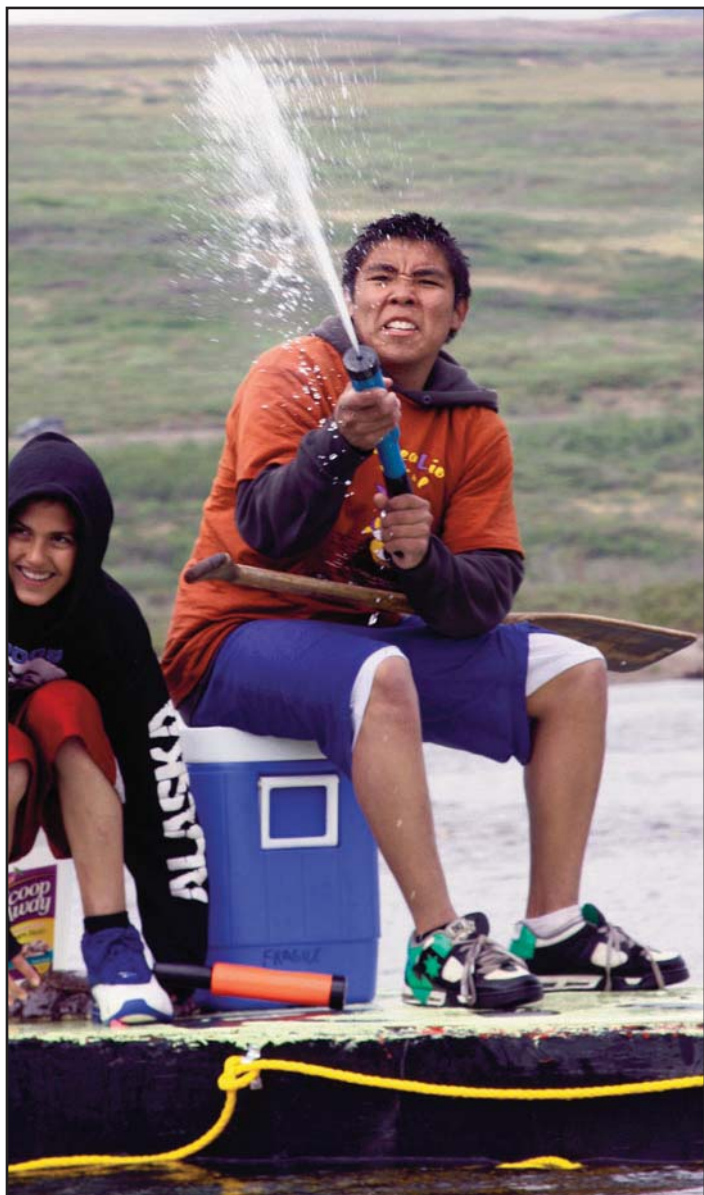


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Photo by Nancy McGuire

**STRAIGHT SHOOTER** (above, left)—Ramone Cabrerra gives land-lubbers a dousing as his team, the River Rats, make their way downstream.

**BACK OF THE PACK** (above)—The tail end of the raft race had a more laid-back feel that those gunning for the finish line. Chickens, beverages and water fights were the norm for the bottom tier.

**CAPTAIN MUSK OX**—Arlo Hannigan gives orders to his crew of the Musk Ox Sally float before starting the raft race Sunday.

## • Festival

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daunted by wind or rain—all the teams were bound to be wet anyway—a strong field crowded the start at Mile 13 of the Kougark Road. The teams were to be rewarded for their effort as the rains tempered by the race's start and the sun broke through within an hour of the cannon's blast that sent the teams on their way.

The rules of the race are pretty simple. All rafts must be homemade, manned by at least four crewmembers, and non-motorized. All crewmembers must be entirely wet by the finish line.

This year's winners, the Howling Dogs, squeaked out the win in 1 hour, 23 minutes, just one minute ahead of the runners-up. The team named Truman Johnson their captain in memory along with Barnaby Longley. Crewmembers were Kyle Griemsmann, Willis Pate, Ricky Wideman, Steffan Cox and Landis Bjorgen. The second-place finishers, the Kigluaik Adventure, was captained by Lieudell Goldsberry and crewed by Andrew

Goldsberry, Chris Busk, Dempsey Woods, Banner Romenesko and Larry Pederson. The third-place team finished 11 minutes back from the winners. That crew, the Green Machine, was made up of captain Miles Reader, Brittney Carpenter, Jackie Reader, Rachael Bauman and Cody Robson. The top three teams received trophies.

The rafts came in all shapes and sizes. Many were a simple slab design made of plywood and Styrofoam while others incorporated various airtight containers for float. The more serious crafts were pared down to the most basic elements, requiring the crew to kneel and paddle. Others were designed for comfort with chairs (often made of coolers), perhaps a table for playing dice and various equipment for spraying water at other teams and spectators.

While some took much more time than others did, all the teams reportedly made it to the finish safely.

### Final show wraps it up

For those still standing, The Great Alaska Bluegrass Band put the fin-



Photo by Amber Bradley

**CHEST BUMP** (right)—Shaun Kacena (left) and Jacob Bloodgood give a float-coat chest-bump for good luck before the start of the raft race Sunday.

ishing note on the festival with one last show at the elementary school Sunday evening. Put to work nearly the entire time they were in Nome, the band was still able to crank out beautiful three-part harmonies and hot picking through its deep repertoire of traditional bluegrass music.

By 9 p.m. the show was over, the seats stacked and the crowd on their way home. Many were likely bound to pull the shades on the longest day of the year to get some rest before work resumed Monday after what is arguably the longest and most fun weekend of the year in Nome.

## 2009 Nome River Raft Race results

1. Howling Dawgs:
2. Kigluaik Adventure
3. Green Machine
4. The Unuk
5. The Convenient Crusaders
6. Fresh Meat
7. The V Team

8. The Nome Nugget Publishing
9. SS River Dog Gardening Tool
10. Odd otters
11. LDR
12. River Rats
13. River of Life AOG
14. Alaska 50

15. Musk Ox Sally
16. CAT D69rs+1 (Bill)
17. Miller Lite Team
18. Hope She Floats
19. Booty Bandits (Pirates)
20. Arctic Cat



Photo by Tyler Rhodes



**Saturday, June 27**  
**3 p.m.**  
**East End Park**

Relay for life is a fundraiser walk/run for our local community members who are fighting **THE** fight against cancer. Help raise funds for Nome's cancer support group!

*Celebrate. Remember. Fight Back.*

Pledges are being collected through the end of June. Pledges can be made at the following establishments:

- Bonanza Express
- Polar Cafe
- Nome Grocery (put donations in the can provided)
- Nome Trading Company

*June is mammogram promotion month at NSHC!*

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CIRCLING UP—A group of muskoxen gather on the side of Skookum Mountain east of Nome, forming a circle to protect two young calves.

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WALKING FOR THE CURE—Sherry Nayokpuk (left) packs Sherilyn Anderson, 8 months, as she's joined by Athena Hall (center), Sierra Anderson and Jerry Asila in the Arctic ICANS Relay for Life event Saturday at the East-end Park. For more photos of the event, see page 8.

## Snake River Bridge to move

By Sandra L. Medearis

Nome Joint Utility System staff and board have a plan to replace the decrepit Snake River Bridge with a new crossing closer to town.

That's the bridge that has Band-Aids all over it to keep roadbed material from sifting into the water. New money came down the hopper for the bridge replacement from the state's voters approving a road package last November.

Proposed plans call for laying the bridge across the river at the beginning of the broad curve of Seppala Drive east of

the Center Creek Road intersection. Placement under study calls for the port area end of the bridge to come out near the south end of the new power plant. Such an alternative would require road realignment on Seppala between Center Creek and Cemetery roads to provide an intersection for the bridge approach.

The state Department of Transportation, declaring support for the project, has agreed to lease land adjacent to the north end of the new power plant to NJUS and

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## Skinny crabs close fish plant

By Laurie McNicholas

The Norton Sound Seafood Products plant in Nome reportedly stopped issuing bait and ice to commercial red king crab fishermen June 22 after receiving complaints from customers about insufficient meat fill in the legs of crab purchased from the plant. Crab fishermen told *The Nome Nugget* the plant would suspend operations for two weeks.

Meanwhile, the Norton Sound commercial red king crab fishery remains open because Lamar Ballard of AquaTech, an

Anchorage firm that buys crab from Unalakleet fisherman Clarence Towarak, sampled crab in Towarak's first delivery and found the legs filled with crab meat. Ballard attached photos of the samples showing cross-sections of meat-filled crab legs to a July 24 e-mail to Joyce Soong, fisheries biologist with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Nome.

Rich Ferry, NSSP's northern region operations manager, provided the following

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## Council calls for internationally binding Arctic Sea laws

By Diana Haecker

A busy future lies in store for the Arctic Ocean as thinning sea ice potentially opens the window for commercial marine traffic to traverse the ocean on top of the world in the summer, concludes a multi-national shipping report commissioned by the Arctic Council.

To keep the environment protected while developing the Arctic sustainably, the 200-page Arctic Marine Shipping Assessment report recommends creating uniform shipping regulations across the Arctic for safety and

environmental protection, to take measures protecting Arctic people and the environment, and to build marine infrastructure, communication systems, ports, ice information services and to provide ice navigation training.

Scientists predict that multi-year sea ice is seriously declining and may be gone by the summer of 2015. "It is highly plausible there will be greater marine access and longer seasons of navigation, except perhaps during winter, but not necessarily less difficult ice conditions for marine operations,"

says the report.

Although the International Maritime Organization has developed guidelines for ships operating in Arctic ice-covered waters, those recommendations are voluntary and not binding. "There are no uniform, international standards for ice navigators and for Arctic safety and survival for seafarers in polar conditions," the report states. Also, there are no mandatory environmental standards developed by the IMO for ships in Arctic waters.

With more traffic and resource development,

the report identifies the No. 1 threat as an oil spill. But a response to such a disaster would be nearly impossible. "The lack of marine infrastructure in all but a limited number of areas, coupled with the vastness and harshness of the environment, makes conduct of emergency response significantly more difficult in the Arctic," the report concludes.

The lack of an international marine regulatory framework combined with natural re-

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## Push for detox center still has strong backing

By Tyler Rhodes

Leaders of a wide cross-section of Nome's agencies and organizations gathered June 18 to continue working on a roadmap toward providing services and treatment for those suffering from substance abuse and chronic homelessness in the region.

The roundtable-style meeting served as a follow-up to an April 9 community meeting centered on de-

veloping some sort of residential treatment facility in Nome. Like that April meeting, the most recent gathering was organized by Norton Sound Health Corp. and was open to the public.

The June 18 meeting drew more than two dozen people to Old St. Joe's Hall to hear of the progress made by various groups and agencies seeking to address the problem in

both the long and short term.

Norton Sound Health Corp. is working with a \$50,000 grant from the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority to evaluate the need and feasibility of providing a detoxification and treatment facility. The hospital was awarded another \$100,000 from the authority for further planning and feasibility studies in fiscal year 2010.

The large group meetings pulling to-

gether the people and organizations that fit into the larger picture of serving those in need are part of that evaluation.

Much of the early discussion at the meeting centered on the work of the Nome Emergency Shelter Team, an ad-hoc group that has worked to tackle the issues of homelessness and substance abuse treatment since

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Letters

Dear Nancy,

I have these thoughts regarding what I heard on the radio this morning. Thank you.

The city council votes for a flop house over a leadership program for young people. Who owns them? Perhaps they should learn the difference between helping and enabling. No one likes to see drunks staggering along Front Street in the middle of the day. So stop serving! In this environment, alcohol does not need to flow before the end of the work-day. If that impacts the ill gotten gains of our liquor vendors and city fathers, maybe we need some pain. We live in tough times. Repeat offenders and those without work should not be served. Period! I am sure that the hospital, police, and social services could formulate a short list for that purpose. You know who they are. Need shelter? Stay at home. Want to party? Pay your way, but make sure that you have a room beforehand. Don't like it? Get out and work to earn your American dream. See how easy it is. Stop wallowing in your self pity at government expense. We all pay. City council— think about the future. Make a decision that takes some guts and support your youth. They are our future and deserve the expense. Break the chain and stop wasting time and money.

S. W. Kirchner  
USCG (Ret)  
Nome, AK

Dear Editor,

I have deep wonderful feelings for the community of Nome, Alaska.

I am a long-term resident of 32 years and I believe the people of Nome are great examples of how the good people of this earth hold the world up.

Letters to the editor must be signed and include an address and phone number. Thank yous and political endorsements are considered ads.

Editorial

Independence Day

Let's look forward to the day when Nome is energy independent. We probably have more of a need for energy independence than any other community in the USA. We are isolated and depend on the fuel oil barons for our ability to keep the lights on, our homes heated and our engines running.

We have the resources and the brains to be energy independent. We just need the will power and resolve to get planning for fuel cells to power our trucks and ATVs. We need to harness the energy of the sun to heat our solar panels. We need to arrange for battery charging stations because the trucks and ATVs of the not too distant future will probably not rely on the internal combustion engine. Hopefully we will see an array of wind turbines cranking our energy for Nome Joint Utilities to sell us at an affordable cost.

We can't become victims of circumstance by letting ourselves be dragged kicking and screaming into alternative energy generation. We must go forth boldly and encourage Nome Joint Utilities to provide leadership in promoting our independence from OPEC, British Petroleum, Standard Oil and the West Coast oil refinery price controllers. So, Nomeites, let's get started on our Declaration of Independence. Happy Fourth of July. — N.L.M.—

You can travel a minute out of town and be granted a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see a beaver swimming free in a tundra pond, right next to a migratory duck and see here eggs far beyond the touch of human hands. Any one of us can drive down to the Nome River and catch salmon or the Snake River for salmon, trout and tomcod.

I believe this is why we hold Nome precious to our souls.

So my question is, why do we allow foreign peoples to continuously injure our waters and our lands? Many are very conscientious, like Quality Asphalt. They plan many of their projects like the Unalakleet Airport Project well over a year in advance. Why does this double standard exist?

Please let your heart be your guide and deny the Moonlight Watershed Permit to anybody, any entity, and person who violates the federal Clean Water Act, which includes the "willful" act of burying used oil in our watershed in Anvil Mountain and then covering it up— putting our drinking water in harm's way.

I prefer the beavers, ducks, and fish to the unrealistic promise of finding the glitter of gold in dem dare hills.

The truth is never sexy; neither is one million pounds of cyanide stored next to the ball field.

Oh, I forgot about the groups of reindeer we often see alongside our roads.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Derrick Leedy  
Nome, Alaska

*Dr. Leedy will be out of town for the next City Council Meeting on Monday July 13. He encourages all the good folks of Nome to let our good council members know their feelings.*

A Look at the Past



History and photo Courtesy of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum

**OVER THE TOP**—Nome has always celebrated the Fourth of July in a most enthusiastic way. The pole vault taking place at Barrack's Square in 1909 was a crowd favorite. This year we celebrate 50 years of Statehood under the Midnight Sun. Be a part of the fun this Fourth of July — it's a Nome family tradition!

Nome Norton Sound Tide Predictions (High & Low Waters) — July 2 - July 8, 2009

Day	Date	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	
Th	07/02	02:03 a.m. LDT	1.1	H 06:55 a.m. LDT	0.5	L 01:27 p.m. LDT	1.5	H 08:51 p.m. LDT	0.1	L
F	07/03	03:30 a.m. LDT	1.1	H 07:41 a.m. LDT	0.8	L 01:59 p.m. LDT	1.4	H 09:40 p.m. LDT	0.0	L
Sa	07/04	04:58 a.m. LDT	1.1	H 08:30 a.m. LDT	0.9	L 02:32 p.m. LDT	1.4	H 10:28 p.m. LDT	0.0	L
Su	07/05	06:17 a.m. LDT	1.2	H 09:24 a.m. LDT	1.0	L 03:07 p.m. LDT	1.3	H 11:14 p.m. LDT	0.0	L
M	07/06	07:22 a.m. LDT	1.2	H 10:23 a.m. LDT	1.1	L 03:49 p.m. LDT	1.3	H 11:59 p.m. LDT	-0.1	L
Tu	07/07	08:15 a.m. LDT	1.3	H 11:23 a.m. LDT	1.1	L 04:40 p.m. LDT	1.3	H		
W	07/08	12:42 a.m. LDT	-0.1	L 08:58 a.m. LDT	1.3	H 12:21 p.m. LDT	1.1	L 05:35 p.m. LDT	1.3	H

Daily variations in sea level due to local meteorological conditions cannot be predicted and may significantly effect the observed tides in this area. All times are listed in Local Standard Time (LST) or Local Daylight Time (LDT) when applicable. All heights are in feet referenced to Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW).

Weather Statistics

<b>Sunrise</b>	<b>07/02/09</b>	<b>04:33 a.m.</b>	<b>High Temp</b>	<b>62° 6/23/09</b>	<b>National Weather Service Nome, Alaska (907) 443-2321 1-800-472-0391</b>
	<b>07/08/09</b>	<b>04:49 a.m.</b>	<b>Low Temp</b>	<b>39° 6/29/09</b>	
			<b>Peak Wind</b>	<b>31 mph, W, 6/28/09</b>	
			<b>Precip. to Date</b>	<b>7.12"</b>	
<b>Sunset</b>	<b>07/02/09</b>	<b>01:39 a.m.</b>	<b>Normal</b>	<b>4.80"</b>	
	<b>07/08/09</b>	<b>01:25 a.m.</b>			

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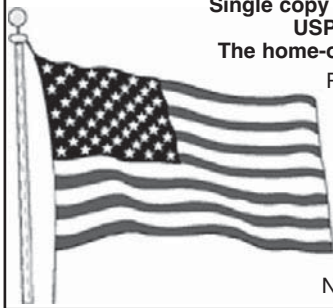
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## 60 sign up for Iditarod 2010

WASILLA— During the annual musher and volunteer picnic at the Iditarod Trail Committee headquarters in Wasilla, 60 mushers appeared in person or sent in their entries for the 2010 Iditarod Trail Sled Dog race. Saturday, June 27 marked the first day of signup for the race. Mushers hailing from Alaska, the lower 48, Canada, Scotland and even Jamaica handed in their sign-up paperwork and the newly increased entry fee of \$4,000. Citing increased costs to put on the race, the ITC has increased the entry fee from \$1,875 in 2007 to \$3,000 in 2008 and \$4,000 for this year's race.



Four-time Iditarod champions Jeff King and Martin Buser, three-time Iditarod champion Lance Mackey and 2004 champion Mitch Seavey entered the race as well as 19 rookies. From western Alaska, Kotzebue veterans John Baker and Robert Nelson are listed, but longtime racer and 2005 runner-up Ed Iten's name is missing. However, Iten's son Quinn Iten is making a bid for the first time in the race. Also new to the Iditarod is Unalakleet's William "Middie" Johnson. The racers compete for a purse of \$630,000 with \$610,000 paid out to the top 30 finishers, and \$1,049 apiece for the rest of the pack. A lottery waiving the entry fee is held among those mushers at the picnic. This year's winners are Kotzebue musher Robert Nelson and four-time champion Jeff King.

Prior to the countdown for the 2010 racing season, ITC has enacted a few new rules, including that mushers get to draw for their starting

position in the order of their sign up either in person or by mail. It used to be that only mushers in person got to be in the first draw for starting position. Another new rule for 2012 is that rookies have to log at least 750 miles in pre-qualifying races. This is up from 500 miles that were historically required. The ITC is also finalizing a mechanism to a new rule that enforces drug testing of mushers. The next Iditarod starts March 7 in Anchorage, with the restart taking place in Willow.

## Don Young seeks reelection

ANCHORAGE (AP)— U.S. Rep. Don Young, Alaska's sole representative in the U.S. House for a majority of statehood, announced Monday he would seek re-election in 2010. Young, 76, filed with the Division of Elections and said he wanted to make it clear to potential challengers that he was in the race. "We decided it was best to get it out on the table," he said. The Republican was re-elected last year despite facing federal investigations of his connections to an Alaska businessman convicted of bribing state lawmakers and an earmark in a spending bill that benefited a campaign supporter. He defeated former House Minority Leader Ethan Berkowitz, an Anchorage Democrat, in the 2008 race. He faced a stiffer challenge in the Republican primary, beating Lt. Gov. Sean Parnell by 304 votes.

## House approves climate change bill

On Friday, the U.S. House of Representatives approved a sweeping climate change bill that would limit carbon dioxide emissions, require increases in renewable energy usage and mandates consumer products to be more energy efficient. The bill goes into effect in 2012 and had vast support among Democrats and President Barack Obama.

By a vote of 219-212 the House approved the bill. Only eight Republicans voted for the bill and 44 Democrats defected from their party to vote against it.

The bill – if adopted by the Senate

in September – would force cuts in domestic greenhouse-gas emissions by 17 percent in 2020 and 83 percent in 2050 through a cap-and-trade permit system on heavy emitters and the oil and gas industry. It also would mandate greater renewable energy usage, boost appliance and building efficiency standards and pay for domestic and overseas plant and forest conservation. The measure drew fire from Alaska's Congressman Don Young, who voted No on the bill. Young said that the bill amounts to a national energy tax bill that will raise electricity and gas prices and would export American jobs overseas. "This is a sad day for America, and I mean that from the bottom of my heart," Young said in a statement. "The smart thing to do would be to develop our fossil fuels and use that money to develop alternative forms of energy, but instead, the Majority wants to play the part of global martyr. China and India can keep pumping all the pollutants they want into the atmosphere, and we'll fall on our sword and accept responsibility. That's absolute nonsense!" Young said.

Senator Lisa Murkowski also released a statement saying that the bill is not a solution to climate change but seems to be pushed through for political reasons. "This bill was forced through the House in a process designed to minimize open, transparent debate and preclude a thorough analysis of what the bill actually does," Murkowski said.

## Feds, state work together on spring flooding recovery

Governor Sarah Palin and Federal Emergency Management Agency administrator Dennis Hunsinger signed a disaster response agreement last week. The agreement allows for federal participation in the spring flooding disaster recovery on the Yukon and Kuskokwim Rivers. FEMA has set up a state-feds joint field office in Anchorage to manage the federal response to the flooding. From the state's side, the Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management is involved and helps people affected by the spring flooding.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### July 2 - July 8, 2009

EVENT	PLACE	TIME
<b>Thursday, July 2</b>		
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*Preschool Story Hour	Kegoyah Library	10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 6:30 p.m.
*Audiology	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Pregnancy Mom & the Unborn video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
<b>Nome Planning Commision Available Seat Application due: 5 p.m.</b>		
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Beginning Baton with Jay	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
<b>Arctic Iceans reg mtg</b>	<b>XYZ Center</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
*Swing Dancing with Seiji	Nome Rec Center	7:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.

### Friday, July 3

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 4 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50
*Smoking Sessation class	Prematernal Home	1 p.m.
*Pregnant Teens Taking Care video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Ruslan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Adult Drop-in Soccer	Nome Rec Center	8 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.

### Saturday, July 4

<b>Fourth of July schedule of events listed below! Have a safe holiday!</b>		
<b>Ranger Guided Hike-Nat'l Park Svc</b>	<b>Sitnasuak Bldg</b>	<b>10 a.m.</b>
<b>Family Saturday-Nat'l Park Svc</b>	<b>Sitnasuak Bldg</b>	<b>10 a.m.</b>
*UMW Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 8 p.m.
*Celebrate Birth video	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Close to the Heart video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*AA Meeting	BHS Bldg, 2nd floor	8 p.m.

### Sunday, July 5

*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*I am your Child video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Smoking Time to Quit video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*AA: Big Book Study	HR Conf. Room, NSHC	6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

### Monday, July 6

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 10 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.
*Start out Right video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Beginning Yoga with Kari	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*All about Baby's video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Ruslan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Drop-in Volleyball	Nome Rec Center	7:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.

### Tuesday, July 7

*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*Preschool Story Hour	Kegoyah Library	10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	noon - 1 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	1 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Social Service video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*RVSV-What you should Know	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*AA Teleconference: 1-800-914-3396	(CODE: 3534534#)	7 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
*Adult Drop-in Soccer	Nome Rec Center	8 p.m. - 10 p.m.

### Wednesday, July 8

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Rotary Club	Airport Pizza	noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 10 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.
*Celebrate Birth video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Nutrition Class video	Prematernal Home	3:00 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Ruslan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Hello Central (also on Channel 98)	Nome Visitors Center	7:30 p.m.
*AA Meeting	BHS Bldg, 2nd floor	8 p.m.

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Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 8 p.m. (M - Th & Sa)

#### 4th of July schedule of events:

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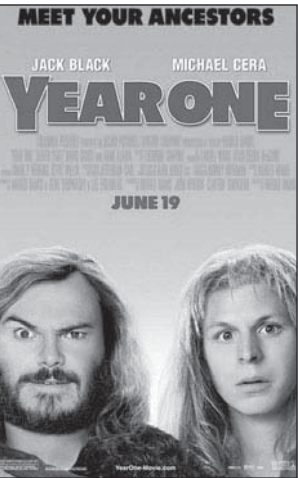
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## • Detox

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early last winter. Made up of representatives from nearly a dozen community entities, NEST was able to pull together an emergency shelter that opened for 22 nights since March when the temperature dropped to -10° F or colder.

The shelter, operated out of the Nazarene Church, required a large amount of volunteer effort and donations to work. "This past winter was such a collaboration of so many people," said NEST member and Nome Community Center employee Abby Huggins. As NEST looks toward the coming winter, it is working to find a facility since the Nazarene Church will no longer be available. "A space is what we really have to secure," Huggins told the gathering.

NEST did gain some support from the City of Nome when it allocated \$10,000 in its budget to support the organization.

Over the coldest period of the winter, the shelter was open every night for more than two weeks. Besides making a difference for those who were able to sleep in a warm space, the impact was also noticeable for other organizations. The hospital saw a dramatic decrease in emergency room admissions. The Wellness Forum's Safety Patrol, which walks the streets to ensure people are not posing a risk to themselves or others, was relieved to have a place to which they could escort those who may have risked passing out outside in the fatally cold conditions.

"We would walk them up there. We knew they were warm and safe, and they would not perish," said Berda Willson of the Wellness Forum. Willson is also a member of the NSHC Board of Directors.

It was also suggested at the meeting that having the shelter open per-

haps meant some of its guests were more likely to leave the bar earlier since they would not have to prolong their stay to closing time in an effort to stay warm longer.

Speakers also said it is important to note that not all guests at the shelter suffered from alcohol abuse.

Without a shelter as an option, those too inebriated to care for themselves will often be taken to Anvil Mountain Correctional Center for a protective hold. If those picked up blow above a certain amount when given a breathalyzer test, the correctional facility cannot hold them and they are brought to the hospital.

Colleen Meyer, inpatient and ER nursing director at the hospital, detailed many of the problems the emergency room and inpatient areas face when having to deal with inebriated patients delivered to their doors. Injured nurses, occupied beds when other patients may need them and the disruption to other patients and staff are among the problems experienced. "A lot of our beds in our ER are filled up with people who don't really need to be there," Meyer said.

"We did notice a drop-off when NEST was open," she said at the meeting. "Now we're back to the old way."

Meyer said the fallout of dealing with chronic inebriates lasts beyond the time that the patients are in the facility. Nurses and staff burn out. Seeing someone in such a destructive cycle also takes its toll. "When there is a death, it's hard. We see them at their worst. We see their clothes and take care of them," she said. "The impact is huge, and the loss is huge."

While much of the meeting focused on the short-term work conducted by NEST and the issues the community as a whole is confronting, facilitator Mary Elizabeth Rider also turned the

*"A lot of the beds in our ER are filled up with people who don't really need to be there."*

— ER Nursing Director Colleen Meyer

discussion toward the future and what the community ultimately wants to see as a response to the problem.

Rider, who was hired by NSHC to help in the planning effort, lauded the volunteerism exhibited in Nome, citing the Safety Patrol and NEST volunteers, as well as the showing for the large-group planning meetings. "That's not happening anywhere else in the state," Rider said.

In addition to NSHC's long-term planning effort, there is another facet to NEST also looking toward the future. As NEST formed, it developed the two groups to deal with the immediate problem of people freezing to death on the streets of Nome and the longer-term issue of setting up a system to deal with the multiple reasons people end up facing the risk of death by exposure in the middle of town.

The NEST long-term effort is not entirely independent of the hospital's. Much of the effectiveness of NEST—for both the short- and long-term groups—can be attributed to its makeup of members who work for most of the organizations who can or will play a role in addressing the issue. NEST members include representatives from the hospital, Nome Community

Center, Nome Eskimo Community, Kawerak Inc., churches, the Bering Sea Women's Group and many others.

Part of the long-term planning is lining out the roles all those organizations will play in whatever plan gets developed. "We're trying to see how that [long-term NEST] group fits into this," said Kawerak's Melanie Edwards, who works with the long-term NEST group.

"Norton Sound Health Corp. is committed to medical detox and residential treatment," NSHC's Melissa Boeckmann said. "We're hoping for after-care to be taken care of by Kawerak."

Sara Neubauer, who works for Kawerak providing vocational rehabilitation training, said her program could dovetail in nicely with a treatment center. "We could come in and help [treatment center residents] be financially secure," she said. "If we get this up and running, I feel we can make a big difference on our end."

Boeckmann said initial planning efforts picture a detox facility with 16 beds. She said how those 16 beds would break down between use in a residential program and something more temporary was not yet determined. "We're kind of filling in the big picture right now," she said. "We haven't got down to the details yet."

As NSHC makes preparations to move into a new hospital in 2012, the current facility naturally figures large as a potential site for any future treatment facility to be developed. "By 2012 you're going to have

this old building as well as this beautiful new building," Rider said. "Is there something that can be done with that facility?"

NSHC board member Willson said her fellow board members are looking for input on potential uses for the old hospital. "The board doesn't want to work in a vacuum in making these decisions," she said.

Boeckmann said the hospital plans to have its services planned out and funded by 2012.

Early visions include a few different services that could be offered to suit those in varying states of need.

Ideas include an emergency shelter for those who are sober but at risk in the elements since they have no other place to stay. For those who are not sober but medically stable, a sleep-off center is envisioned to keep people safe from the elements in a bare-bones facility. Some commented that such a facility should still be dignified and provide support and perhaps referral to other services. A medical detox center would accept those who are not medically stable enough for the sleep-off center.

A long-term treatment center would accept those who want to break the substance abuse cycle. Housing, employment and other support services are envisioned to help those who would successfully complete a treatment program.

As Boeckmann said, NSHC is working toward the medical detox center and a treatment program. Who or what organization would provide other services, such as a sleep-off center or emergency shelter, has yet to be determined.

Discussion also centered on people's social needs after completing a treatment program. "There needs to be a leisure aspect," said NSHC social worker Julie Renwick. "What do you do socially besides going to the bar? ... That term 'hope' is very important. There needs to be something at the end [of treatment]."

Boeckmann said the planning effort is continuing with another large-group meeting planned for sometime this fall.

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the City for storing supplies and staging for utility projects as well as the bridge renewal. The bridge project would require NJUS to use this land to relocate other activities and facilities. As the bridge replacement project would start next summer, NJUS needs to start moving materials around now, utility manager John Handeland said. Additionally, the utility and City of Nome are working with DOT for a land disposal to make this site north of the power plant available for construction of a maintenance and operations facility, including replacement of the current NJUS office. NJUS had received notice that a block grant for the full \$565,000 necessary was available. Staff was working on matching funds due in November and environmental paperwork to turn the award into real dollars.

In other business June 16, Hande-

land went over the utility's financial statements for May, noting much more than \$2 million in accounts receivable with \$1.9 million of that due from Alaska Gold Co. on Rock Creek power use. AGC and NJUS had been working on a land swap to pay the bill, but now NJUS has asked NovaGold, the parent company of Alaska Gold, to pay the bill directly in cash, Handeland told the board.

In other business:

• Handeland informed the board that diesel that cost \$1.60 per gallon in May was then pushing \$2 in June. NJUS already has a supply of high-priced oil for its generators and wouldn't be purchasing any oil this barge season unless the price dropped significantly in September when the last barges float, Handeland said. However, the utility is in negotiations with its buyers' consortium, Western Alaska Fuel Group, to put its bargaining weight behind other member villages needing oil.

• NJUS has received approval to erect a tower on Newton Peak to continue wind energy studies, and meanwhile was negotiating with Bering Straits Development Co. for power entering the grid from the Banner Wind Farm. The wind farm's turbines are still now as adjustments are made to the system, but would be twirling in August, Handeland said.

• Attending the meeting by telephone June 16, board member Berda Willson commented that while NJUS is interested in developing alternative energy, the utility's focus has been on diesel-generated power.

"The utility has to supply reliable energy to the community," she said. "We still need diesel-fired energy capacity if the wind is not blowing or the wind generators are down." Earlier in the meeting, the NJUS board noted that while it was great to be receiving funding to develop wind energy, a major component of such a solution would be storage and transmission.

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# French sailors work to cross the NW Passage

Story and photo by Anna Hahn

Approximately 16 months ago Thierry Fabing of France began planning a polar expedition through the Northwest Passage, traveling from the east to the west. In the summer of 2009 he began the next step of his journey, which entailed the same basic route, only backward.

The trip from the west to the east side of the Northwest Passage began on June 5 in Sand Point along the Aleutian Chain and will eventually end in Greenland around the beginning of September.

"The purpose of our polar expedition is to reach Greenland from Alaska. We started on the fifth of June in Sand Point, and now we are in Nome. We want to reach Greenland by the beginning of September," said Patrick Reader, a crewmember from France and the United Kingdom.

The crew is composed of four people, Fabing and Reader, as well as Arielle Corre and Aline Penitot, both from France. In Barrow another member will join their team, Gilles Durand of France. Additionally, Fabing's daughter

may connect with them later in the journey.

After the team reaches Greenland, Fabing will find a harbor to park the *Baloum Gwen*, his sailboat, for one year. He may do several smaller trips to the different coasts of Greenland.

"This is a sport and a human challenge. I don't think it's easy to cross the Northwest Passage," Reader said. "There is always a team of two people who are navigating the sail boat, and the others are sleeping. Every four hours there is a shift change. After only a few days we are quite tired and exhausted, but at the end of the day we are pleased and proud of achieving the expedition."

**THE BALOUM GWEN**—The trusty sail boat of Skipper Thierry Fabing awaits departure from Nome's harbor last week. Winds and weather recently delayed the French crew's planned travels through the Northwest Passage.



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source riches in a brutal and yet biologically fragile environment caused enough alarm for agencies to scramble for the assessment and to prepare for the future. In 2004 the Arctic Council, a forum of the eight Arctic-bordering nations, called for a comprehensive Arctic marine shipping assessment. In April 2009, the assessment report was completed and later signed and agreed upon by all Arctic Council member nations. "This is partially a policy document of the Arctic states as well as a science document—it's a multifaceted, international and negotiated report," said Lawson Brigham, the chairman of the group preparing the report.

In a presentation last week at the University of Alaska at Fairbanks, professor Brigham, also Alaska office director of the U.S. Arctic Research Commission and chairman of the Arctic Marine Shipping Assessment, said that the focus of AMSA was on marine safety and environmental protection.

Brigham showed a satellite photo of the Arctic on Sept. 11, 2007, when both Northwest and the Northeast passages were open for passage. "For the first time in memory, those major straits were completely ice free for 10 days," Lawson said.

Although a warming climate facilitates possible summer sailings in the Arctic, Brigham said climate change is not the main driver for increased marine traffic, but resource development is. Enormous riches lie underneath the ice, productive fish-

eries ring the Arctic basin on all sides and companies are jockeying for position to develop offshore minerals. "The Arctic is the store house of important resources like oil, gas and other minerals, and maybe fresh water in the future, and also it is important to the transport of these resources to market," Lawson said.

Currently, some of the largest ships sailing the world's oceans are headed to and from the world's biggest zinc mine, Red Dog mine, north of Kotzebue and a huge Russian palladium mine, carrying ore to its processing plants. Other mineral development is planned for Greenland and the Baffin Islands, where plans exist to ship ore from there to steel mills in Europe.

With increased shipping comes the need for more marine infrastructure. Critical infrastructure include ice navigation training centers, navigational charts, communications systems, port services, facilities for ship-generated waste, timely ice information, places of refuge and icebreakers to assist in emergencies.

The Coast Guard frequently pays a visit to Nome, but has no permanent presence in the Gold Rush City. Brigham said that there are no specific plans or recommendations made to establish some sort of Coast Guard presence in Nome. "For the lack of any port in the area, clearly Nome is well poised to provide port and other services," Brigham said.

In addition, a growing cruise ship industry with northern destinations become players in the shipping mix. While many ships have safely traversed the Arctic Ocean in

the past, cruise ships worry Lawson because they have no ice-breaking capabilities and there is a lack of search and rescue systems. As an example, Lawson showed slides of a cruise ship that ran into ice in Antarctica in November 2007, due to an operator error and insufficient training of the navigator. The ship sank, but all aboard survived, were scooped up and rescued.

And then there is the issue of governance. Arctic boundaries beyond the 200 nautical miles from the surrounding Arctic mainland are partially disputed by Russia, complicating jurisdictions even more. One of the 17 recommendations that came out of the assessment is that the Arctic states should harmonize Arctic marine shipping regulatory regimes within their own jurisdiction and uniform Arctic safety and environment protection regulations.

The Coast Guard is the main U.S. agency dealing with marine issues, homeland security, environmental protection, science support, border patrol and law enforcement is also preparing for more business in the north. In a report called *The emerging Arctic—A new maritime frontier*, the Coast Guard concluded that Arctic boundaries must be determined and that all federal, state and local agencies must prepare for full seasonal operations in the Arctic.

The Senate Appropriations Committee approved the Homeland Security Subcommittee's \$44.3 billion budget for 2010 and appropriated \$32.5 million for a polar icebreaker

program. The funding is meant to finish the reactivation of the icebreaker *Polar Star* and directs the Coast Guard to study whether a new heavy polar icebreaker class is needed or if a major service life extension for existing heavy icebreakers is in order. Currently, the Coast Guard's only working heavy icebreaker, the *Polar Sea*, has seven years remaining on its service life.

Another concern in the AMSA report deals with the prospect of resource development clashing with traditional subsistence use areas. This is especially pronounced in the Bering Strait area, where the report says, offshore hydrocarbon developments may lead to increased ship traffic. "The Bering Strait region

ringed with indigenous communities and a highly productive ecosystem with many species of marine mammals, fish and seabirds, may require formally established vessel routing measures," the report says.

In the process of gathering information for the report, Lawson and Inuit Circumpolar Council director Jimmy Stotts visited Nome last year, as well as Barrow and other coastal communities in Norway, Canada and Iceland. "Some of these inputs from those town hall meetings are the base of the information to write the report," Lawson said last week.

"There are lots of wild cards in the game to paint a picture of the future of the Arctic," Lawson concluded his presentation.

Bering Land Bridge National Preserve



## Summer Ranger Programs

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# ADF&G curbs Unalakleet River subsistence salmon catches

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game restricted subsistence salmon fishing in the Unalakleet River drainage to set gillnets with mesh size of 6 inches or less from June 29 until further notice.

The subsistence salmon schedule—from 6 p.m. Monday to 6 p.m. Wednesday, and from 6 p.m. Thursday until 6 p.m. Saturday—also remains in effect for the Unalakleet River drainage and the marine waters of the Shaktoolik and Unalakleet subdistricts.

“The timing of the in-river mesh-size restrictions coincides with the peak migration period for age 5 and older king salmon into the Unalakleet River,” explains an ADF&G press

release issued by the Nome Area Office June 26. “Considering the weak projected run of Unalakleet River king salmon, it is imperative to increase escapements of large and more egg-bound females. Ultimately, allowing more of these more productive females to reach the spawning grounds should mitigate the effects of this year’s projected weak run and improve future returns of king salmon into the drainage.

“The ADF&G Unalakleet River test net has been in operation since June 8 and the North River counting tower, a project operated jointly by Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. and ADF&G, has been in operation since June 19,” states ADF&G. “As of June 25, the

Unalakleet River test net has caught 43 king salmon, which is nearly twice the 5-, 10- and 20-year average catches for this date. However, the Unalakleet River test net is not a reliable indicator of king salmon abundance, and the North River counting tower has only enumerated 12 king salmon as of June 25.

“Unalakleet River test net king salmon catches do provide information about king salmon run timing and movements through the drainage,” ADF&G continues. “Typically, king salmon will mill around in the lower Unalakleet River for 5 to 7 days before actively migrating upstream to spawning areas. The first pulse of king salmon detected in the marine subsistence

fishery from June 15 to 17 is expected to show up at the tower any day. Further restrictive measures, including an early closure to the king salmon subsistence and sport fisheries, may be necessary if North River king salmon passage and subsistence catch rates are weak. The department will continue to evaluate escapement and catch information in the coming days to determine if further action is necessary or if mesh-size restrictions can be rescinded.”

For additional information, contact Jim Menard, area management biologist, or Scott Kent, assistant area management biologist, at the ADF&G Nome Area Office, phone (907) 443-5893.

## • Skinny legs

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reply by e-mail to the *Nugget*’s questions asking why and for how long the plant will be closed.

“In order to get the best possible price for the Norton Sound red king crab for local fishermen, we need to continually and reliably present a quality product to our customers in Norton Sound, other parts of Alaska and overseas. This year the meat fill on the crab legs is below what we have seen in previous years. The crab

looks beautiful, comes from a healthy population but is skinny. We decided to hold off on purchases until the crab have a chance to gain weight.

“So, why are the crab skinny?” Ferry continued. “After talking to biologists from NSEDC’s Fisheries Research and Development Division and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, the consensus is that first, a colder than normal spring may have kept the crab’s metabolism depressed, which in turn may have caused them not to gain weight after their molt.

And second, the 2009 season opened two weeks earlier than in previous years. The season previously opened about July first for Community Development Quota crab, closed [and] then reopened for open access crab. During those years in which the season opened later, there had been some CDQ crab with low—not as low as this year—meat fill.

“We expect to see a better meat fill next week and will resume purchasing as soon as a quality product can be produced,” Ferry wrote. “NSSP will sample the crab and monitor their meat fill.” The NSSP plant is owned and operated by Norton Sound Economic Development Corp., one of six entities in the Western Alaska Community Development

Program. NSEDC represents 15 Bering Strait communities in the CDQ program.

This summer’s commercial red king crab quota is 375,000 pounds. Of that amount 7.5 percent (28,125 pounds) is allocated to the CDQ fishery. The Norton Sound CDQ and open access fisheries opened simultaneously this year.

## Man convicted of sexual assault

A 24-year-old man was convicted of first- and second-degree sexual assault June 22 following a jury trial in Nome.

Moses Milligan was convicted on the two counts which stemmed from an incident that occurred June 26, 2008. He is scheduled to be sentenced in October and faces a sentence of 20 to 30 years.

According to the state Department of Law, Milligan assaulted his girlfriend’s co-worker after a party the co-

worker had hosted. After the victim had driven other guests home in the morning, she came home and went to sleep alone in her bed. She awoke to find Milligan on top of her, engaged in intercourse. The Department of Law said Milligan did not immediately stop when asked to withdraw.

After Milligan left the room, the victim immediately called the Nome police. Officers found Milligan outside the victim’s apartment. According to the Department of Law,

Milligan first feigned no knowledge of the incident before conceding that there may have been sex but no assault.

At trial, by contrast, Milligan offered the jury a graphic account of consensual sex he said was initiated by the victim. But the jury found Milligan guilty of second-degree sexual assault, for penetrating the victim as she slept, and first-degree sexual assault, for continuing without her consent.

The case was prosecuted by Nome District Attorney John Earthman.

## Ladder leads robbers into ANB

The Alaska Native Brotherhood Club reported being broken into in the early morning hours of June 24.

Nome Police Department said it received a report of a burglary at the club located at 605 West 4th Ave. around 8 a.m. June 24. An investigation revealed someone had forced entry into the building earlier in the morning using a ladder. Damage to the building was estimated at more than \$250.

According to Chief Dallas Massie,

no suspects have been identified at this time. He did say video surveillance from inside the club that captured an image of a suspect is being evaluated.

Massey would not elaborate on what was stolen from the establishment, but noted it was nothing significant.

Whoever forced their way into the club must have been in a hurry to leave since they left their ladder behind. Massey said his department

would love to speak with the party who owns the ladder.

An e-mail sent out on a popular local list-serve the day after the break-in from ANB Club and Trust President Joleen Oleson also sought out the ladder’s owner. “We’re willing to trade the ladder you left behind for the key to our safe,” her message reads.

Anyone with information related to the incident is asked to contact police at 443-5262.

## The Nome Nugget wishes everyone a safe and fun 4th!

### Independence Day events • Saturday, July 4

#### 8 a.m. • Anvil Mountain Run

Meet and sign up at City Hall before 8 a.m. for the annual 12.5-mile run from downtown, up and over Anvil Mountain and back to City Hall.



#### 10 a.m. • Mother Goose Parade

Fun for kids of all ages along Nome’s Front Street.



#### 11 a.m. (approx) • Street Games

Once the parade ends, stick around for classic games, like the egg toss and tug-of-war.



#### 1 p.m. • Free Ice Cream

Head to the Fire Hall for free dessert courtesy of Nome’s volunteer fire fighters.



#### 2:30 p.m. • Statehood Picnic

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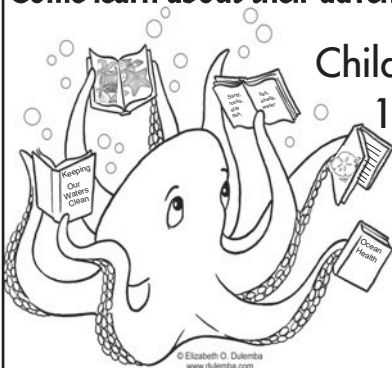
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# School board president turns in resignation

## *After a dozen years of service, Karmun seeks job within district*

By Tyler Rhodes

Nome Board of Education President Gloria Karmun announced her resignation after 12 years of service Tuesday.

The school board scheduled a special meeting for July 1 to act on Karmun's resignation. The meeting was scheduled to occur after press time.

Karmun said she is resigning so she can put her hat in the ring for a job opening up within the district. "That's my main reason for

resigning, because I would like to pursue employment with the district," she said. "I can't pass up this opportunity to attempt, or at least apply, for the job."

The school district requires that a board member give up his or her seat in order to apply for a district job. Karmun said she wishes to apply for the district's personnel officer position. The job opened up with Cynthia Gray's recent resignation.

While the results of the July 1

meeting were unavailable as of press time, Karmun said the board in the past has solicited letters of interest from community members wishing to fill an open seat until its term expires. Karmun said normally the board's vice chair, who is currently Albert McComas, would assume the president's seat.

Karmun's seat will be up for election in October. Regardless of her resignation, the seat may have been open to a newcomer this fall anyway.

"I've been struggling whether or not I would run, but I had not made the final decision," she said.

The personnel officer is not the only opening the district is currently looking to fill. In terms of teachers, the district is recruiting for a senior high English/language arts teacher, an elementary physical education teacher and a half-time teacher at the Anvil City Science Academy. The district is also recruiting for two certified early childhood education

teachers to work at the Nome Pre-school and Kawerak Head Start programs (see the related story on this page 10 for more). "It's kind of an unusual list at this time of year," said personnel officer Gray said at a June 23 board meeting.

In addition to Gray's position, the district also has noncertified staff openings for an instructional/media aide for the Native program at the high school, and three special education aides.

# Board nods at coaches, activities director still on standby

By Tyler Rhodes

After a delay of several weeks, the Nome Board of Education cleared the way June 23 for school district administrators to offer contracts to coaches and advisors. The board opted, however, to continue withholding the contract for the district's activities director position.

The move came two weeks after the board withheld offering all the extra-duty contracts as it discussed a related personnel issue and the development of the district's activities handbook for the next school year.

In its June 23 special meeting, the board considered an initial motion to direct the administration to offer all the extra-duty contracts. Board member Albert McComas then introduced an amendment removing the activities director position from the offering. McComas' motion, which passed 3-2, asked that the activities director contract be subject to approval by the board. The amendment passed with support from McComas, Board President Gloria Karmun and board member Kirsten Timbers. Board members Betsy Brennan and Barb Nickels voted against the amendment, voicing their belief that all the contracts should have been offered.

History teacher Pat Callahan has served as the activities director, as well as the boys basketball head coach, for the past few years.

Once the amendment was approved, the full board voted to allow the rest of the contracts to be offered.

Despite school being out for the summer, the delay in letting the contracts prompted concern and difficulty for some in the community. Speaking as a parent and community member, Mari Lammer pleaded with the board to offer the contracts. "By delaying extra-duty contracts, it has a direct effect on summer plans and athletics," she said.

Lammer, who is also a teacher in the district, told the board that if the contracts were not offered, programs such as cross country and volleyball would be hampered in their startup in the late summer. A more immediate effect was felt by programs like wrestling and girls basketball which participated in summer camps. Lammer said funds for those programs, including those raised by students and parents, were not available while

the contracts were outstanding.

"I urge you to resolve your concerns tonight, as it will affect summer travel and fall startup," Lammer said before the board voted.

Lammer also spoke to the value of having an official school coach or an advisor present on trips and at activities, such as a camp. Having the coach of record present, she said, makes it clear to the students that the school rules and regulations will apply during the activity.

Board member Brennan echoed Lammer's sense of urgency. "I think it's very important to offer these contracts," she said. "We should not be holding our students hostage as we have these last few weeks."

Board President Karmun said she did not believe the board's actions were putting extracurricular activities in peril. She noted that the district administration and school board are available in the absence of an activities director. "I don't feel like we're jeopardizing the athletic department," she said. "I feel they can come to the school board for guidance."

Brennan and Nickels, however, were adamant in their opinion that the activities director contract be offered. "I want to express my frustration with not offering all the extra-duty contracts," Brennan said. "The person who is organizing many fall events is not on contract."

Nickels questioned the motivation of singling out the one position. "I would hope as a school board that we are making a decision based on a position and not on personnel," she said.

Nickels brought up the district's policy that contracts valued at less than \$10,000 can be offered by the district administration without the approval of the school board. "It's my gut feeling that I would not want to take that away from administration," Nickels said.

The board's vote came during a meeting that was held directly following a work session. The first action taken by the board once the meeting started was to call an executive session, during which it met out of the public view for more than an hour before coming back to the Nome Elementary School library. The executive session was called by board member Timbers to discuss a

personnel issue that was also the subject of an executive session at the board's June 9 meeting.

In the work session prior to the official meeting, the board heard from incoming Superintendent Jon Wehde who defended the hiring practice used for selecting a new girls varsity basketball coach. Former coach Dennis Welch will no longer work for the district next year after accepting a position in Homer. Nome-Beltz Vice Principal Doug Boyer was named as Welch's replacement.

Wehde said the hiring committee is normally assembled by the assistant principal, who in this case bowed out since he was a candidate. Wehde said the activities director also petitioned to be excused from the interview team, citing personal prejudices. Wehde said the superintendent stepped in to fill out the committee. "That was an appropriately assembled committee," he told the board.

Wehde noted, however, that the 2009-2010 activities handbook is currently in draft form if there are provisions in regard to hiring that the board does not like. "Keep in mind this is last year's book," he said. "If there are concerns over findings or rules, they are now in draft form."

Board member McComas commented that he was not in favor of the rehiring provisions allowed for coaches. Under the current policy, coaches and advisors are offered the first right of refusal. This means if a coach receives a satisfactory evaluation at the end of the season, he or she will again be the head coach next season unless they opt to no

longer accept the position. "I want to get [the hiring process] out where it's open, transparent and fair," McComas said. "Let's post them every year."

McComas proposed a hypothetical situation in which a seasoned coaching veteran in a specific sport comes to the district. McComas said in such a situation, under current rules, a second-year coach who is still learning the ropes but performing satisfactorily could have a stronghold on a program while the proven coach sits on the sidelines. "[The policy] hurts our programs," he said. "These programs, they pull kids in and keep them in school."

Other board members were not so supportive of the idea. "You're walking a slippery slope, there," Brennan said, noting that there could be more reasons for individuals to want a coach removed beyond a more experienced person moving to town or an unsatisfactory review.

Nickels questioned if the same hiring practice was applied to teaching positions in the district.

McComas also lauded changes already implemented in the draft version of the handbook such as the addition of a community member to the hiring committee for advisors and coaches. "I like that," he said. "Any time we can bring a community member in, that's great." The board is scheduled to meet again July 21.

### JROTC not giving up

The Nome Board of Education also heard from student members of the Nome Junior Reserve Officer

Training Corps at its combined meeting and work session June 23. Cadet Sam Schmidt asked for the board's support as the program works to find funding to keep itself alive.

The program has a steep uphill climb to complete if it is to again be included in the upcoming school year. The school district last funded JROTC in the 2007-2008 school year. The city stepped in last school year to keep the program going. Neither entity stepped up to provide funding that requires nearly \$150,000 in salaries for the instructors. The program requires two instructors.

Maj. Gary Grennon, who ran the JROTC program in Nome for years, will no longer be in Nome next year as he has accepted a position as an instructor at Anchorage's East High School.

Schmidt said JROTC has raised approximately \$26,000 on its own and is still trying to find ways to find the funds. Cadet Landis Bjorgen also addressed the board, detailing his efforts and travails in calling businesses to seek funding.

Board members acknowledged the good the program does as well as their inability to provide financial support. Outside of granting funds, board members said they would try and offer support in other ways.

Board member Betsy Brennan suggested that district officials keep the program in mind if they learn of funding opportunities. Board member Barb Nickels said she would personally come help at fundraisers or other events JROTC organized to show that the board does support the program.

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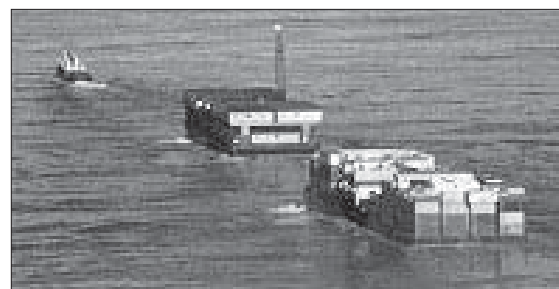
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**RELAY WALKERS** (above, top)—Visitors from Lake Stevens and Bothel, Wash., along with some Nomeites take part in the a cancer awareness walk by hiking up the Salmon Lake hill June 27. Walking for the cure are (l to r) Samantha Huffer who is holding Rhyan Palicte, Malissa Palicte, Roxanne Huffer, Chloe Mattheis, Ashley Holte and Sheri Fagerstrom. Unable to walk with the larger group that assembled in Nome, the crew walked in countryside north of Nome.

**WHERE DO I SIGN?** (above)—Jana Varratti on the left fills out her “in honor of...” form for the walk as Linda Maack helps direct others. Rita Hukill, Sherry Nayokpuk ahmuking Sherilyn Anderson, 8 months old, and Elizabeth Murphy also fill in some forms.

**IN HONOR OF!** (right)—Ellen Baige walks in honor of her daughter Sharon who has battled with cancer.

## Nome isn't crazy, that really is a green bike

By Anna Hahn

Nome has seen his bright yellow apparel, heard his foreign engine, stared at his...bike, and some have even ventured to look him in the eye and strike a conversation. Who... or rather what is this guy, and what the heck is he doing in (and out) of town?

Dr. Gregory Frazier is a man who suffers greatly from a disease (commonly known around Germany) as wanderlust. It's an addiction, need, as well as impulse to wander, travel, and explore.

“I remember in the 1970s, there was a poster of a fellow — he had ridden a motorcycle from Alaska to Argentina. That gave me the curiosity,” admitted Frazier.

There is a map beside Frazier's bed, and for more than 10 years he has been looking at Nome and realizing that there are three roads leading out of the town.

The history of the Gold Rush, Wyatt Earp, the Red Light District, and historical population sizes also drew him to the city.

He is currently in Nome touring the roads and will write approximately six articles throughout the next two years, all in reference to Nome and its road systems.

“I have a motorcycle here that is made for a combo of road and off road biking,” said Frazier.

This is approximately the 24th trip the motorcyclist had made to Alaska and first one to Nome.

When he travels he keeps no formal diary or journal, but rather a collection of notes (ex: the price of gas per gallon, the amount of a hotel

room, food and drinks). He also confessed that he tends not to write books on the road but rather back home in Denver, Colorado.

The clothes Frazier wears are almost all made by GOR-TEX, down to the gloves. The bright yellow jacket he wears is for protection and to be visible.

“I've been hit by a vehicle four times while riding and all four times the other driver said they didn't see me. With this [jacket] on, it's hard for them to say that,” said Frazier.

Frazier added that while he is here he will take between 2,000 and 3,000 photographs and that he wishes people would stop to talk to him.

“When I look at the trips around the world that I've made, it's not so much the places I remember, but the people that I meet and remember more.”



Photo by Anna Hahn

**GREEN MACHINE**—Dr. Gregory Frazier, a motorcyclist, journalist and author is touring Nome's road systems in order to satisfy his wanderlust.



## Relay For Life

*Celebrate. Remember. Fight Back.*

## Nomeites walk to fight cancer

by Nancy McGuire

It was cool and a brisk wind blew in off the Bering Sea but that didn't stop a group of about 40 Nomeites who put on their parkas and walked the East End Loop from the picnic shelter, up the Bypass Road and back Saturday afternoon. They walked to show their support for the battle against cancer.

The walk was part of the Relay for Life to raise funds for the American Cancer Society and the local cancer support group, the Arctic ICANS.

Cancer impacts the lives of many. It touches many friends, family members and individuals in all walks of life. Nomeites had a chance to walk in honor of folks who are currently battling cancer and in memory

of those who died from cancer.

When walkers completed the route they were treated to some hot dogs, sandwiches and soft drinks and got a chance to share stories and keep warm. In addition to the walk in town, several Nomeites decided to do the Relay at Salmon Lake. They did not have to battle the wind and the sun was in full glory.



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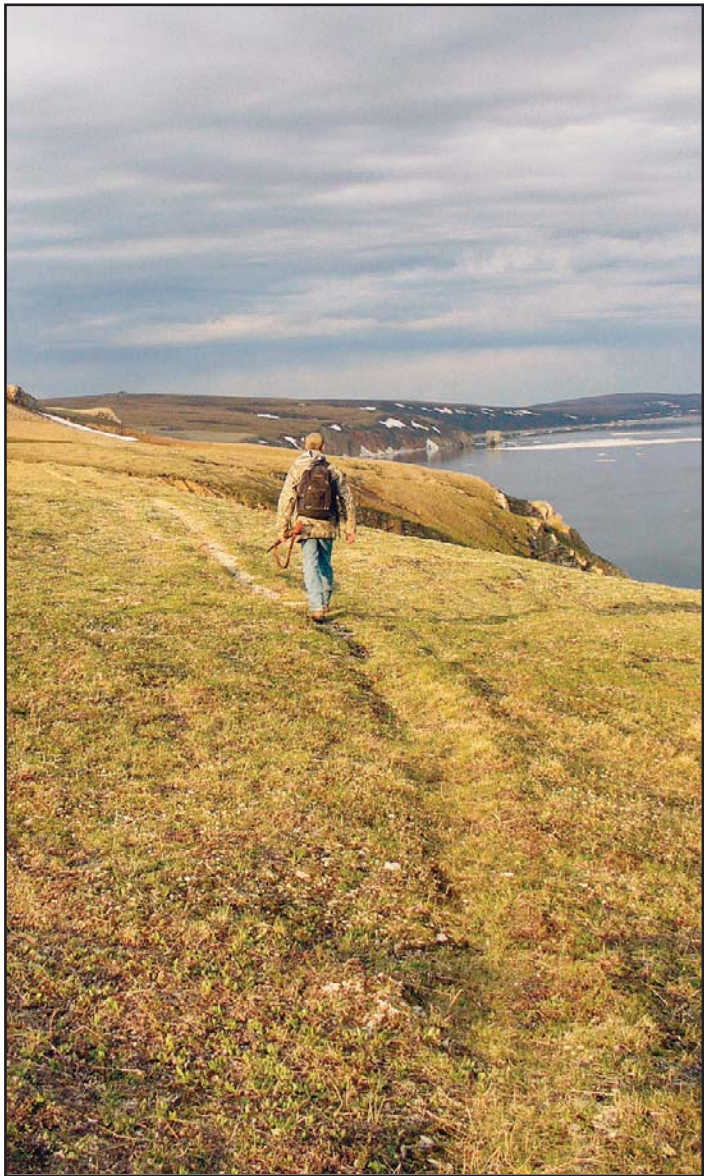


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**SCENIC STROLL** (top, left)—Kirk Reynolds walks the picturesque coastal animal trail at Bluff east of Nome on a recent outing.

**RUNNING REINDEER** (top, right)—A group of reindeer runs alongside the Nome-Council Highway near Cape Nome.

**LIFT-OFF** (above)—Swans take wing near Safety on a recent overcast day.

**PRETTY PUFFINS** (left)—Two puffins peek out of their rocky perch along the cliffs that line the bluff area east of Nome.

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# Supreme Court sides with Hageland pilots

By Sandra L. Medearis

The Alaska Supreme Court this month upheld a Superior Court ruling that Hageland Aviation does indeed owe a class of pilots overtime pay, clearing the way for the pilots to collect \$1.6 million in back pay and damages.

The 23 former and then-current pilots for the air service, led by former pilot John Harms, brought a class action suit in 2002 for unpaid overtime wages due them according to the Alaska Wage and Hour Act. The pilots generally worked a 14-hour day, court documents said.

Subsequently, two legislative actions sought to support the "vulnerable rural air transport industry" by making the lawsuit go away and chilling future similar suits. These acts went against the Alaska Constitution, the lower court found.

When the Legislature amended the labor law in 2003 to exempt pilots from the act's overtime pay section, Hageland moved to dismiss the 2002 lawsuit.

The Alaska Superior Court Judge Peter Michalski ruled in 2004 that the change exempting airlines from paying the pilots overtime could apply only from the effective date of July 16, 2003. Legislative action then amended the law in 2005 to make the 2003 change retroactive to 2000. Hageland again filed to be excused from paying the overtime. At the same time, the pilots argued that the retroactive exemption in a number of ways went against the state and federal constitutions. The Superior Court again went with the pilots.

Michalski declared the legislative action making the exemption retroactive to 2000 violated a "takings" and "contract" clause of the Alaska Constitution, and violated the

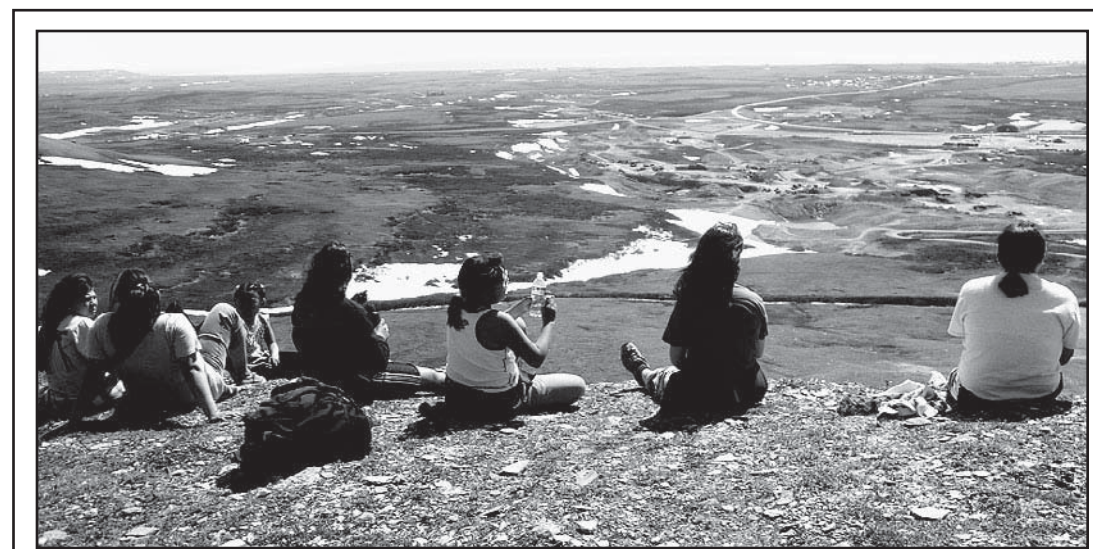
federal constitution.

The Superior Court reasoned that Hageland's practice of docking pilots' pay for partial day absences violated state labor department rules against salaries of employees not paid overtime being reduced because of varying work loads, therefore the pilots were the class of non-exempt employees that get overtime pay for extra hours.

The Superior Court said the legislative actions caused a financial loss to the pilots. Additionally, it said the legislation impaired the contractual relationship between the pilots and Hageland. It also went against the state constitution that forbids private property being taken for public use (supporting the fragile air transport industry) without just compensation. In 2007 the parties agreed on damages of \$1.6 million and a final judgment was entered.

Hageland and executives Michael Hageland and James Tweto appealed to the Supreme Court, arguing that there was no loss to the pilots—that they had not expected overtime and did not rely on it. Hageland further argued that the contract that was affected—the payment of overtime according to state law—was not infringed. On June 5, the high court upheld Michalski's ruling.

In supporting the legislation—HB 171 and SB 105—applying the overtime compensation exemption to flight crews, committee meeting minutes cite several air commuter executives saying in March 2005 they paid flight crews fair wages and that paying straight time prevented pilots from pushing weather and safety considerations to get overtime pay. Bruce McGlasson, at the time president and owner of Grant Aviation, said his company paying a daily rate encouraged safety because on a



## Summer fun with Nome Eskimo Community

**TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN (above)**—A group of young hikers rest after climbing to the top up Anvil Mountain June 12.

**SEAL WORK (right)**—Rena Sparks, 12, cuts blubber off of a small seal hide in the Nome Eskimo Community Trigg Hall.



Photos courtesy of Nome Eskimo Community

daily rate, pilots were paid whether they flew or not. Paying an hourly rate gave pilots an incentive to fly when they should not fly. Several pilots, including Brett Harris of Hageland Aviation, said the daily lump pay rate was fair and encouraged safety. Bob Hadjukovich of Fron-

tier Aviation, in supporting SB 105, told legislators that pilots in Alaska are compensated very well compared to those flying in other parts of the country, so the lawsuits against Hageland surprised him.

Another Hageland pilot, Jason Wilson, told legislators that pilots

flying Cessna 207s made \$90 per flying hour and that some pilots for Hageland made as much as \$150 per flight hour. In 2004, there were very few days when pilots exceeded 10 hours of flight time, Wilson said, and he and many other pilots did not feel a need to be paid overtime.

# Two grants to fund three new school jobs

By Tyler Rhodes

The school district has received a grant funding two teachers who will work with students before they ever pass through the doors of the elementary school.

Under the Alaska Pilot Pre-Kindergarten Program, Nome Public Schools will receive \$219,539 to provide and support the program at the Nome Preschool and Kawerak Head Start during the next school year. The grant is renewable for the 2010-2011 school year.

According to district business manager Jenny Martens, the funding will cover the salaries of the two certified early childhood education

teachers, student transportation, supplies and professional development for the two teachers. "It's well-rounded and covers all the aspects of doing this program," Martens said.

The program has the teachers working with the students on a 10-1 ratio.

Martens told the Nome Board of Education at its June 23 work session that the collaboration between the Nome Preschool and Head Start programs helped the district score high in the competitive grant process.

While the two teachers will be working in buildings outside of the district, they will considered Nome Public Schools employees. Despite

that fact, the children with whom the new teachers will work will not be counted toward the district's enrollment, an important factor in the amount of state funding it receives.

The district has also received a \$49,000 grant to hire a new employee and host a mentoring program. The funding from the Alaska Staff Development Network previously went to the Big Brother Big Sister program. While the organization receiving the funds has changed, the mission of the program has not. The new hire will work to match children in the fourth through eighth grades with an adult who can act as a mentor and friend to the student.

"It's a completely wonderful opportunity," Superintendent Jon Wehde told the Nome Board of Education at the work session. "This came at a

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Decision on Unalakleet baby starvation death due

**By Sandra L. Medearis**  
The Alaska Supreme Court staff have reported an appeal involving a baby starved to death in 2003 “ripe for a decision” on whether the lower courts properly denied the father an acquittal in response to earlier appeals.  
Heather Takak and Frank R. Johnson in separate trials were found guilty of starving Christina N. Johnson until she died at a Unalakleet clinic on Nov. 17, 2003.  
A grand jury indicted Takak on the first-degree murder charge at the end of May 2004, and indicted the baby’s father, Frank R. Johnson, on second-degree murder. In a trial held in Unalakleet, a jury found Johnson guilty of manslaughter. Johnson filed for acquittal, saying the state did not

prove its case in that the jury attributed the death to the wrong cause. Nome court judge Ben Esch denied Johnson an acquittal, but said he could have a new trial.  
Takak worked out a plea deal that dropped the charge from murder to manslaughter. She drew a sentence of 20 years in August 2006 and went to Hiland Correctional for manslaughter after her daughter died in a state of starvation and with fresh head injuries from her mother throwing her on the floor. At issue in Johnson’s verdict was whether the baby died from the injuries or from starvation.  
The state Court of Appeals accepted Johnson’s trial and verdict for review, but it ruled against Johnson and Esch, ruling out a new trial and

ordering Johnson to be sentenced on the verdict of manslaughter.  
Johnson then appealed to the Alaska Superior Court. Court documents show that on June 10 all briefs have been filed and oral arguments presented in Johnson’s appeal.  
Pending the outcome of his case, Johnson lived in third party custody situations and at the Seaside Center where he held a job in town. However, in early 2008 in a separate case, Johnson was found in violation of release conditions and jailed.  
The prosecutor in the cases, Rick Svobodny, said Takak had earned the full sentence—20 years— for manslaughter because of aggravating factors—the baby was less than a year old and extremely vulnerable because she could not escape or ask

for help, and the additional factor that Takak and the victim belonged to the same social unit living under the same roof. Another child in the home, a five-year-old son, received nutrition and care.  
“It is just inexplicable, why Ms. Takak is taking care of one child and not another, and why in a fit of anger she throws a baby to the ground because she is mad at the person she lives with,” Svobodny said.  
Takak and Johnson took Christina N. Johnson to the Unalakleet clinic early on Nov. 17, 2003 because, they said, she had trouble breathing. The baby died at the clinic, weighing 7.67 pounds, according to late state Chief Medical Examiner Franc Fallico. In July 2005 at the father’s trial, village health aides testified that in the clinic

that morning, Christina looked like a three-month-old child.  
An autopsy found evidence from the baby’s remains that she had starved and had injuries to her head within several days of her death.  
In a statement to an investigating Alaska State Trooper, Takak said she had not fed Christina and had dropped her twice intentionally in the bedroom of the couple’s Unalakleet home.  
“I dropped her on purpose. I was in the bedroom. I dropped her twice,” Takak said according to a trooper statement admitted to the court record.  
Throughout the case, Svobodny argued Johnson had neglected the welfare of his daughter and should have foreseen that Takak would harm the baby.

*Photo by Denise Olin*  
**REINDEER LOVE PIZZA**— Velvet Eyes, pet reindeer of Carl and Ginny Emmons makes short work of her pizza at the bebefit pizza eating contest at Airport Pizza last week. The event raised money for the Nome Children’s Home. Velvet Eyes says she does not care for anchovies.



Just to let you know that your love and support during this difficult time is so greatly appreciated. Quyanna to the ANMC staff, (Retired Pastor) Henry Pearson for his prayer, singing at Mom’s bedside by Hannah Takak, the Amaktoolik’s (Bernice & Marie), the many visitors of friends and family, Davis Nashalook for the beautiful visual pictures, Emory Nashalook for guidance and participation, the welcome at the Anchorage First Covenant church, Pastor Max Lopez-Cepero, Anchorage parishioners for their help with the potluck and cleaning of the church, the singing (Isabelle Millet & others), Lewis Nakarak (kind words & song), Rachel Dimmick for her joyous words and song for her best friend, Anchorage BSNC staff for assistance with the funeral program, flowers, potluck, Gail Anagick, Ryan Schubert, and Bruce Hellenga.  
Quyanna to the Unalakleet Covenant church, Pastor Chip Swanson & family, parishioners and community members for their potluck, singing, handmade cross, casket cover, grave digging, transportation in the community, hospitality, airfares, a special thank you to the City of Unalakleet, Unalakleet Native Corp., Norton Sound Sled Dog Association, Covenant Womens’ group in Unalakleet (Linda Towarak, Betty Oyoumick, Donna Erickson, to name a few) and all those who contributed to the Unalakleet service, the Towarak family, Tim Towarak, Annabelle & Dave Cunningham, Terry Katongan and crew , Velma & Merlin Johnson, Herb & Heidi Ivanoff, Jay Fraytag , Olga Oyoumick , uncle Lehman Nashalook, Lila Nashalook and Richard Guidry, Native Village of Shaktoolik, City of Shaktoolik, Betty Kay Jackson, Uncle Ernie Sagoonick, and the support and prayers of numerous friends and relatives.  
Lenora’s warm and welcoming smile, the kindness she showed unto others will be missed by the many lives she touched - may our memories of her remain in our hearts forever. To those that were unable to attend her service and burial, know that Lenora and her family understands why you could not be there and she would not want you to feel sad about it but to keep her memory alive how she treated you and would want you to treat others that way in your lives. We know that Mom [Lenora] would have been more than appreciative to all of you.  
On behalf of our family, we thank you.  
Gratefully yours,  
Fred Sagoonick and family, Norma Nashalook and family, Eileen Aldrich and family.

*Church Services Directory*

**Bible Baptist Church Service Schedule, 443-2144**  
Sunday School 10 a.m./Worship Hour 11 a.m.

**Community Baptist Church-SBC**  
108 West Third, 443-5448  
Small Group Bible Study 10 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
Pastor Bruce Landry

**Community United Methodist**  
2nd Ave. West, 443-2865  
Sunday 11 a.m. Worship  
Tuesday 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

**Thrift Shop** — Tuesday & Thursday 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

**Nome Covenant Church**  
101 Bering St. 443-2565 • Pastor Harvey  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m./Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Wednesday: Fellowship Meal 5:30 p.m./Ladies’ Bible Study, Mens’ Fraternity & Children’s Choir 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday: Youth Group 7 p.m. (call 443-7218 for location)  
Friday: Community Soup Kitchen 6 - 7 p.m.

**Our Savior Lutheran Church**  
5th & Bering, 443-5295  
Morning Worship 11 a.m.

**River of Life Assembly of God, 443-5333**  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m.  
Wednesday Night Service 6:30 p.m.

**St. Joseph Catholic Church, 443-5527**  
Corner of Steadman and Kings Place  
Mass Schedule: Saturday 5:30 p.m./Sunday 10:30 a.m.

**Seventh-Day Adventist (Icy View), 443-5137**  
Saturday Sabbath School 10 a.m.  
Saturday Morning Worship 11 a.m.

**Nome Church of Nazarene**  
3rd & Division, 443-2805  
Sunday: Prayer Meeting 9:30 a.m./Sunday School 9:45 a.m./Worship Service 11 a.m.

**Wake Up To The Breakfast Club!**

Join Lon Swanson on the Breakfast Club for News, Weather and Sports each weekday morning from 7 to 9 AM. On Fridays, listen for the Riddle Machine for a chance to win a solar powered radio. Find out what happened in our world overnight...and what’s coming up for the day. It’s like a fresh, hot cup of coffee with The Breakfast Club!



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**AM-850**



# CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

Deadline is noon Monday • (907) 443-5235 • Fax (907) 443-5112 e-mail [ads@nomenugget.com](mailto:ads@nomenugget.com)

## For Sale

## Construction Equipment

Alaska Mechanical Inc. (AMI) has recently completed its Rock Creek Mine and Norton Sound Storage Projects in Nome, AK. We are offering our fleet of equipment for sale. Equipment includes: Pick-up trucks, forklifts, loader, backhoe, man lifts, generators, welders, totem heaters, office trailers, skid steers, tactor & trailer, boom truck, service truck, bus and much more. Representatives are in town for approximately 2 weeks. Please call 218-358-0260 Skinny, AMI civil superintendent or 907-304-3223 Glenn, AMI foreman for prices and information.

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ULTRALITE FOR SALE—Powered Hand Glider 503 Rotax motor B.R.S., Ski's and Wheels \$ 5,000.00 will negotiate Daniel 907-634-1005 7/2-9-16-23

FOR SALE —Case Wheel Loader; in Nome 1983 W24C, \$21,000 Call 907-771-2305 6/25 tfn

## Seawall

6/22 A Nome juvenile received citations for Failure to Stop and Driving an ATV Without a Valid License.

6/26 Ian Stimpfle, DOB: 11/20/85, received a citation for Expired registration.

6/27 Kenneth Smith, DOB: 11/22/87, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault in the 4th Degree, Domestic Violence.

6/29 Jonathan Weyiouanna, DOB: 4/12/66, received a citation for Endangering the Welfare of a Child.

During this reporting period we had two persons transported to the hospital for a Title 47, Protective Custody Hold.

## Real Estate

SALE— Income property. 16 units- contiguous lots. Good cash flow. Always rented. \$864,000. Owner will finance with large down. (907) 304 1105 – (509) 445-3944 6/11-18-25-7/2

INVESTMENT PROPERTY — 2 story duplex - appx 1900 sq ft (on two City lots) Close to Port of Nome and town on Seppala Drive Now being re-modeled "AS is" fixer-upper price - \$195M (360) 891-4553 7/2 tfn

## NOME SWEET HOMES!

Melissa K. Ford-Realtor®

New Frontier Realty



### NEW ICY VIEW LISTING!

If you are looking for quality, this house is the one for you! Have your morning coffee from any of the three decks, enjoy your afternoon tea in the large cozy living room, relax after work by the woodstove in the giant multimedia room.

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### WOW! 3BR AT THIS PRICE????

207 W 4TH Avenue - \$120,000

3BR w/10 Acres – 5 min from town!

Shop, Greenhouse, MiniBarn \$370,000

OCEAN FRONT PROPERTY – 2BR

Large living area w/vaulted ceilings, loft,

Heated & plumbed shop; detached rental unit

1002 Front Street - \$370,000

4BR/2BA IN QUIET SUBDIVISION

Easy access to bike path and trails!

1710 Nome-Teller Highway - \$270,000

YOU CAN'T AFFORD NOT TO BUY!

Cute downtown 2br home w/yard!

Easy to qualify!!! Payments as low as \$550 per month!

216 W 2nd Avenue - \$122,000

3br home with 1br guest house

Greenhouse, shed, large lot

405 E Tobuk Alley - \$245,000

4br/1ba, 7000sq ft lot

404 East 5th Ave. - \$156,000

Duplex – Remodeled owner's unit!

111 W. 3rd Avenue - \$212,000

2br/1.5ba w/garage & studio apartment

803 E 3rd Avenue - \$259,000

2br/1ba, full sized lot, low fuel usagel

Sunroom!

206 East Kings Place - \$149,000

## Employment

**Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation (NSEDCC)** is currently recruiting for a **Community Development Coordinator (CDC)**. The CDC is responsible for assisting in the implementation of all programs and services administered by the Community Benefits Department while encouraging and supporting sustainable development projects within the Norton Sound Region. Qualifications: Undergraduate degree from an accredited university is preferred. Year for year applicable experience can be substituted for degree requirement. Experience in staff supervision, budgeting, program management, and grant writing is preferred. Must be a resident of the Norton Sound region and proficient with computers and associated technology. Closing Date: Open Until Filled.

NSEDCC offers a competitive salary and excellent benefits package. Please see our website to view the full job description and to download the application at [www.nsedcc.com](http://www.nsedcc.com) or contact Camille Cruz, HR Director, (800) 650-2248. Qualified individuals should submit their application, resume and cover letter to: NSEDCC, 420 L Street, Suite 310, Anchorage, AK 99501. Telephone: (907) 274-2248 and Fax: (907) 274-2249. 6/11-18-25; 7/2

**Kawerak Administration – Extended Recruitment Notice –starting 6/25/09 open until filled.** DEPARTMENT:Administration JOB TITLE: **Beringia Museum Culture and Science Project Director** POSITION STATUS: Regular, Full Time EXEMPT STATUS: Non Exempt LOCATION: Nome, Alaska PAY SCALE GRADE: 16 - 17 – 18 – 19(\$27.91-38.64) REPORTS TO:Senior Planner QUALIFICATIONS: 1) Four years of planning experience or college education on a year for year basis in museum/cultural center studies and/or cultural documentation.

2) Effective writing, budgeting, research and communication skills. 3) Experience with complex projects with construction involved. 4) Experience in fundraising from the private sector including individuals, foundations, corporations and major donors. 5) Knowledge of public process, design and construction. 6) Knowledge of the Bering Strait Region people and history highly desirable. 7) Ability to work well with others and under pressure. 8) Strong computer skills using Microsoft Word, Excel, Power Point & data base systems. 9) Must be willing to travel extensively to villages and outside the region. Native Preference per Public Law 93-638. Interested individuals may contact Human Resources with questions at 907-443-5231. Applications can be accessed via Kawerak's website at [www.kawerak.org](http://www.kawerak.org) or by contacting Human Resources at 907-443-5231. Applications may be faxed to Kawerak Human Resources at 907-443-4443 or sent via email to [personnel@kawerak.org](mailto:personnel@kawerak.org). Thank you. 7/2-9

**KAWERAK POSITION DESCRIPTION** DEPARTMENT: Administration JOB TITLE: **Tribal Coordinator** POSITION STATUS:Regular, Full Time EXEMPT STATUS: Non-Exempt PAY SCALE GRADE: 9-10-11 REPORTS TO: Tribal Affairs Director **BRIEF SUMMARY OF JOB RESPONSIBILITIES:** 1. Provide administrative support at the local level to facilitate information exchange and delivery of services. 2. Assume responsibility for day to day operations of the office for Tribal Council. Compose letters and answer routine correspondence, type reports, complete and monitor grant applications, assist in

gathering information on the needs of tribal members at the local level and forward above information to Kawerak and other organizations for inclusion in region-wide planning efforts. 3. May serve as financial officer for the Native Village and submit reports as required. 4. Establish and maintain local filing system and office procedures. 5. Receive visitors, answer telephones and disseminate information. 6. Assume the primary responsibility to ensure that Tribal enrollments are kept up to date. 7. Schedule meetings and conferences for Tribal Council. Record and transcribe minutes for all Tribal Council meetings. 8. May serve as Tribal Court clerk and as such assists in the drafting and coding of Tribal ordinances. 9. Provides staff support to the local Elder's Committee. 10. Other duties as assigned by the Tribal Council President.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** 1.High school diploma or G.E.D. equivalent. 2.Two years previous secretarial, administrative, or supervisory experience. 3.Must be able to type. Computer experience highly desirable. 4.Strong organizational, oral and written communication skills. 5.Must be able to work well with the public. Native Preference per Public Law 93-638. (Approval 12-3-98) 7/2

## Trooper Beat

On June 14, at 12:30 p.m., AST received a report from a female reporting that her husband, Douglas Seidelmann had broken items inside the residence while intoxicated and was scared that she and her child would be injured by him. AST responded but Douglas Seidelmann had fled the residence prior to AST's arrival. Douglas Seidelmann was arrested several days later on a warrant for the charges of DV Assault in the Fourth Degree and Reckless Endangerment.

On June 20, at about 2:30 a.m., a 33-year old female resident of Nunum Iqua contacted Kotlik Police Department reporting a boat travelling from Saint Michael to Nunum Iqua was overdue. The boat, carrying five adults and six children left Saint Michael at about 6:00 p.m. on June 19, and was to have arrived in Nunum Iqua by 1:00 a.m. at the latest. Kotlik Search and Rescue was authorized and an AST Alaska Wildlife Trooper from Saint Mary's was requested to fly from Emmonak to Saint Michael. On June 20, at about 3:00 p.m., the boat was located in Kotlik and all the passengers were fine. The boat experienced engine problems.

On June 20, at about 4:45 a.m., Stebbins VPOs were requested to assist with a 26-year old female. Upon responding, the VPO observed John D. Merculief Jr. choking the female while she was on the ground. Merculief Jr. was arrested for Assault III, domestic violence, and telephonically arraigned.

On June 20, Nome Alaska Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Enforcement contacted Janice Rookok, 44, of Savoonga, at a local air carrier in Nome. Incident to contact, one 750ml bottle and one 375ml bottle of alcohol were seized from the restroom trashcan after Rookok exited. Rookok admitted that she hid the alcohol in the trash. Charges will be forwarded to Office of Special Prosecutions and Appeals.

On June 20, Nome ABADE located a suspicious mail parcel headed to Savoonga. Consent was given to search the box and seven 750ml bottles of alcohol were seized as evidence. Investigation continues.

On June 21, at 2:30 a.m., AST received a report of a domestic disturbance in Savoonga. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Robin Booshu, 23, of Gambell, for Assault 4. Booshu was remanded to AMCC.

On June 21, at about 6:18 a.m., Nome Police Department dispatch received a report from a 57-year-old male who said his truck was stolen from the Dexter Roadhouse. Subsequent to ASTs investigation, Charlene Elianna, 20, of Nome, was arrested for Vehicle Theft I, Driving Under the Influence, Driving with a Revoked License, Habitual Minor Consuming and Probation Violation. Elianna was transported to AMCC where she was lodged with no bail.

On June 21, at 12:20 p.m., Village Public Safety Officer John Peratrovich contacted Wagner Wongittilin, 49, of Savoonga, on Front Street in Nome. Investigation shows Wongittilin consumed alcohol in violation of his probation. Wongittilin was arrested for Probation Violation and remanded to AMCC.

On June 22, at 5:47 a.m., AST received a report of an assault in the village of Teller. AST re-

sponded to Teller and investigation lead to the arrest of David Soolook Jr., 46, of Teller, for assaulting his girlfriend. Investigation also determined that Soolook had possessed a firearm while intoxicated. Soolook Jr. was arrested and transported to Nome where he was arraigned on two

counts of Assault in the third degree and one count of Misconduct Involving a weapon fourth degree.

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## NOME PUBLIC SCHOOLS CLASSIFIED JOB VACANCIES

Nome Public Schools has the following job vacancies for the 2009 - 2010 school year. All are open until filled.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION PARAPROFESSIONAL - (3) positions** - Must have High School Diploma with two or more years of college preferred. Previous successful experience working with students having special needs/behavior difficulties. Assist special needs students with homework, assigned classroom work and testing.

Term: Permanent seasonal summer off Schedule: 24 - 30 hours/week

Salary: \$16.23 - \$24.48/hour DOE

**PERSONNEL OFFICER - District Wide** - Bachelors Degree preferred. Experience working in Personnel/Human Resources or related field required. A minimum of five years working in office environment required. Experience in general use of computers; proficiency with work processing, spreadsheets, and other related systems. Excellent communication skills, both oral and written. Duties include supervise the general administrative processes and activities related to the district's personnel functions, ensuring compliance with state and local statues and ordinances, school board policy, and collective bargaining agreements. Assists the Superintendent in daily routine matters of the school district and school board activities. Develops and coordinates the recruitment process for classified/certified employees. Attends school board meetings and prepares official minutes.

Term: Permanent Full-time/12 months Salary: Exempt Salary - \$50,000 DOE

Detailed job descriptions are available at the district personnel office, **443-2231** or Email Cynthia Gray at [cgray@nomeschools.com](mailto:cgray@nomeschools.com).

Nome Public Schools is an EEO Employer

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## Looking for a new best friend or an addition to the family?

Grubby says, “get over to the animal shelter and see which of my friends want to go home with you.” His friends are waiting for you, call to make an appointment today.

Adopt a pet and get a **FREE** bag of dog/cat food from Doctor Leedy and the *Nome Kennel Club*. Dog food, cat food, cat litter and other donations are always welcome at the Nome Animal Shelter!



Grubby

Nome Animal Control & Adopt-A-Pet • 443.5212 or 443.5262



**Arctic ICANS —**  
*A nonprofit cancer survivor support group.*

## Arctic ICANS next meeting

The Nome Cancer support group will meet at the XYZ Center on

**Thursday, July 2 • 7:30 p.m.**

*Regular Meeting*

For more information call 443-5726.



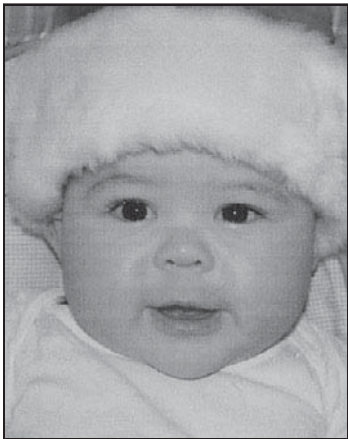
# All Around the Sound

## New Arrivals

Kyle Lee Crump and Janis Menadelook of Nome announce the birth of their son **Noah Lee "Menadelook" Crump**. Noah was born on Friday June 12 at 8:00 p.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage.

Noah weighed 9 pounds and 2 ounces and was 21 inches in length. Family members present included: Great grandmother Elvira Baquerizo, grandmother Rocio Baquerizo, uncle Robert Kunayak, great aunts Maria Brezden and Alex Foster, and second cousin Lauren Foster.

Late announcement of new arrival



Michael V. English

**Michael V. English, Jr.**, born August 2, 2008 to Mr. and Mrs. Eda Keller English and Spc. Michael V. English. Michael's tribal name is Ahnganguaq and Tiqgi Mom, Eda, is from Nome; Michael's father is a Medec (and a blackbelt) serving in the United States Army and is from Olongapo City, Philippines. Paternal grandparents are the late Vincent English from Miami, Florida and Aida English of Olongapo City. Maternal grandparents are Louise Keller Bauman and Brent Bauman of Nome and Frank Katchatag of Unalakleet.

Nora Ruby Brown-Douglas and Raymond Clyde Douglas, Jr. of White Mountain, announce the birth of their daughter **Eva Rose Lily**



Eva Rose Lily Douglas

## Legals

### NOTICE OF DEFAULT — SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

A foreclosure sale will be held **August 13, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.** in the lobby at the main front entrance, Nome Superior Court, at the Federal Building, Front Street, Nome, AK of the Deed of Trust recorded August 1, 2002, as Instrument No. 2002-000701-0, Nome Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska, as a lien against real property described as: Lots 2 and 3 and the East 40 feet of Lot 4, Block 'G', according to the official November 24, 1934 map of the TOWNSITE OF NOME; Records of the Nome Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska; which has a street address of 100 Front Street, Nome, AK 99762. Trustor/Record Owner Stanley Sobocienski, individually and as surviving spouse of Valerie Sobocienski, as to Lot 2; Stanley Sobocienski as to Lot 3 and the East 40 feet of Lot 4, have breached the obligation for which the Deed of Trust is security: failure to make payments when due under the Deed of Trust. Beneficiary, Wells Fargo Bank Alaska, National Association, is owed the principal amount of \$55,576.81, plus interest at the current rate of 8.25% (the interest rate is subject to change from time to time based on changes in an index which is the floating rate equal to the Prime Rate set from time to time by Wells Fargo Bank plus 2.5 percentage points above the index) per annum from December 14, 2008, plus costs, fees, and other charges incurred or advanced thereafter. The Trustee elects to sell the property and to apply the proceeds against the obligation. Trustee reserves the right to postpone the sale, set a minimum bid, submit an offset bid, and establish other bidding procedures at the sale. Questions should be directed to the Law Offices of GROH EGGERS, LLC, 2600 Cordova Street, Suite 110, Anchorage, AK 99503, phone (907) 562-6474.

Yukon Title Company, Inc., Trustee  
Dated: 5/11/09  
By: Cathy Shuttleworth  
6/11-18-25; 7/2

### Notice

Nome Eskimo Community (NEC), a federally recognized Tribe, is requesting proposals from qualified firms and individuals for the provision of audit services. Interested firms and individuals must submit written proposals to NEC so that they are received, in person or by mail, on or before the close of business on Friday, October 30, 2009. The audit services will be for a three-year period beginning with the fiscal year ending December 31, 2009 through fiscal year ending December 31, 2011. All services are to be in accordance with 24 CFR Part 44, the Single Audit Act. In accordance with Federal regulations, Indian Preference in the selection process shall apply.

For more information contact Debra Evans at (907) 443-2246 or email at [debraevans@gci.net](mailto:debraevans@gci.net).  
6/11-18-25; 7/2

### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

#### IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

**ERNIE W. BUTTS,**  
Deceased.

Case No. 2no-08-21 PR

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given Gary D. Butts has been appointed personal representative of the above-entitled estate. All persons having claims against said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to Gary D. Butts, c/o Lewis & Thomas, P.C., Box 61, Nome, Alaska 99762, or filed with this Court at P.O. Box 1110, Nome, Alaska 99762.

DATED this 12th day of June, 2009.  
Robert D. Lewis, Attorney for Gary D. Butts  
Personal Representative, Box 61, Nome, AK 99762  
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#### Public Posting Notice of Statement of Potential Conflict of Interest

Per the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) NAHASDA regulations, specifically section 25 CFR 1000.30-1000.36, the Tribe must publicly disclose when an individual directly affiliated with the organization has qualified and been selected to receive financial assistance through the NAHASDA program.

A Potential Conflict of Interest is being disclosed to: a Nome Eskimo Community employee has applied for and met the requirements for participating in the NEC Indian Housing Buy Down Assistance Program.

This employee of Nome Eskimo Community has met all the requirements for participation in the Nome Eskimo Community Housing Program, which consists of the following criteria:

- Met the low-income guidelines published by HUD
- Please be advised that any public comments must be received at the Nome Eskimo Community office within 10 (ten) calendar days of the initial date of this posting. All conflict of interest comments must be in a sealed envelope, addressed as "Conflict of Interest Comment." Comments that are received will be reviewed at the next regularly scheduled Nome Eskimo Community meeting. Nome Eskimo Community will not consider any comment received after the end of this ten (10) day comment period.

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## • More Trooper Beat

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On June 22, at 10:25 a.m., AST received a report of three overdue travelers in Gambell. Ground search teams from Gambell and Savoonga are currently deployed on the south side of Saint Lawrence Island.

On June 22, at 11:20 a.m., Village Public Safety Officer Lucas Stotts received a report of vandalism at the Shaktoolik School. Several suspects have been identified. Investigation continues.

On June 22, at 2:30 p.m., VPSO Stotts received a report of homebrew manufacturing at a Shaktoolik residence. Subsequent investigation led to the seizure of several gallons of homebrew. Lila Bonilla, 43, of Shaktoolik, was charged with Manufacturing Alcohol.

On June 22, at 7:35 p.m., St. Michael health aides contacted Nome AST to report a death in the village. Health aides reported that a female juvenile was deceased. AST is responding to investigate the incident. No further information will be released at this time pending investigation.

On June 23, at 5:40 p.m., Unalakleet AST and the Unalakleet Police Department forced entry into the house of Louis Mischa Tucker, 66, of Unalakleet, as a welfare check had been requested as he had not been seen in several days. Inside the house Tucker was found deceased. The SME was contacted and released the body for burial. Next-of-kin have been notified.

On June 24, at about 11:00 a.m., Kenneth D. Shoogukruk, 50, of White Mountain, was arrested on a \$10,000 warrant, 2NO-09-371CR, original charges 2 counts of Sexual Assault II, 2 counts Sexual Abuse of a Minor II and one count of Harassment II. Shoogukruk was transported to Nome where he was lodged at AMCC.

On June 24, at approximately 7:30 p.m., James Walunga, 29, of Gambell, was arrested for Assault III DV and Probation Violation after the investigation revealed that he had assaulted a woman and consumed alcohol in violation of his probation. Walunga was transported to AMCC.

On June 26, at 9:00 a.m., Aaron Hunt, 19, of Kotlik was arrested in Stebbins by VPO Delbert Acoman after the Stebbins Police Department received information that Aaron Hunt had a warrant for his arrest. The original charges were Misconduct involving Weapons in the Fourth Degree.

On June 26, at 11:52 a.m., AST received a report of a sexual assault that occurred in the Norton Sound region. Information is being withheld pending further investigation.

**Douglas**, born June 22, at 4:25 a.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. She weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces and was 21" in length. Siblings are Jessica, Leslie and Beau Brown; Venessa Koonooka, Clyde, Kitty and Raymond Douglas III. Maternal grandparents are Jake and Rose Titus of White Mountain. Paternal grandparents the late Raymond Sr. and Clara Douglas of Koyuk.

Cecelia A. Long and Isaiah T. Snowball of Saint Michael announce the birth of their son **Trevor Thomas Alex Long**, born June 19, at 12:26 p.m. He weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces, and was 19.5" in length. His sister is Madison Kaylyn Long, 1. Maternal grandparents are Danny and Mary Long of Nome; and paternal grandparents are Hilary and Alma Snowball of Saint Michael.

Dolly M. Eningowuk and Freddy F. Saccheus of Shishmaref announce the birth of their son **Delbert Ian Levi Eningowuk**, born June 22, at 8:47 p.m. He weighed 8 pounds, 3 ounces and was 20" in length. Maternal grandparents are Fred and Frieda Eningowuk of Shishmaref. Paternal grandmother is Bessie Saccheus of Elim.

### Innovative Technology

Washington, D.C. — A project by students from Bering Strait School District in Unalakleet is one of 15 displays from across the U.S. being showcased at the Library of Congress in a far-reaching exhibit on innovative uses of technology in education taking place as part of the International Society for Technology in Education National Educational

Computing Conference (NECC), June 28 to July 1. The showcase highlights everything from digital citizenship to games that help teach science and includes the exhibit by Unalakleet students, which is titled the iDitaProject.

"The iDitaProject fosters the development of communication, collaboration and critical thinking skills in students while providing unique, behind-the-scenes insight into the Iditarod race, mushers and athlete dogs," says Randy Fleharty, technology integration facilitator for the Bering Strait School District.

Thirty students from around the district in grades five through 12 were actively involved in the iDitaProject broadcasts, benefiting from the technology integration into their classroom studies.

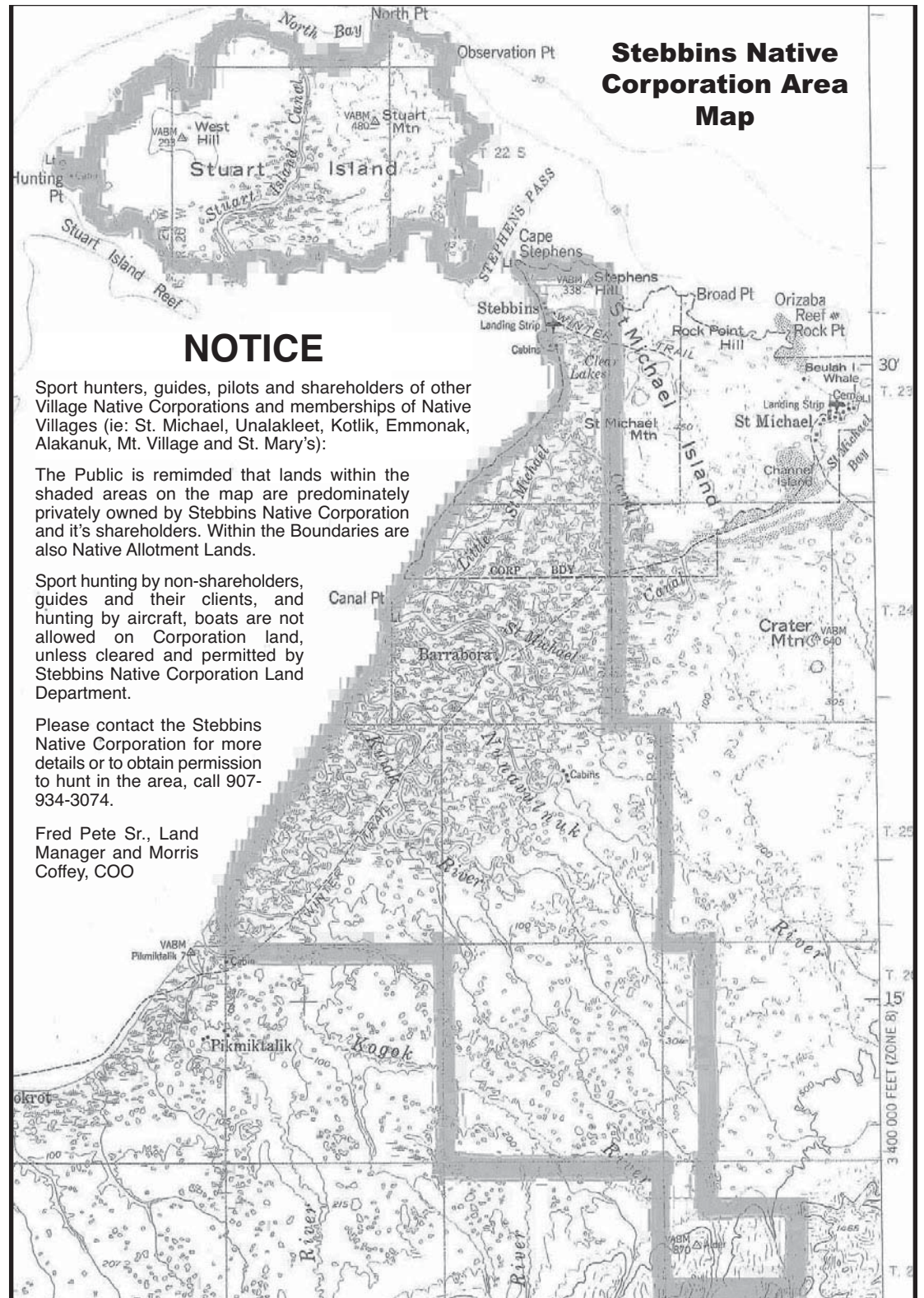
The iDitaProject is just one of many such initiatives taking place across the country that are being highlighted at this year's 30th anniversary NECC.

A reception celebrating all of the student submissions was held June 30 at the Library of Congress. For a

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**NEWLYWEDS**—Kari Hahn and Elgin Dean were wed June 19 at Old St. Joseph Hall in Nome. They will reside in Portland, Ore., near close family members and friends.



## NOTICE

Sport hunters, guides, pilots and shareholders of other Village Native Corporations and memberships of Native Villages (ie: St. Michael, Unalakleet, Kotlik, Emmonak, Alakanuk, Mt. Village and St. Mary's):

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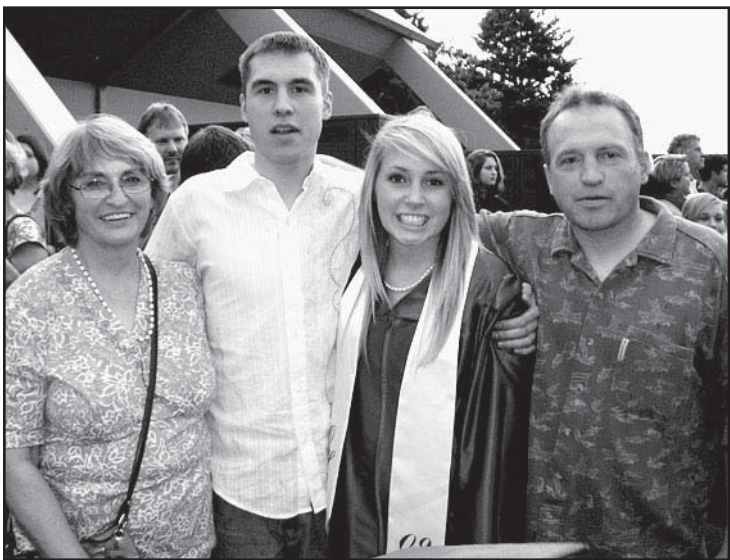
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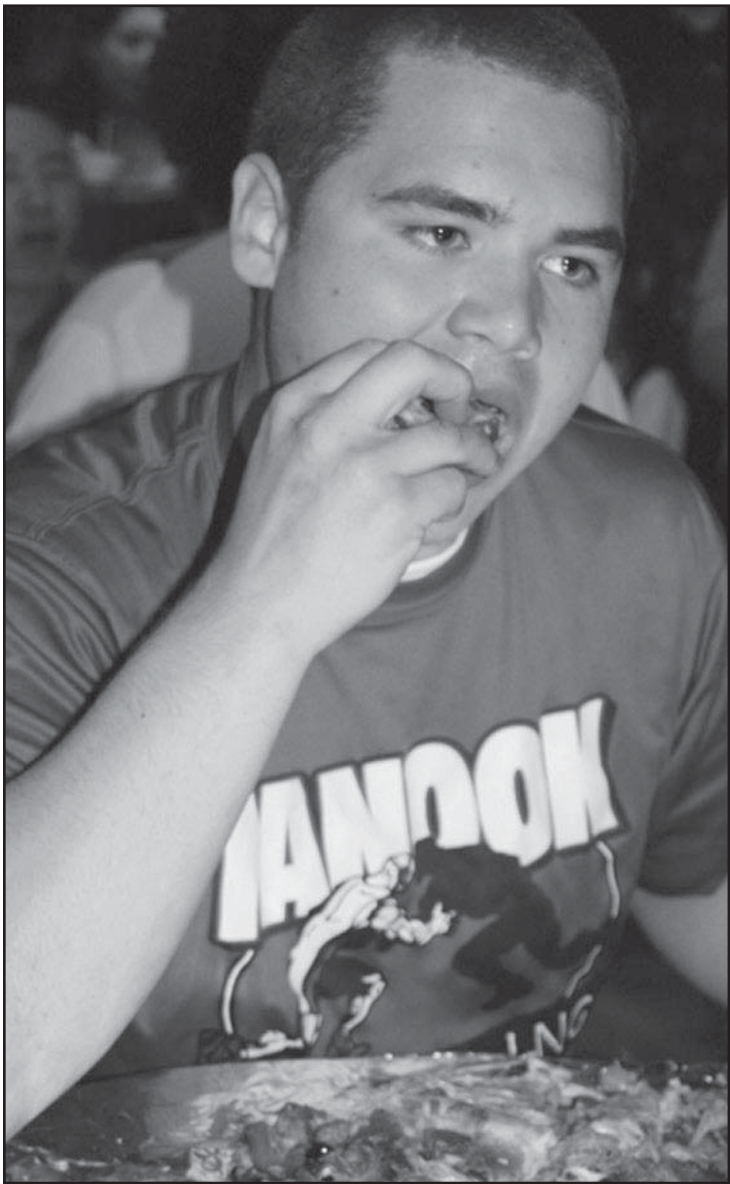
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All Around the Sound



CELEBRATION—Family members gather to celebrate the graduation of Moriah Morgan from Olympia High School in Washington June 10. Pictured are (l to r) grandmother Donna Morgan, brother Alex Morgan, Moriah Morgan, and father David Morgan. The graduate’s mother is Tammy Ramsey of Tenino, Wash.



HOLD THE PEPPERONI— Derek Weiler makes pizza disappear at a benefit held at Airport Pizza for the Nome Children’s Home last Wednesday.

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complete schedule of NECC events and topics, go to [www.iste.org/necc/](http://www.iste.org/necc/).

Graduate

Brent Bauman is pleased to announce the graduation of his son Lucas Bauman on June 27. Lucas received his Associates Degree in

Master Certified Diesel Truck Technology from the Lincoln College of Technology in Denver, Colorado. Lucas graduated from Nome-Beltz High School in 2008, doubled his workload and completed the program in one year. The proud parents are Brent Bauman and Louise Keller Bauman of Nome.



Lucas Bauman

Sealed Bid Sale  
Individual Native Allotments

The Bureau of Indian Affairs is offering for sale, on behalf of the Native owners, the following tracts of land:

Item No.	Description	Minimum Acceptable Bid	No. of Acres
1	Barbara Joe, owner. St. Michael Townsite Lot, Lot 2, Block 15, Tract C, USS 5579.	\$15,000.00*	0.27
2	Patricia Sagoonick, owner. Lot 2, USS 10250, Alaska, situated on the right bank of the Bonanza River approximately 2 miles southwesterly from the village of Solomon, Alaska.	\$50,000.00*	39.98
3	Linda Anselm, owner. Situated 22 miles northeasterly of Unalakleet, F17247, USS 5454, lots 5 & 6. Accessible by boat.	\$229,000.00	149.00
4	Paul Washington, owner. Situated on the north westerly shore of St. Michael Bay, 1 mile south westerly of St. Michael. F16241, USS 12488, Lot 1. Accessible by vehicle.	\$250,000.00	159.96

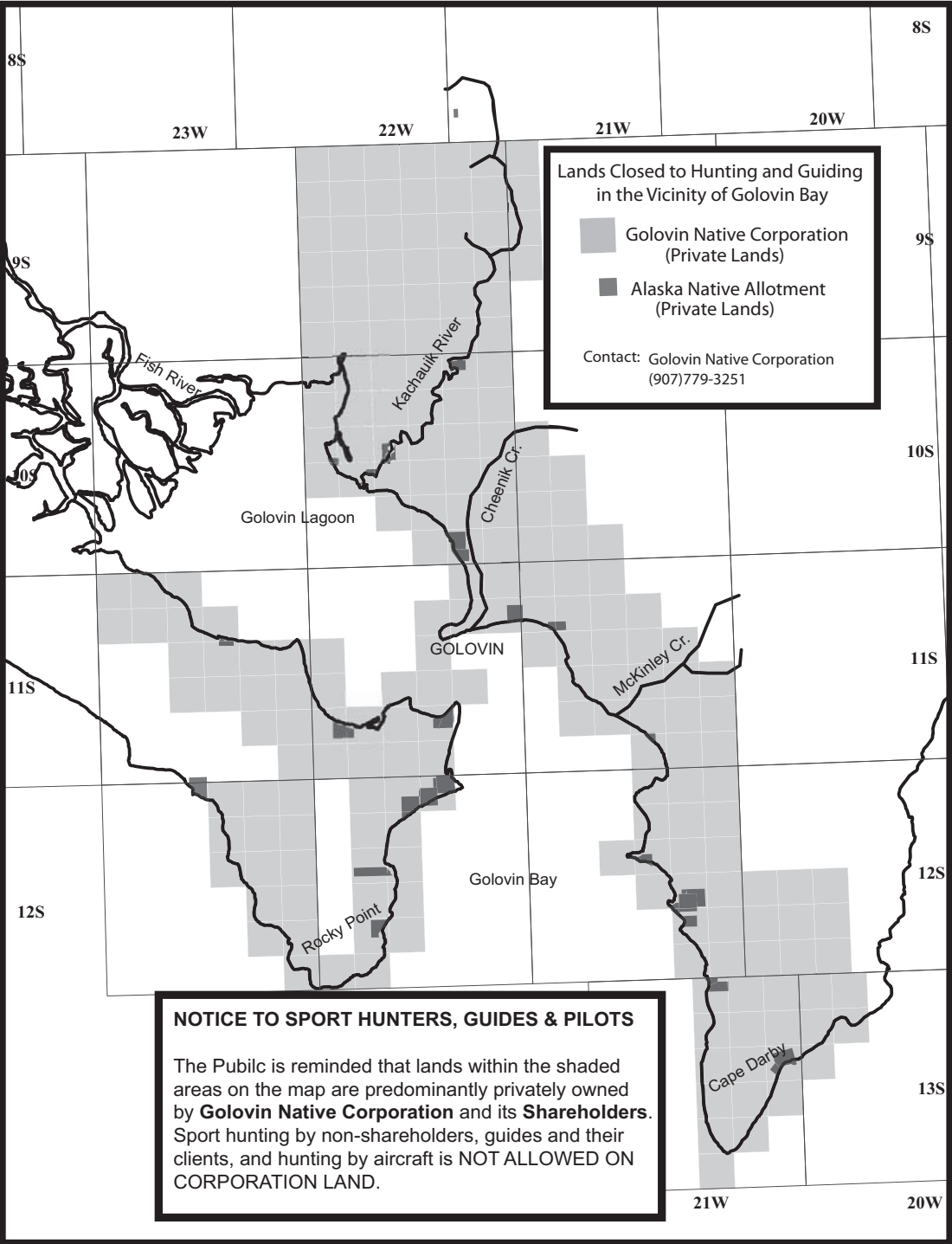
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6/25, 7/2-9-16-23-30, 8/6



Wales Native Corporation  
Annual Shareholders’ Meeting Notice

The 36th Wales Native Corporation Annual Shareholders’ Meeting will be held in Wales, Alaska on Friday, July 10, 2009 and the doors will open at 1 p.m. for registration.

The meeting will be held at the Native Village of Wales Multi-Purpose Building. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect three (3) Directors and to conduct any other business that may come before the shareholders.

Proxies for this meeting must be returned by Friday, July 10, 2009 to be valid. If you have any questions or comments, please contact our office at (907) 664-3641 or mail to the following address: Wales Native corporation, PO Box 529, Wales, AK 99783-0529.



# Obituaries

## Matthew James Hartwick

Former Alaska resident Matthew James “Matt” Hartwick died June 13, 2009 at home in Palm Bay, Florida of cancer.

A service was held on Saturday in Melbourne, Florida at the South Brevard Funeral Home.

Matthew was born July 21, 1955 in Anchorage to June I. Degnan of Unalakleet, Alaska and James W. Hartwick of Belleville, Michigan. Matthew was employed as an electronic technician for the Caelum Research Corporation at the Kennedy Space Center, Cape Canaveral, Florida. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, member of the IBEW Local 288 and The Bering Straits Native Corporation.

He attended the University of Alaska Fairbanks and worked on the Oil Pipeline along with his friends. While living in Alaska he enjoyed fishing and all types of Alaskan outdoor activities.

He is survived by his mother, June I. Degnan of Sitka and Juneau; his father, James W. Hartwick of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida; his wife, Rhonda of Palm Bay, Florida; his sons, Wade M. Hartwick, U.S. Army (Active Duty) and wife Lena; Beau Evan Hartwick, U.S. Air Force (Active Duty); the mother of his two sons, Valarie Vance Hartwick Milewski, Veteran, U.S. Navy, Tequesta, Florida; his sister Juliet Degnan Hildreth and husband Joe of Anchorage, Alaska; three step brothers, Tim, Chris and Beau Hartwick; uncle, Chuck Degnan and wife Virginia of Unalakleet, aunts, Eva Merrifield, Anchorage; Ida Harden, Anchorage; Frances Ann Degnan, Unalakleet and Rose Mary Hartwick Traskos, Belleville, Michigan.

Matthew was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Frank A. Degnan and Ada Degnan, Unalakleet; paternal grandparents, Harry Dalton Hartwick and Marion Creighton Hartwick, Belleville, Michigan; uncles, Gerald O. Deg-

nan, Unalakleet; Larry Hartwick, Belleville, Michigan; Harry Traskos, Belleville, Michigan and aunt, Carol Mae Hartwick of Howell, Michigan.

His family wrote, “ Matt held many interests, traveled to many countries and held a deep passion for life, friends and family”. A celebration of his life will be held at a later date to honor his life and mission.

## David J. Katongan Sr.

David J. Katongan Sr. was born February 5, 1936 to Hannah and Pete Katongan at Unalakleet and died suddenly at his home May 16, 2009. He is survived by his loving wife Mildred of 48 years to whom he married May 23, 1960 by Rev. Maynard Londborg at the Unalakleet Covenant Church. He is survived by his children Loretta, David Jr.,

Frances, LaVerne, Darrell and DeWayne, 17 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He helped raise granddaughters Beverly Johnson and Teada Katongan and dearly loved and cherished every moment he spent with them. He is also survived by his confidante and sister Emma Ivanoff, Adeline Hopson and brother Glenn James Katongan.

David completed school to the eighth grade, choosing to stay at home to help his parents hunt, fish and trap when high school students would leave home and not return until after graduation. David had a passion for dogs, which was a result of the responsibility he took to take care of his Dad’s dog team. As a teenager he raised his own team of dogs as long distance runners. All his life Across the River was his home away from home.

On October 28, 1957 he joined the Army National Guard and attended basic training at Fort Ord, CA. He was honorably discharged as Sergeant.

David retired from the Alaska Commercial Company where he worked as butcher and transferred from Nome back to his hometown of Unalakleet in July 1979, continuing to work for the AC Company before retirement. David’s wife Millie remembers how he encouraged harmony and wanted to see that everyone in his family was healthy and strong. The apple of his eye was his great grandson Chase, and he would ask him every morning, “what are your eyes going to see today?”

We will always cherish good times and his life with us will always be precious memories.

# Court

## Week ending 6/26 Civil

In the Matter of: Lawlor, Michael; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear  
Hoogendorn, Lee Ann vs. Alowa, Joel Kevin; DV: Both ExParte and Long Term  
Hoogendorn, Lee Ann vs. Alowa, Joel Kevin; DV: Both ExParte and Long Term  
Hoogendorn, Lee Ann vs. Alowa, Joel Kevin; DV: Both ExParte and Long Term  
Ellanna, Diana vs. Minix Jr., Michael; DV: Both ExParte and Long Term  
Kowchee, Mary vs. Ashenfelter, Gerald; DV: Both ExParte and Long Term  
Seppilu, Sally S. vs. Butler Sr., Patrick; DV: Long Term Only  
Dan, Opal L. vs. Pete, Bruce J.; DV: ExParte Only

## Small Claims

No Small Claims filed.

## Criminal

State of Alaska v. Thomas P. Aukon (5/4/69); Dismissal; Count 1—Liquor Importation Into Local Option Area; Filed by the Office of Special Prosecutions and Appeals 6/23/09.  
State of Alaska v. Michael West (4/22/52); Dismissal*; Count 1: Assault 4°; Filed by the DAs Office 6/25/09; *Count 2 is still pending.  
State of Alaska v. Sophie Day Tocktoo (8/16/77); Count 1: Importation of Alcohol; Date of offense: 2/11/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 2 (002); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 45 days, 42 days suspended; Unsuspended 3 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC by noon 6/26/09; Fine: \$1,500 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$1,500 fine through Nome Trial Courts by 11/15/09; Forfeit alcohol to State; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 6/25/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol in any dry or damp community; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer for alcohol in such communities; Defendant’s person and baggage are subject to warrantless search at any airport en route to dry/damp community; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation.  
State of Alaska v. Jeffery Dan Nashoanank (3/18/88); Count 002: Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 4/14/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 1 (001); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 90 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 6/25/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these

conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not contact, directly or indirectly, or return to the residence of D.R. without consent; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer for alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Camille D. Droman (10/14/66); Dismissal; Florida law enforcement reports that at this time they are not interested in extraditing the defendant; The following charges are dismissed by the prosecuting attorney pursuant to Criminal Rule 43(a) without prejudice: 001: Fugitive From Justice; Filed by the DAs Office 6/23/09.

State of Alaska v. Andrew Kunayak Jr. (2/27/72); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110699811; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated upon reporting to jail; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, shall report to AMCC by 6/29/09; Release or bail conditions remain in effect until defendant reports to service sentence.

State of Alaska v. Brendan Oseuk (7/28/74); 2NO-08-563CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110698011; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, remanded into custody; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated.

State of Alaska v. Brendan Oseuk (7/28/74); 2NO-09-307CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Disorderly Conduct; Filed by the DAs Office 6/24/09.

State of Alaska v. Wagner B. Wongittilin (1/11/60); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110064726; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 10 days, remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Aloysius Muktoyuk (5/19/71); 2NO-08-288CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109525302; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-09-251CR; Remanded into custody; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated.

State of Alaska v. Aloysius Muktoyuk (5/19/71); 2NO-09-251CR Count 1: Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 5/7/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: counts 2, 3 (002, 003); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 120 days, 60 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC consecutive to 2NO-08-288CR; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 6/24/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not contact, directly or indirectly, or return to the residence of S.O. or C.K. without consent

State of Alaska v. Douglas Seidelmann (12/17/63); 2NO-08-659CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110127222; After a hearing, the court finds that the defendant is refusing probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked

and imposed: all remaining time, this court recommends Seaside Center for placement; Consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-08-944CR; Remanded into custody.

State of Alaska v. Doug Seidelmann (12/17/63); 2NO-08-944CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110700198; After a hearing, the court finds that the defendant is refusing probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: all remaining time, this court recommends Seaside Center for placement; Remanded into custody.

State of Alaska v. Douglas Seidelmann (12/17/63); 2NO-09-349CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault Fourth Degree; Charge 002: Reckless Endangerment; Filed by the DAs Office 6/19/09.

State of Alaska v. Herbert Paniptchuk, Jr. (4/25/64); Reckless Driving; Date of offense: 4/25/09; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 60 days, 50 days suspended; Unsuspended 10 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC by 10/1/09; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Driver’s license, privilege to obtain a license and to operate a motor vehicle are revoked for 30 days concurrent with DMV action; Any license or permit shall be immediately surrendered to the court; Probation until *6/25/10; Comply with all court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for violation of probation; No violations law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer for a period of 1 year from the date of this judgment (6/25/09); *Redistributed on 6/26/09 by N.B. with correct probation date.

State of Alaska v. Dennis Thrasher (7/22/89); 2NO-08-437CR Notice of Dismissal—Petition to Revoke Probation #1; PTR filed on 9/18/08; Filed by the DAs Office 6/15/09.

State of Alaska v. Dennis Emmanuel Thrasher (7/22/89); 2NO-08-637CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Disorderly Conduct; Charge 002: Assault 4°; Charge 003: DUI; Charge 004: Reckless Driving; Charge 005: MCA; Charge 006: Escape 4°; Filed by the DAs Office 6/15/09.

State of Alaska v. Ryan Antoghome (10/16/76); 2NO-09-231CR Count 1: Furnish Alcohol to Person Under 21; Date of offense: 5/2/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 45 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 45 days shall be served consecutive to 2NO-09-241CR; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Ryan Antoghome (10/16/76); 2NO-09-241CR Count 2: Violate Conditions of Release; Date of offense: 5/6/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 1 (001); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 15 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 15 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC consecutive to 2NO-09-231CR, time has been served; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated.

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HOP TO IT—Smiles, laughs and spills abound as the 8- to 12-year-olds compete in the gunny sack race during the Independence Day street games on Nome's Front Street.

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## A frenzied Fourth

**HANDS-OFF FUN** (above)—Eddie Kittess, 10, comes up for air and a smile during the pie-eating contest at Nome's Fourth of July celebration.

**RUN FOR YOUR SHOES** (left)—Kids sprint for their footwear during the shoe scramble on Front Street on Saturday. For more, see page 8.

## Palin calls it quits with more than a year to go

By Diana Haecker

In a startling announcement last Friday, Gov. Sarah Palin told a few reporters at her home in Wasilla that she is not seeking re-election in the 2010 gubernatorial race and that she will quit before her term is up.

Palin gave notice that on July 26,

after the Governor's picnic in Fairbanks, the transfer of power takes place with a swearing-in ceremony of current Lt. Gov. Sean Parnell. Replacing Parnell as Lt. Governor will be Commissioner of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs Lt. Major Craig Campbell.

Palin's announcement came as a complete surprise to Alaskans, pundits and the nation.

A spokeswoman sent out press releases Friday morning, inviting the press to attend an "announcement" to be made at the Palin's home at Lake Lucille. After the hastily called press

conference—much of the press including The Associated Press didn't make it in time—Palin posted a Facebook announcement at noon: "Update from Governor Palin: We'll soon attach info on decision to not seek re-election... this is in Alaska's best interest, my family's happy... it

is good, stay tuned."

During the actual announcement, Palin did not provide concrete reasons for stepping down. While official press releases issued by the governor's press office are cryptic, Palin posted

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## Adventurers ply the sea with a purpose

*Sailors, scientists and teachers aim to circle the Americas while promoting ocean awareness*

By Tyler Rhodes

With contributions from Nome Nugget intern Anna Hahn

At either end of the summer each passing year, Nome sees a growing number of ships sailing through its harbor either on their way north to attempt the Northwest Passage or voyaging south after successfully making it.

For most of these sailors, the purpose of the voyage is adventure. For the crew of the *Ocean*

*Watch*, who were scheduled to sail north out of Nome Tuesday after a stay of nearly a week, they would like to say theirs is an adventure full of purpose.

Three years in the planning, the voyage is part scientific research expedition and part PR campaign aimed at raising awareness of the threats faced by the oceans. As important as the scientific and educational components are, with a plan to circumnavigate North and South

America by sailing through the Northwest Passage and around Cape Horn, the *Ocean Watch* is also more than likely to see its fair share of adventure. "We're trying to raise awareness about some important ocean health issues by circumnavigating North and South America, and treating them as one island surrounded by one ocean and one ecosystem," said Mark Schrader, the skipper of the 64-foot sailboat.

The *Ocean Watch* and its crew motored into

Nome on a rare glassy Bering Sea in the late hours of June 30. The voyage originated a month earlier in Seattle and made stops in Victoria and Alert Bay in British Columbia, and Juneau and Dutch Harbor in Alaska before porting in Nome.

The crew of the sailing vessel represents well the diverse goals of the trip. Captain and project director Schrader is an accomplished seaman who

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## Credit union burglars bungle the job

*Would-be thieves damage Credit Union 1's office but leave empty-handed*

By Sandra L. Medearis

A member of Credit Union 1 rushing in 10 minutes after opening Monday to cover an overdraft instead found the staff sitting in the hall, telling customers the office would remain dark and locked pending a police investigation.

Robbed! But because no weapons appeared to be used to take money from tellers, one would more accurately term the weekend sneak-in as "Burglarized!"

Asaalu Ireland, employee, said

she got a phone call at home with the message that the place had been robbed and would not open at the usual 9:30 a.m.

Meanwhile, Shirley Okbaok stood in the hall holding a cash deposit bag and called Louie's Cab to cancel her

return to Teller. Gary Hart was also left holding his bag. Both made their deposits later in the day.

"I came all the way down here to deposit this cash, and now I don't

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Letters

Dear Editor, Council Members, Madame City Manager, and Public Works Director,

PLEASE DON'T LET OUR WELLS BECOME UNUSABLE BECAUSE OF CONTAMINATION.

How should we live in Nome? We all are often incompetent to solve the problems of our times. It is difficult to span the huge orbits of all that is going on in the City. Please do what is right in reference to the Moonlight Springs Watershed contamination. Don't perceive that you have limitations. As City Council members your powers are unlimited. Are Mr. Marvin Rapose and others without permits and in violation of those permits being allowed to continue?

Don't our officials and council need to be fired up with the hope of reforming these violations? You may not be able to restore these violators to normal, as they are set in their ways. They "willfully" dump petroleum products, they have neither emotional ties or sense of duty and responsibility to our sole source of drinking water nor respect for our laws. It is an honor and privilege and not a god-given right to have a permit. What Rapose did should not be accepted. For every single reason for acceptance there are 10 reasons for denial of permits to these rough, cowboy-like, unethical and illegal happenings. Leaders of our city should perceived this as a terror attack on everyone's watershed. City leaders need to face what has happened and

will continue to happen. What they have done was not out of love or peace but a hateful, warlike, terrorist attack on our only drinking water source that costs the city almost nothing compared to the fixed and variable expenditures in our budget. The Rapose operation is a disgrace but is concealed by distance of miles. The city found and uncovered the problem. There are many legal remedies. The City of Nome could condemn the land; stop the permit, and let the District Attorney bring criminal action including penalties; order the clean up of the site, and many more actions. That operation without a permit should receive the \$300 daily penalty for not having one, a cease and desist order and wait the required 45 days for the city to review the permit application. Weekly monitoring at the site or at our wells could be mandated, at the permittees' expense. Respectfully, Dr. Derrick Leedy Nome, Alaska.

Dear Editor, I am concerned about the state of affairs of today and would like to find out how we can reduce the size of the unemployment numbers. I have some suggestions where independent businesses would take some of the functions of the city or the state, i.e., accounting, inspection of buildings or hiring personnel. In our review of the expenses listed in the government budget, our small businesses do not have the large overhead, as it would bankrupt our businesses. If the departments in our city, county or state would allow citizen businesses to outsource an overspending department this would help the citizens' taxes to go further for better efficiency. How do you feel about the government owning a building that is for athletes only when we have hundreds of people on unemployment? There are many wealthy individuals that would be able to own that facility, and the city would no longer be paying for it. There would be no need for a joint venture with the city holding all the maintenance and building expenses. That would be the respon-

sibility of the private owner having their own private joint venture. This would eventually reduce the amount of the taxes and unemployment fees. The private owner would then hire the unemployed worker. My idea is to open up the bidding procedure with simple procedures for the small business owner. The bids would then allow more small businesses to step up for the new outsourcing procedure. This will allow many departments of the government that are being unfunded by the Stimulus Package to function in the free enterprise system. You will then have an opportunity to invite entrepreneurs who have never worked for the government to do the job for you. Why not have fewer regulations involved in the inclusion of small businesses in the bidding system? Please contact me at warrensrock@starband.net. Warren S. Rock West Bering Lane, Brevig Mission, Alaska 99785-0075

Letters to the editor must be signed and include an address and phone number. Thank yous and political endorsements are considered ads.

Editorial

Lame Excuses

What's with governors these days? Spitzer, Blagojevitch, Sanford—hanky-panky, bribery, more hanky-panky. New York, Illinois, South Carolina and now Alaska's governor, dear Sarah Palin says she loves Alaska too much to be governor. Is there something in the water? Palin says she doesn't want to be a lame duck. Well, hit us with a box of quackers, lame duck yer Aunt Fannie. Give us a break! That's such a lame excuse. Come on Sarah, what's the real reason? Did the right wing suddenly flap around and whack her on the noggin? She must have been planning this move for a while to time her announcement at the start of the 4th of July holidays. What's this for the love of Alaska schmaltz? When's the other shoe going to drop? Is she thinking of a role in national politics? Is she going to seek national office? The Republicans aren't that stupid, are they? Maybe Sarah just doesn't like Juneau. Do we need to build a new executive mansion? She is all worked up over reported rumors about her house in Wasilla. What's the reason for a sitting governor to resign? She should tell us the real truth. Nothing makes sense, but what the heck, Alaska will be better off. Does anyone know anything about this fellow Parnell? So long Sarah. Don't let the door hit you on the way out. —N.L.M.—



Photo by Nikolai Ivanoff

MAKING PROGRESS— Nome's new Public Safety Building takes shape on the north side of the Bypass Road.

Nome Norton Sound Tide Predictions (High & Low Waters) — July 9 - July 15, 2009									
Day	Date	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height
Th	07/09	01:23 a.m. LDT	-0.1 L	09:32 a.m. LDT	1.3 H	01:17 p.m. LDT	1.1 L	06:28 p.m. LDT	1.3 H
F	07/10	02:01 a.m. LDT	-0.1 L	09:58 a.m. LDT	1.3 H	02:10 p.m. LDT	1.1 L	07:18 p.m. LDT	1.2 H
Sa	07/11	02:36 a.m. LDT	-0.1 L	10:16 a.m. LDT	1.3 H	03:02 p.m. LDT	1.0 L	08:08 p.m. LDT	1.2 H
Su	07/12	03:08 a.m. LDT	0.0 L	10:29 a.m. LDT	1.3 H	03:51 p.m. LDT	0.9 L	08:58 p.m. LDT	1.1 H
M	07/13	03:38 a.m. LDT	0.0 L	10:43 a.m. LDT	1.4 H	04:37 p.m. LDT	0.8 L	09:51 p.m. LDT	1.0 H
Tu	07/14	04:07 a.m. LDT	0.2 L	10:58 a.m. LDT	1.4 H	05:19 p.m. LDT	0.6 L	10:48 p.m. LDT	1.0 H
W	07/15	04:34 a.m. LDT	0.3 L	11:13 a.m. LDT	1.4 H	06:01 p.m. LDT	0.5 L	11:50 p.m. LDT	0.9 H
Daily variations in sea level due to local meteorological conditions cannot be predicted and may significantly effect the observed tides in this area. All times are listed in Local Standard Time (LST) or Local Daylight Time (LDT) when applicable. All heights are in feet referenced to Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW).									

Weather Statistics			
Sunrise	07/09/09 04:51 a.m.	High Temp	77° 7/2/09
	07/15/09 05:10 a.m.	Low Temp	44° 6/30/09
		Peak Wind	39 mph, SE, 7/3/09
Sunset	07/09/09 01:23 a.m.	Precip. to Date	7.15"
	07/15/09 01:06 a.m.	Normal	5.12"
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# Alaska state news briefs

Compiled by Diana Haecker

## FEMA, state to pay out disaster relief funds

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has approved the State of Alaska's request for additional communities to receive disaster relief funds for the spring flooding that devastated villages along the Yukon and Kuskokwim rivers. The original federal disaster declaration did not include programs that offer individual assistance for several communities because the flood was still ongoing at the time of the federal disaster declaration on June 11.

Federal individual assistance



pays a maximum of \$30,300 per affected household and State of Alaska individual assistance pays \$5,000 per affected household. Members of the Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and FEMA were in Bethel and the surrounding villages last week to help flood victims to get the necessary paperwork done for funding assistance.

Regions and communities added to the federal disaster declaration and about to receive individual assistance are the Lower Yukon Regional Education Attendance Area including Emmonak, Russian Mission, Kotlik, and Alakanuk; the Yupiit REAA including Akiak, Akiachak and Tuluk-sak. The Lower Yukon REAA was added for public assistance, including Emmonak, Russian Mission, Kotlik and Alakanuk, and the Yukon-Koyukuk REAA including Tanana was approved for public assistance. The area was already approved for individual assistance. The Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management also announced last week that individuals and families could register for state

disaster assistance from the 2009 spring floods. The Bering Strait REAA is one of the areas where state individual and family grants and temporary housing programs are available. Other regions are the Lower Kuskokwim, Iditarod and Copper River as well as the Matanuska-Susitna Borough and the Northwest Arctic Borough. The program is meant for residents who sustained damages to their primary residence, personal property or transportation during the spring 2009 flooding. The deadline to apply is September 3.

## Parental consent to abortion initiative certified

Lieutenant Governor Sean Parnell last week gave the green light on an initiative that would require parental notice or consent before a minor under 18 years old could have an abortion. The initiative exempts cases of sexual abuse by a parent or guardian, but the teen is required to submit a notarized statement, unless she convinces a court to bypass notice, or in the clinical judgment of the doctor, there is a medical emergency.

Parnell's certification now allows the initiative to collect the required 32,734 signatures to place the measure on the ballot. Former Lt. Governor Loren Leman sponsored the initiative. In connection with the proposed measure, the Associated Press reports that Bev Wooley, a high-level Public Health Division director, left the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services last week. AP reported that her departure may be connected to Gov. Sarah Palin's anti-abortion views, as Palin backs the initiative.

Wooley and another public health official, Dr. Jay Butler left the state department last month. Butler told the *Juneau Empire* he suspects Wooley's departure may have been related to conflicts between Palin's anti-abortion views and state health staff's reluctance to present medical information they believed was inaccurate about a bill requiring parental consent for abortion.

A similar bill in the legislature passed the House, but stalled in a Senate committee when its language was amended from parental consent

to parental notification. Lawmakers questioned the bill because Department of Health and Social Services staff did not appear to testify in its favor.

## Two unrelated Alaska Railroad accidents claim one life, smash a truck

On July 4, a 42-year old Anchorage man was hit and killed by a southbound Alaska railroad passenger train as he tried to get his dog off the tracks. Brett Miller was hit by the train near Montana Creek. KTNA radio reports that train workers saw him in the attempt to retrieve his dog. The train crew blew the whistle and went into emergency braking, but was unable to stop in time. The man was struck and thrown of the track. Miller and the dog died at the scene.

The next day, another southbound passenger train hit a pickup truck near Eklutna. A 16-year old male driver and his two passengers had driven the truck on the tracks and got stuck when they tried to turn the car around. As the train approached they got out of the car in time. The train crew spotted the vehicle, hit the emergency brakes but couldn't get the train to stop before slamming into the pickup. The train carried nearly 700 passengers and eventually continued on towards its final destination of Anchorage. The train did not derail and no injuries were reported.

## Wild fires burn in Denali National Park

The season of the red sun is upon the interior as haze from several wildfires are burning in and near Denali National Park and Preserve. A slight northwind pushed smoke and fire into the park last week. The biggest fire is located along Bear Creek, north of Kantishna, covering 23,591 acres. The National Park Service reports that Alaska Fire Service smokejumpers were flown in on Saturday to provide structural protection to the Roosevelt Cabin, a historic cabin located roughly three miles from the southern end of the

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## July 9 - July 15, 2009

EVENT	PLACE	TIME
<b>Thursday, July 9</b>		
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*Preschool Story Hour	Kegoyah Library	10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 6:30 p.m.
*Audiology class	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*The Baby System-Baby & You	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Beginning Baton with Jay	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
*Swing Dancing with Seiji	Nome Rec Center	7:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.

## Friday, July 10

<b>Alaska Logistics Voyage 9004 departs Seattle, WA (see ad for more details, page 6)</b>		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 4 p.m.
<b>Wales Native Corporation Shareholder meeting in Wales, AK at 1 p.m.</b>		
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50
*Cuddle Cure class	Prematernal Home	1 p.m.
*Nutrition class	Prematernal Home	3 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Ruslan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Adult Drop-in Soccer	Nome Rec Center	8 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.

## Saturday, July 11

*UMW Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 8 p.m.
*Contraception Know Your Options vid	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Newborn Care...1st 6 wks video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*AA Meeting	BHS Bldg. 2nd floor	8 p.m.

## Sunday, July 12

*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Sounds & Silence video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Worth the Trip video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*AA: Big Book Study	HR Conf. Room, NSHC	6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

## Monday, July 13

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Lap/Open Swim	Pool	11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 10 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.
*Social Services	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Beginning Yoga with Kari	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Having Your Baby video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Ruslan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Drop-in Volleyball	Nome Rec Center	7:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.

## Tuesday, July 14

*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*Preschool Story Hour	Kegoyah Library	10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	noon - 1 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	1 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Stages of Labor video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Discipline Teaching Limits w/Love vid	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*AA Teleconference: 1-800-914-3396 (CODE: 3534534#)	Methodist Church	7 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
*Adult Drop-in Soccer	Nome Rec Center	8 p.m. - 10 p.m.

## Wednesday, July 15

<b>NSERC Small Business Initiative application deadline (see ad for details, page 6)</b>		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Lap/Open Swim	Pool	11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Rotary Club	Airport Pizza	noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 10 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.
*Be Who We Are-Wellness From Within video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	4 p.m. - 6 p.m.
*Breastfeeding video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Ruslan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Hello Central (also on Channel 98)	Nome Visitors Center	7:30 p.m.
*AA Meeting	BHS Bldg. 2nd floor	8 p.m.

## Recurring events/activities (3 or more times a week):

*Free Lunch	Old Bowling Alley @ Rec	noon - 1 p.m. (M - Th)
*Summercise Session 2	Nome Rec Center	noon - 5 p.m. (M - Th)
*Summercise Swimming (for children signed up for this portion of Summercise)	Pool	1 p.m. - 4 p.m. (M - Th)

## Business/place of interest hours of operation:

XVZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Tu - F)
Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m. (everyday)
Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. (everyday)
Library Hours	Kegoyah Library	noon - 8 p.m. (M - Th)
>>>>>>		noon - 6 p.m. (F - Sa)
Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	1 p.m. - 8 p.m. (M - Th & Sa)

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# City earns an A+ for good bookkeeping

By Anna Hahn

From Anvil City's birth there have been books to record the mining claims, City lines, private property, deeds, etc. When Anvil City became Nome, those books were still around and probably documented the event. Now those manuscripts are held in the town's original recorder's office with supervision, as well as ongoing care and attention, from the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum.

In the 1990s, the City Council was being threatened by the State of Alaska, which was going to take the Recorder's Office out of Nome and put it in Fairbanks.

The office closed between 2003 and 2004, and when it did the technology that allowed the books to be scanned and recorded onto CDs was available. They currently hold those (along with the original books) in one of their storage units. They also keep all of the materials available for public access.

"They took all the books out of Nome for a period of several months and scanned every single page. They had to get all the pages out, so as a result they had to break the bindings of each book. That's why all the books are currently tied together with cotton. This entire project was a tremendous task to accomplish," stated Laura Samuelson, the director of the City's museum.

In an effort to maintain the historical value of Nome's first recorder's book (from October 15, 1898), the museum paid a woman in Anchorage a little over \$700 to have the book's spine re-sewn together by hand. This

task took approximately six months.

Currently, in order for the town to keep the books in Nome, the State sends their archivist up to inspect the books every five years.

"I come around and make sure the books are being maintained properly and that they're good for another five year period. I come up and look at the records, that they're being monitored for temperature and humidity control properly, and I also look at the charts and the fluctuation of temperature and humidity," said Glen Cook. "I also looked at the book paper. I make sure it's not getting too brittle too quick from having too little humidity in the air. Everything here is fine, so we're going ahead and for the next five years, approving the books to stay in Nome. We won't worry about them until that time. We'll come back and do another review of them, hopefully extend out that five years indefinitely."

According to Cook (and conservators for the State), Nome is doing a good job of preserving their materials, in reference to temper and humidity control and even when it comes to displaying their possessions.

"We have to follow stringent standards to maintain these books and keep them. That's also how we take care of the rest of our collection as well—all our artifacts and other archive books we have," said Samuelson.

To continue with their own high standards of care, the museum keeps their record books in a single room with no light nor windows, and in a stable environment with little fluctuation in humidity or temperature.



Photo by Sandra L. Medearis

NEW NUMBERS—Fuel prices dropped with delivery of new, cheaper oil arriving on fuel barges.

## Fuel prices show a modest savings

By Sandra L. Medearis

Comparison shoppers cruising the town found a drop in heating fuel prices Monday, resulting from new cheaper oil coming across the Port of Nome.

So far, Crowley Maritime has the best deal based on sampling prices for small orders, 100 gallons, and larger deliveries, 300 gallons. Monday's price check revealed the following: Crowley, \$4.47 a gallon for

300-gallon deliveries, \$4.53 a gallon for 100-gallon deliveries; Bonanza Fuel, Inc., \$4.64 and \$4.68; West Refueling Service, \$4.68 and \$4.72. The prices quoted do not include the City of Nome 5 percent sales tax.

On Monday, Bonanza was getting \$4.799 a gallon for gasoline while Crowley's price was \$4.80 a gallon. Jim West Jr. said he was still penciling on his gas price and had not set it. Prices reflected somewhat how

much of last season's expensive oil remained in tanks. Crowley's tanks were way down, allowing more of this season's cheaper oil to flow into them. Bonanza was still factoring in the cost of expensive fuel brought in for the Rock Creek Mine last year but not sold to Alaska Gold when the mine shut down last fall.

West said he hoped that cheaper oil off the fall barge would allow him to lower his price later.

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fire. One of the other large fires burning in the area is the Zitiziana Fire, located north of Wein Lake, outside the park boundary. The fire already has claimed 8,800 acres. Smokejumpers were also dropped there to assess if structures are at risk. The fires were started by lightning in mid-June.

### Legislator proposes cross-border gas line council

Senate Energy chairwoman Lesil McGuire is about to become the Pacific Northwest Economic Region's president in a summit scheduled for July 12-19 in Boise, Idaho, and one of the first things she'd do is promote the Alaska gas pipeline. McGuire announced that she would jump start a Northern Pipeline Coordinating Council to act as a clearinghouse for gas line issues. McGuire said she neither pushes for the Exxon-TransCanada gasline project nor the Denali Alaska Gas pipeline proposed by ConocoPhillips and BP. The purpose

of the Northern Pipeline Coordinating Council would be to resolve cross-border route disagreements and to deal with work force and supply issues that slow down the potential construction of the gas pipeline. She said the council is meant to identify resources and to reduce red tape. The PNWER summit also is scheduled



uled to address solar and wind power, geothermal energy, clean car technology and other renewable energy sources. PNWER is a forum for lawmakers from Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, and the Canadian provinces of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and the Yukon Territory.

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**INVESTIGATION** (above)—Nome Police Department Officer Mark Harreus checks the glass on the door at Credit Union 1 following a burglary attempt over the weekend.

**CLOSED** (above, right)—Credit Union 1 did not open until shortly after lunch Monday while police dusted the premises for prints and conducted other investigative work to find out who broke in over the weekend.

## • Break-in

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know when I can do it," she said. "I had arrangements with Louie to go back at 10:00."

Officer Mark Harreus of the Nome Police Department arrived shortly after opening time to begin to investigate, followed by Chief Dallas Massie. Police said a call Monday morning said there had possibly been a break-in. Sure enough, police said, someone had forced an entry through a back window off the rear courtyard of the Old Federal

Building and tried to break into the safe. Bottom line, the burglar damaged the safe, but did not get it open and crept away empty-handed, according to NPD. They say the attempt to take out a zero-interest "loan" occurred somewhere between the morning of the Fourth of July and Monday morning.

So far, no one has set a dollar amount on damage to the safe and window. Police ask that anyone with information on the crime call NPD at 907-443-5262 while investigation continues.

## Polaris Hotel latest to see attempted robbery

By Tyler Rhodes

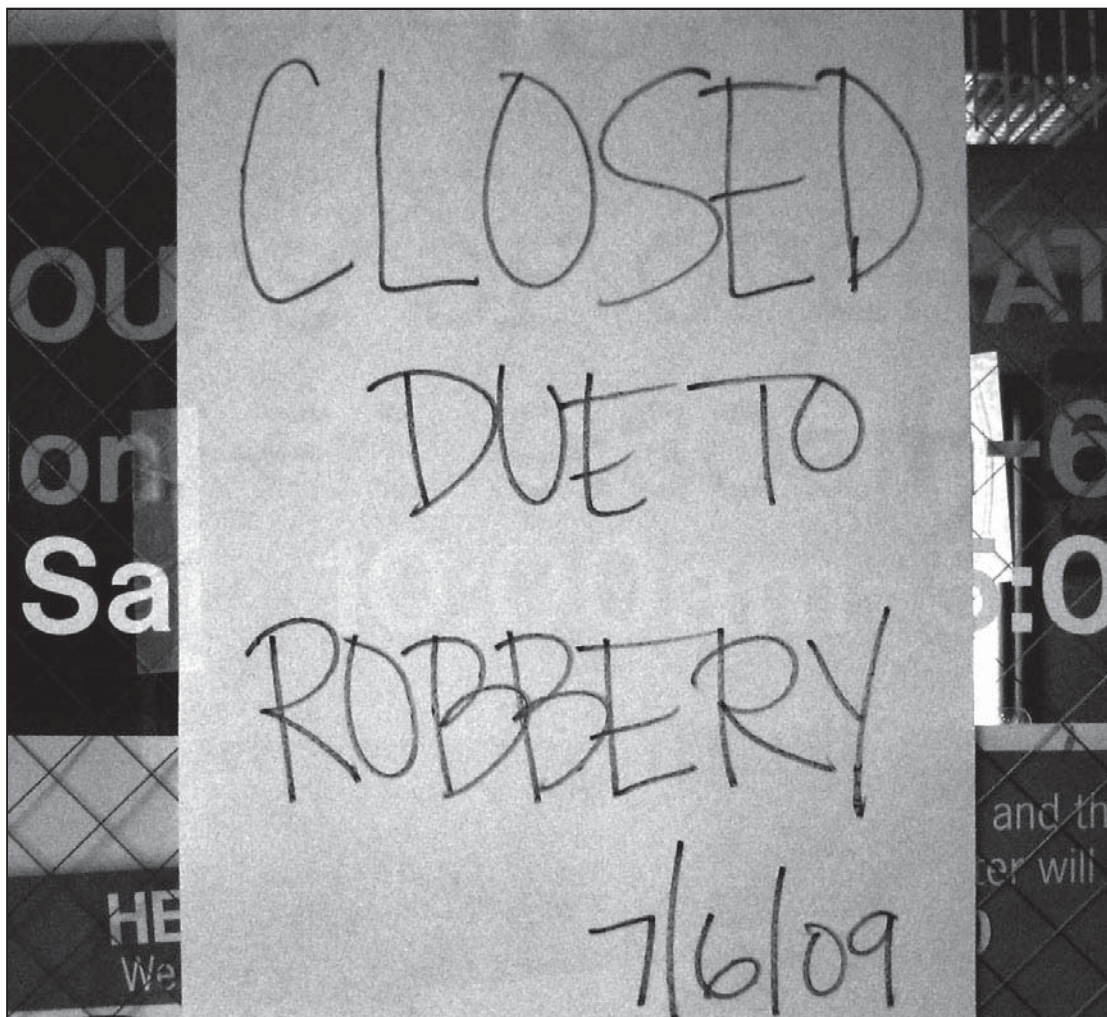
Joining the ranks of the Alaska Native Brotherhood Club and Credit Union 1, the Polaris Hotel saw a robbery attempt Tuesday morning.

According to Nome Police Chief Dallas Massie, a man jumped over the half-door that separates the hotel's front office and the hallway. "He was rooting around. Nothing was taken. Nothing was disturbed. Nobody was assaulted," Massie said.

The suspect, however, did leave behind a calling card. The proprietor

of the hotel caught the suspect in the act, holding him by his hooded sweatshirt as the man struggled to get away. The victim was able to flee, but did so barefoot, leaving his sandals and sweatshirt behind.

Massie said as of Tuesday morning that the suspect was still at large, but he felt confident that he would soon be caught thanks to surveillance footage from the hotel's security system. "They have a very good security system," Massie said. "I think we'll be able to get an identification off the security footage."



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# School board on the lookout for a new member

By Tyler Rhodes

Within a minute of the start of a special school board meeting July 1, Gloria Karmun walked out of the room no longer a member of the board on which she served—and largely led—for a dozen years.

In that first minute, the four remaining board members briefly read over Karmun's short resignation letter before voting to accept the long-time member's departure during the special meeting held at the Sitisuak Building. Karmun gave up her seat on the Nome Board of Education to apply for the district's personnel officer position, which has opened up with the resignation of Cynthia Gray.

School district policy requires that a board member resign if they are to seek employment within the district.

The remainder of the July 1 meeting was spent mapping out how the board would reorganize its leadership and fill Karmun's seat which will be up for election in October.

The board largely adopted the process that was used the last time a seat was vacated before its term ran out. That process involves inviting members of the public who would like to serve out Karmun's term to write a letter of interest to the board. Candidates must live within the City of Nome to be qualified for the seat. The letters of interest are due to the district office July 15 by 4 p.m.

The vetting of the candidates will occur at a public meeting July 21. All the potential members will be asked a set of questions on which they will be scored by the board members. The questioning will be held in the open with each candidate taking turns at being the first to answer a question in the series. At the end of questioning, the board members' scores will be taken and tallied to determine who will assume the seat.

In their discussion of how best to determine whether or not a candidate is fit to serve, the board debated over whether the current set of questions is adequate to allow a full picture of the potential

member's experience. Board members debated on whether they should ask for resumes to accompany the letters of interest. Jenny Martens, who is the district's business manager but was commenting as a citizen, noted that the process of filling an empty board seat is not the same as conducting a job interview.

Board member Albert McComas, who will now act as the board's chairman in the absence of Karmun, agreed with Martens. "No matter what they've done with education in the past, what I really want to know is how well they are going to work with this board in this district," he said.

The board ultimately agreed to not ask for resumes.

The board also discussed its leadership with the departure of Karmun, who served as board president. It was decided that McComas, who is vice chair, will lead the board until October when reorganization would normally occur following the election.

The board initially started its reorganization at the July 1 meeting, displaying a split over who should assume the president's seat. The board got as far as nominations and a vote for the position before scuttling the process until October. Before deciding to delay the reorganization, board member Kirsten Timbers nominated McComas and board member Betsy Brennan nominated Barb Nickels to serve as president. In an open vote, Timbers and McComas voted for McComas, while Brennan and Nickels raised their hands for Nickels. Such a stalemate should be avoided come October when a fifth member of the board will be present.

In their closing comments, board members recognized both Karmun and Gray for their work and service to the district over the years. Members also voiced their hope to see healthy interest in the open seat.

Those interested in applying can contact the district office at 443-2231 for more information.

## • Palin

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lengthy commentary on her decision on social Internet networks Facebook and Twitter. In the official press release, Palin said, "I am determined to take the right path for Alaska even though it is not the easiest path." She said that once she decided not to run for re-election, she felt "that to embrace the conventional 'lame duck' status in this particular climate would just be another dose of 'politics as usual,' something I campaigned against and will always oppose." She did not reveal her future plans but said, "I look forward to helping others—to fight for our state and our country, and campaign for those who believe in smaller government, free enterprise, strong national security, support for our troops, and energy independence."

Gov. Palin's press secretary Sharon Leighow confirmed that the two Facebook postings are indeed penned by Sarah Palin.

In these posts, Palin was more explicit than through the official channels and said that the decision has been in the making for quite a while. She wrote that she had consulted for months with her family, friends and Parnell on "what's best for our wonderful state."

"I even made a few administrative changes over that course in time in preparation for yesterday," she wrote. Leighow, asked what those changes were, declined to comment.

Palin wrote that once she decided to not run for re-election, "...my decision was that much easier—I've never been one to waste time or resources."

A flurry of ethics complaints lodged against her caused her legal bills to run up to \$500,000, and the state's personnel board spent millions of state funds to investigate various complaints. Fifteen complaints were dismissed, two are still pending a decision and on Monday, a Wasilla man filed another complaint, alleging that Palin continues to collect per diem from the State of Alaska for living in her own home.

Palin also expressed frustration with the political establishment and the media. "How sad that Washington and the media will never understand; it's about country." Then she added a line that is widely interpreted as setting the stage for higher aspirations on the political scene. "And though it's

honorable for countless others to leave their positions for a higher calling and without finishing a term, of course we know by now, for some reason a different standard applies for the decisions I make," Palin wrote.

Drawing on a sports analogy, she explained that a good point guard drives through a full court press and passes the ball on for the team to win. "And I'm doing that—keeping our eye on the ball that represents sound priorities—smaller government, energy independence, national security, freedom! And I know when it's time to pass the ball—for victory."

Pundits also questioned the timing of the announcement on Friday, July 3, as Alaska and the nation prepared for Fourth of July celebrations. Palin addressed this aspect as well, saying, "Let's just say, this decision has been in the works for awhile. ... In fact, this decision comes after much consideration, and finally polling the most important people in my life—my children (where the count was unanimous) ... well, in response to asking: 'Want me to make a positive difference and fight for ALL our children's future from OUTSIDE the Governor's office?' It was four 'yes's' and one 'hell yeah!' The 'hell yeah' sealed it—and someday I'll talk about the details of that."

### Reactions

Soon-to-be Gov. Sean Parnell said in a prepared statement that his heart is heavy to hear Palin quit. Parnell spoke about her sacrificial service and the selflessness of her decision. "I profoundly respect your decision for I know the depth of character and integrity from which it springs. Rare, indeed, are such selfless acts seen in the public arena," Parnell said.

Parnell outlined his immediate plans to keep all commissioners in office and to work on a seamless and stable transition of power. "Alaskans can expect me to focus on positioning Alaska for economic growth by creating legacy opportunities for our people and future generations," he announced. He cited the gas line as his top priority and pledged support for responsible resource development and energy development of "all kinds for Alaskans."

Reactions to Palin's announcement also included a strong statement from U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski, saying, "I am deeply disappointed that

the governor has decided to abandon the state and her constituents before her term has concluded."

Junior U.S. Sen. Mark Begich mostly expressed his consternation. "I'm as surprised as all Alaskans by Governor Palin's decision to step down with nearly two years left in her term," Begich said. "There was speculation she would not seek re-election, but she gave no indication of a resignation when I met with her for 45 minutes in her Anchorage office two days ago."

U.S. Rep. Don Young told *The Nome Nugget*, "I'm as surprised as anyone by this announcement, but I support her decision and wish her well."

Alaska's Senate President Gary Stevens (R-Kodiak) thanked Palin for her service and said, "She has been a historic and inspirational leader for our state, and we wish her success in all her future endeavors." While his statement about Palin's resignation was short, he said that he is looking forward to working with governor-designee Parnell. "I am enthusiastic about getting down to business with him and mapping out the priorities for the next legislative session," Stevens said. Stevens said that he and other members of the Senate leadership team have scheduled meetings with Parnell after he takes office.



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**NOT SO LONG AGO—Gov. Sarah Palin addresses the crowd gathered for her inaugural ball in Nome in March 2007. Palin announced July 3 that she will give up her seat as governor in a matter of weeks.**

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# Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. rehires Rieger

By Laurie McNicholas

The Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. has decided to contract with Steve Rieger to manage marketable investment securities that UBS Financial Services has managed for the corporation since early in 2007, according to reliable information sources. The board reportedly made the decision at a special meeting June 23 in Anchorage. Dan Harrelson of White Mountain, NSEDC's president and board chairman, has not responded to an email from *The Nome Nugget* requesting his comments on reasons for the action.

At an NSEDC board meeting in January of this year, Harrelson reported "atrocious" losses in the company's portfolio of publicly traded securities in 2008. The exact amount of the losses should appear in the company's 2008 annual report, which is due to arrive at post office boxes by the end of this month in NSEDC's 15 member communities throughout the Bering Strait region.

During the January board meeting, Harrelson defended the percent reduction in NSEDC's security portfolio as comparable to that of the Alaska Permanent Fund in 2008. "Look at the national economy and 401(k)s and our losses are consistent," Harrelson said. However, Jack Carpenter, at-large member of NSEDC's finance committee expressed dissatisfaction with the performance of UBS.

"At the November meeting I said UBS did not seem to prepare our investments for the recession," he noted. Carpenter suggested checking the performances of the company's investment managers against guidelines the board had given them. Charles Schwab and Co. also manages a portion of NSEDC's investment portfolio. Henry Ivanoff, at-large finance committee member and former NSEDC board chairman, said the board needs to look at changing the allocation of securities among the investment managers.

Rieger managed NSEDC's former investment management subsidiary, Norton Sound Investment Corp., from 2002 to July 2006 under a contractual agreement. NSEDC's net assets nearly doubled during that period, increasing from \$50.3 million at the end of 2002, NSIC's first full year of operation, to \$100 million by June 30, 2006.

NSEDC is one of six entities in the Western Alaska Community Development Quota Program authorized under the federal Magnuson-Stevens Act. The CDQ program receives a 10 percent allocation of the annual total allowable catch of Bering Sea pollock, along with allocations of other fish and crab species in the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands area.

## Rieger named Permanent Fund trustee

NSEDC's decision to rehire Rieger came just eight days after Gov. Sarah Palin appointed him to the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation Board of Trustees.

"It is a pleasure to have a man with Steve Rieger's broad experience, impressive credentials and statesmanlike temperament as the newest Permanent Fund trustee," said Palin. "I have every confidence that Steve's addition to the board will help continue its strong record of prudent management of Alaska's most important financial institution."

The six-member board is responsible for overseeing corporate operations and setting investment policy for the Permanent Fund, established by state constitutional amendment in 1976 to save a portion of state mineral revenue. The fund's investments, currently valued at about \$31 billion, generate annual dividends for qualified Alaskans.

Rieger represented south Anchorage in the Alaska Legislature from 1985 to 1995, serving three terms in the House of Representatives and one in the Senate. In earlier years as a legislative staff member, Rieger helped develop legislation establishing the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation and worked with Wall Street firms on its investment guidelines

and governance, according to a state press release announcing his appointment as a trustee.

Clark Gruening, who formerly served in the Alaska Legislature and as a Permanent Fund Corporation trustee, told *Juneau Empire* reporter Pat Forgey that Rieger had worked to protect the fund's principal by adding in money to offset the effects of inflation. "He's credited with inflation proofing it later, and that has made a great difference in the size and success of the fund," Gruening added (*Juneau Empire*, June 16, 2009 ed.)

Rieger, who grew up in Palmer, earned a bachelor's degree in economics from Harvard University and a master's degree in business administration from the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration. He operates his own management and consulting firm in Anchorage.

## NSEDC's decision surprising

The NSEDC board's recent decision to rehire Rieger to help manage the company's securities investments surprised observers who recall that three years ago the board abruptly terminated his contract with the corporation and dissolved Norton Sound Investment Corp. The board made both decisions immediately after a 13-minute executive session that was called for an unstated reason during a quarterly board meeting July 28, 2006 in Nome. The executive session was closed to the public.

According to minutes of the meeting, the board approved a motion by Don Stiles of Nome, seconded by Paul Johnson of Unalakleet, to direct the NSIC management committee to terminate the management agreement with Steve Rieger and Co.

The board also unanimously approved a motion by Stiles, seconded by Harvey Sookiyak of Shaktoolik, to direct the NSIC management committee to dissolve NSIC and make NSEDC's president and chief executive officer (who at that time was Eugene Asicksik) responsible for relationships with the corporation's active partners and for distributing funds from NSIC to NSEDC. In addition to managing NSEDC's securities portfolio, Rieger had managed the corporation's other income-producing assets such as its ownership interest in Glacier Fish Co.

Asicksik did not concur with the board's decisions to oust Rieger and dissolve NSIC. In October 2006 the board elected Harrelson as board chairman and corporate president of NSEDC. The company's bylaws give all significant administrative powers and responsibilities to the president. Asicksik continued as CEO until he resigned in December 2007.

The board's decision to terminate Rieger's contract proved costly for NSEDC. The company reported compensation of \$1.05 million for Rieger in its 2006 Form 990 return to the Internal Revenue Service. NSEDC filed its 2006 return with the IRS in November 2007. In February 2008 Harrelson told the Nugget that the high compensation figure for Rieger in 2006 "includes a monthly management fee paid pursuant to contract, plus a one-time severance payment required to be paid upon termination of the contract."

Harrelson did not respond to requests to differentiate between the amount Rieger received in monthly management fees under his contract through July of 2006 and the amount of the severance payment. Rieger also declined to provide that information.

NSEDC's Form 990 for 2005 shows Reiger received compensation of \$521,727, less than half the \$1.05 million paid to him in 2006 when he worked only seven months as NSIC's manager. Rieger's earnings reportedly were related to the value of investments held by NSIC.

## Structural changes in NSEDC

NSEDC's marketable securities remained invested but were not actively managed for six months after Rieger's contract was terminated. In January 2007 the NSEDC board contracted with UBS Financial Services and Charles Schwab & Co. for management of its stock portfolio, divid-

ing approximately \$50 million worth of securities between them. Income from NSEDC's securities investments is not taxable.

As a nonprofit corporation organized under provisions of Section 501(C)4 of the Internal Revenue Code, the company is exempt from federal and state taxes on income, except for taxes on unrelated business income. In 2007 the company reported

unrelated business income to the IRS and the State of Alaska and paid unrelated business income tax totaling \$10.1 million for fiscal years 2005, 2006 and 2007. That information appears in the company's 2007 annual report, which was published and distributed in May 2009 to box holders in NSEDC's 15 member villages.

In 2008 NSEDC created a wholly owned for-profit subsidiary, Siu

Alaska Corp., to manage the company's taxable assets, which include its ownership interest in Glacier Fish Co. Don Stiles serves as chairman of the Siu Alaska board. In April the NSEDC board elected Paul Johnson as a Siu Alaska board member by a vote of 8 to 7 during a quarterly meeting in Unalakleet. Johnson was defeated in his bid for election to the NSEDC board in October 2007.

# Nome crab processing resumes

By Laurie McNicholas

The Norton Sound Seafood Products plant in Nome resumed purchasing red king crab from fishermen on Monday following a two-week suspension due to insufficient meat fill in the legs of crab initially delivered to the plant. "Norton Sound red king crab now has good meat fill," reports Rich Ferry, operations manager for the NSSP northern region.

The summer commercial fishery for red king crab in Norton

Sound opened June 15, eight days earlier than in 2008. Last week Ferry said biologists from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game and Norton Sound Economic Development Corp., which owns NSSP, told him this year's colder than normal spring may have depressed the crabs' metabolism and kept them from gaining weight after their molt.

ADF&G kept the fishery open while the Nome plant was closed

because AquaTech, an Anchorage firm that buys Norton Sound red king crab from Unalakleet fisherman Clarence Towarak, sampled crabs from Towarak's first delivery and found them filled with meat. Towarak may have been fishing in a different area of the sound than crabbers who delivered their catches to NSSP.

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# Adventurer still determined after rescue



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**RESCUE**—An MH-60 Jayhawk helicopter crew from Air Station Kodiak prepares the rescue of a French kayaker from the Bering Sea Saturday. The crew from Air Station Kodiak hoisted Jean Gabriel Shelala, 28, from his kayak 40 miles north of St. Lawrence Island at about 4:15 p.m.

By Tyler Rhodes

Wet, tired, alone and cold, Jean-Gabriel Chelala huddled in his kayak dozens of miles north of St. Lawrence Island in the frigid Bering Sea July 4.

After not seeing a soul since he left Emmonak nearly a week before, he mulled over the only two options he could fathom for himself. He could try to summon the energy to make landfall—most likely somewhere on the Seward Peninsula roughly 100 nautical miles away—or he could make the call on his satellite phone that would summon the Coast Guard to his rescue.

After laboring through a storm that lasted more than a day and already mildly hypothermic with reports of more bad weather on the horizon, the 28-year-old Frenchman made what was likely one of the more difficult calls of his life. “I knew it was the limit. I don’t think I could have gone another night,” Chelala said.

Within eight hours of that call July 4, a Coast Guard Jayhawk helicopter was hovering above him, its rescue basket descending to the sea. Clutching a yellow dry-bag full of all his valuable gear for the trip, Chelala

was hauled into the helicopter leaving his boat and a number of minor possessions to the Bering Sea 40 miles north of the island. “The Bering Sea, it’s horrible. It’s dangerous, very dangerous,” he said as he mulled over the ordeal while sitting in a cafe in Nome July 7.

The rescue, in a way, put an end to a vision Chelala had of crossing the globe solo completely under his own power. While many may scoff at yet another rescue of a person attempting to cross the Bering Sea between Alaska and Russia, Chelala’s journey to that rough spot 40 miles north of St. Lawrence Island is nothing short of impressive.

The voyage started in January 2008 from Paris. From the French capital, Chelala biked, paddled, boated and kayaked his way approximately 1,400 miles to the point where a helicopter would scoop him from the sea. He had biked from Paris to Portugal, traversed the Atlantic in a paddle boat and biked from Florida to Whitehorse in the Yukon Territory. Along the way he had dodged large ocean-going ships, sea mammals and countless storms.

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## King salmon subsistence and sport fishing closed in southern Norton Sound as pink salmon opens

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game closed subsistence and sport fishing for king salmon in the Shaktoolik and Unalakleet subdistricts on July 4. No king salmon commercial fishery was held in the subdistricts this year. Following is the text of a press release issued by ADF&G July 3.

“In the Unalakleet Subdistrict, reported subsistence catches and Unalakleet River king salmon test net catches have been much better than anticipated for late June. However, king salmon passage at a counting tower located on the North River, a tributary of the Unalakleet River, has been very weak, raising concerns that the king salmon escapement goal might not be met this season.

“Marine subsistence catches peaked during the recent 48-hour period ending Saturday, June 27 when 296 king salmon were caught. Subsistence catches in the lower Unalakleet River also peaked on June 27 when 203 king salmon were caught. Sport catches of king salmon in the Unalakleet River have been reported to be good as well. As of July 2, the North River salmon counting tower has only enumerated 90 king salmon, well below the recent 5-year average passage estimate of 200 king salmon.

The historical quarter-point of the king salmon run at the North River is July 4. Cumulative king salmon passage estimates suggest that the lower end of the North River tower escapement goal range of 1,200-2,600 king

salmon will not be reached.

“In order to conserve king salmon and reach escapement goals, subsistence salmon fishing with set gillnets will close in the marine waters of the Shaktoolik and Unalakleet Subdistricts effective 6:00 p.m. Saturday, July 4. Subsistence salmon fishing for king salmon in the Unalakleet River, and the king salmon sport fishery in both the Unalakleet and Shaktoolik Rivers will also close effective 8:00 p.m. Saturday, July 4. Any king salmon incidentally hooked while targeting other salmon species must be immediately released into the river. In addition, bait may not be used while sport fishing in these drainages while this closure is in effect.

“Immediately following the closure to the king salmon subsistence fishery, the department will open up the Shaktoolik and Unalakleet River drainages to beach seining seven days a week. This will provide subsistence fishermen with opportunity to target other salmon species and take advantage of the good drying weather. However, as with sport fishing, beach seining is closed to the retention of king salmon. Any king salmon incidentally caught in seines must be returned to the water immediately.”

### Pink salmon commercial fishing opens

ADF&G announced a July 8 opening date for commercial fishing for Norton Sound pink salmon in a

press release issued July 6. Following are excerpts from the release.

“Commercial salmon fishing will be permitted in the Shaktoolik and Unalakleet Subdistricts for one 24-hour period from 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 8 until 6:00 p.m. Thursday, July 9. Permit holders are restricted to 100 fathoms of net in aggregate length and gillnets must have a mesh size of 4 inches or less. The Shaktoolik Subdistrict consists of all waters from the westernmost tip of Cape Denbigh to the mouth of Junction Creek. The Unalakleet Subdistrict consists of all waters from the mouth of Junction Creek to the tip of Black Point....

“Commercial permit holders are required to have a current Norton Sound commercial salmon permit and

photo [identification] when commercial fishing. Any crewmember helping with fishing operations must also have a crewmember’s license in their possession, regardless of their age. Commercial salmon fishers are also reminded that commercial salmon fishing is prohibited at all times within any stream or river, and within 500 yards in any direction of a salmon stream regardless of the tide stage. Any king salmon incidentally caught during this period must be recorded in the personal use section located at the bottom of the fish ticket. Due to king salmon conservation concerns, king salmon may not be sold commercial this season, and must be retained for subsistence purposes.

“This brief commercial fishing period will provide the department

with an early index of pink salmon run strength and will not jeopardize pink subsistence fishing or escapement needs. Additionally, using 4 1/2-inch mesh will allow fishermen to selectively target pink salmon while conserving king salmon. Last season the incidental king salmon catch during directed pink salmon openings was very low and was comprised of small kings. The department will review catch data from the July 8th period to determine if additional commercial pink salmon fishing is warranted.”

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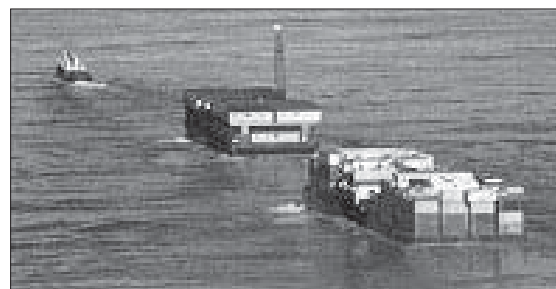
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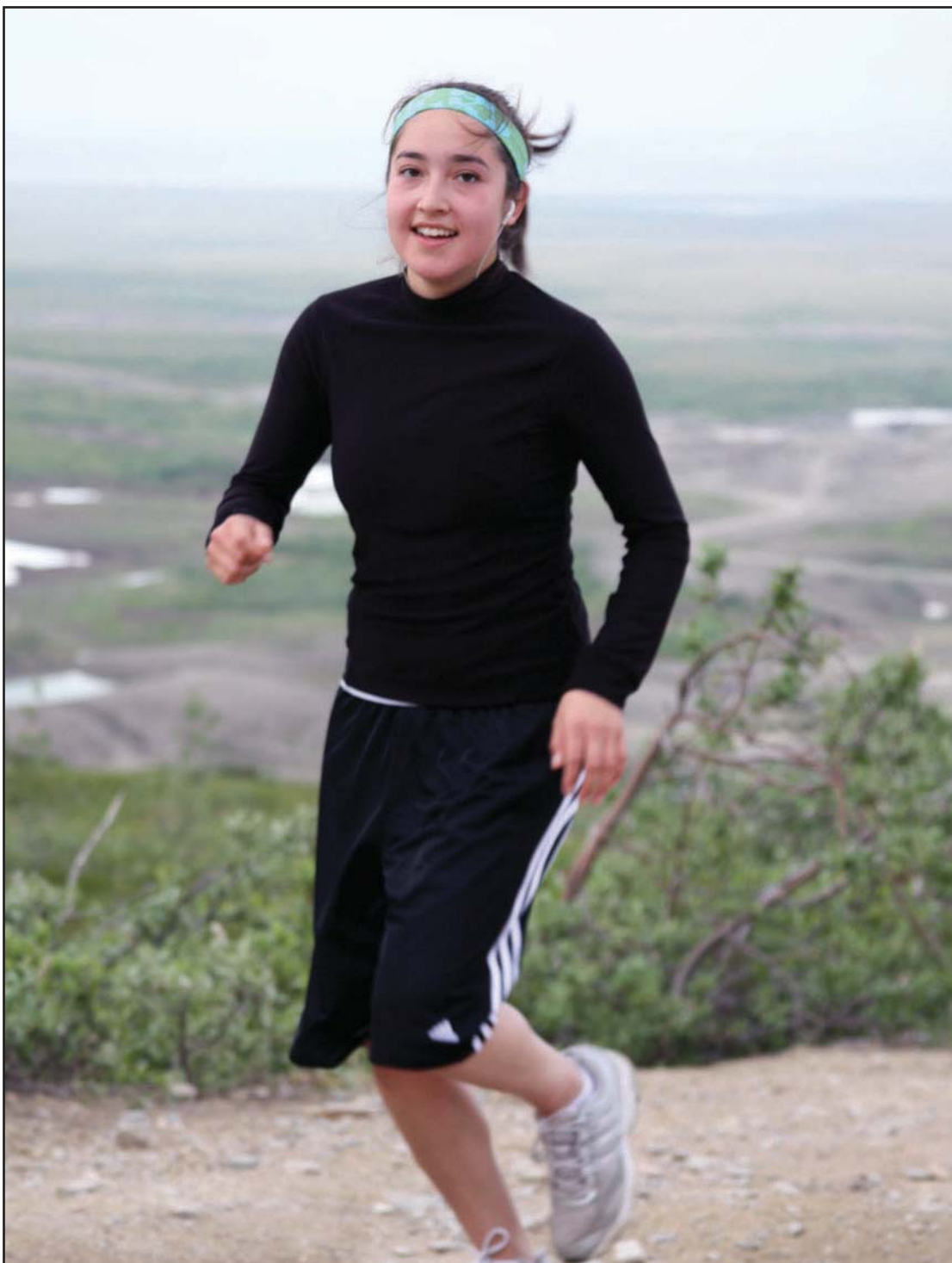
**AND THEY'RE OFF**—Runners start their first stride Saturday in the 12.5-mile trek that is the Anvil Mountain Run. Racers started and finished on Front Street with a climb up the race's namesake to start off the Independence Day celebrations in Nome.



Photos by Denise Olin

**UPHILL BATTLE** (above)—David Thoreson, visiting Nome with the sailboat *Ocean Watch*, battles up the road leading to the top of Anvil Mountain during the annual race July 4.

**STILL SMILING** (right)—Martina Painter flashes a brief smile as she summits the climb up Anvil Mountain during Saturday's race.



## Payenna, Eaton top the field in annual Anvil Mountain Run

By Tyler Rhodes

Teddy Payenna must be getting a little bit lonely during Nome's summer running races.

Not too long after the starting gun has fired, Payenna, 16, has had the course all to himself the past two races, the competition trailing by several minutes.

Payenna's mantle, however, is likely becoming a crowded place as he walked away from Saturday's 12.5-mile Anvil Mountain Run with two blue trophies—one for winning overall and the other for being the first under 16 to cross the finish line. Payenna topped the field of 19 runners, tackling the course that loops from downtown Nome to up and over Anvil Mountain and back in 1 hour, 20 minutes and 25 seconds.

The course, run since the early 1980s, takes runners from downtown Nome to the Nome-Teller Highway. Runners then turn off on the Dexter Pass road before hitting the first checkpoint at the base of the road that climbs to the White Alice towers

atop Anvil Mountain. Passing the towers at the second checkpoint, runners continue across the mountaintop ridge to the check point at the rock formation for which the hill is named. From there runners work to stay upright as they bomb down the mountain to the Old Glacier Creek Road and the final checkpoint. From there, the runners are free to make their way back to City Hall by any route they choose.

Payenna was chased by last year's winner, Tyler Rhodes, for approximately half the run before he was able to break free a little past the half-way mark up the climb to the top of Anvil Mountain. Payenna stretched his lead to more than three minutes by the time he crossed the finish line back on Front Street. Rhodes held on for second place in 1:23:54, followed by Greg Finstad at 1:26:45.

The women's race offered a more competitive finish as Erika Eaton battled Marta Muntean the entire race. The two were neck-and-neck

until shortly before the finish when Eaton was able to surge and pull out the win by a half minute at 1:43:55. AnnieKate Olson grabbed third place, finishing in 1:58:08.

Olson stepped across the finish just a couple seconds ahead of her father, David Olson, who placed 11th among the men. The Olson family are perennial fixtures in Nome's longest running race. The first Olson to cross the line this year was another one of David's children, Nathaniel, who finished fourth in 1:27:56.

Before the race even started, David Olson received an award from race organizer Leo Rasmussen. Olson was presented with a Alaska statehood 50-year medallion to honor his 25th consecutive running of the race. Over that quarter century, Olson said he has seen fields as small as seven runners and then watched the number of entrants swell large before it evened out to the 20 or so who have signed up in the past few years. Although organizers swear the course has not changed, Olson, who

is 53, is not so sure. "I think the hill gets steeper and the miles get longer," he said. "I don't think it has anything to do with getting older."

This year's race also featured another family, of sorts. Three crewmembers of the sailboat *Ocean Watch* joined the ranks of the finishers. The boat was ported in Nome over the Fourth of July weekend during its journey on which it will attempt to circumnavigate North and South America. Bryan Reeves led the sailors, taking 6th overall in 1:32:26. David Thoreson crossed the line in 10th for the men and Tyler Osberg was 12th. Osberg and Reeves are spending short stints on the boat while Thoreson is in it for the long haul (see story on page 1).

Running conditions for the day were pleasant, with the overcast skies and a ridge-top breeze helping keep the competitors cool. Brief showers on Friday evening helped cut down on the dust, but also made the descent off Anvil Mountain a bit slippery for those who eschewed the

trail for the more direct route over the tundra.

While the top half of finishers were able to collect themselves a bit before the rest of the 4th of July excitement started, the latter half of the field found themselves running head on into the end of the parade as it made its way down Front Street.

### 2009 Anvil Mountain Run results, 12.5 miles

**Men:** 1. Teddy Payenna, 1 hour, 20 minutes, 25 seconds; 2. Tyler Rhodes, 1:23:54; 3. Greg Finstad, 1:26:45; 4. Nathaniel Olson, 1:27:56; 5. Phil Hofstetter, 1:28:19; 6. Bryan Reeves, 1:32:26; 7. Andy Lean, 1:35:54; 8. Derek Adolf, 1:37:37; 9. David Larsen, 1:45:10; 10. David Thoreson, 1:54:53; 11. David Olson, 1:58:10; 12. Tyler Osberg, 2:04:04; 13. John Bioff, 2:33:33.

**Women:** 1. Erika Eaton, 1:43:55; 2. Marta Muntean, 1:44:25; 3. AnnieKate Olson, 1:58:08; 4. Dora Hughes, 2:07:40; 5. Martina Painter, 2:18:38; 6. Christine Schultz, 2:20:21.





Photo by Tyler Rhodes

BIKER GANG—Men racing in the 36-year-old and above division in street races Saturday raise their arms to signal their readiness for the fierce battle to the finish line that's about to ensue.

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# The Fourth of July



Photo by Denise Olin

ONE-WHEEL WONDERS (above)—Wheelbarrow racers dash off the line Saturday. Left to right are Jimmy Adams wheeling Kalani Pakileata, Peter Hansen wheeling Clara Hansen and Sterling Buffas wheeling Maggie Sharp. Team Hansen won the race followed by Buffas and Sharpe in second and Adams and Pakileata in third. Charlie Lean also competed, finishing just out of the money.

CLIMB FOR CASH (right)—Stacie Outwater, 10, smiles after making it up the greased pole to grab a \$20 bill outside the fire hall Saturday. While displaying a grip, Outwater had a little help from the heads and shoulders of friends as she squirmed her way up the pole covered in vegetable oil.



Photo by Tyler Rhodes





Photo by Tyler Rhodes

**COME TO MAMA!**—Parents scream, wave and otherwise cajole their children toward them in the youngest foot race division in the annual Nome Fourth of July Street Games on Saturday.



Photo by Denise Olin

**SUPERHEROES ON PARADE** (left)—James Adcox as Superman leads his fellow Justice League members down Front Street during Nome's annual Fourth of July Parade. Tom Mute strikes a pose as Batman while he is joined by Amy Adcox as Wonderwoman and Loren Prosser as Aquaman holding the young Justice Adcox dressed as a baby Superman. The younger Batman is Kayden Thrun. The crew is flanked by Ryan Letares as the Joker.

**TALL GUY** (right)—Charlie Lean struts his stuff in the stilt race as he makes his wobbly way down Front Street. Lean displayed heart while the only other competitor in the race, Mark Steiger, sped to the finish line.



Photo by Peggy Fagerstrom

# Street Games results

## Tricycle races

**2- to 4-year-old boys & girls - 25 feet:** \$5 Jimi Teesateskie; \$3 Dorothy Callahan; \$1 Son Erikson

## Bicycle races

**4- to 6-year-old boys - 25 yards:** \$5 William Nyakuk; \$3 Trenton Ellison; \$1 Kalani Pakileata

**4 to 6-year-old girls - 25 yards:** \$5 Savanna Teesateskie; \$3 Sarah Kennedy; \$1 Alayah Kunnun & Brianna Menadelook

**7- to 10-year-old boys - 50 yards:** \$5 Eddie Kittess; \$3 Leif Erikson; \$1 Andy Nayokpuk

**7- to 10-year-old girls - 50 yards:** \$5 Jillian Stettenbenz; \$3 Maya Kralik; \$1 Hannah Kennedy

**11- to 13-year-old girls - 75 yards:** \$5 Tehya Tucker

**11- to 13-year-old boys - 75 yards:** \$5 Micheal Lyon; \$3 Robert Pate; \$1 Joshua Gologergen

**14- to 17-year-old boys - 100 yards:** \$5 David Stickel; \$3 Andy Piscoya; \$1 Timothy Kowchee

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## ALASKA ENERGY AUTHORITY

### Public Comment Period on Proposed Changes in Regulations

New regulations relating to grants from the Renewable Energy Grant Fund and certain other regulations for the Alaska Energy Authority are available for review and comment. Comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. August 4, 2009 and may be submitted to Butch White at 813 West Northern Lights Blvd., Anchorage, AK 99503 or at [bwhite@aidea.org](mailto:bwhite@aidea.org).

#### Public Hearing

Oral or written comments may also be submitted at a hearing to be held on July 15, 2009, in the Board Room of the Alaska Energy Authority and Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority, 813 West Northern Lights Blvd, Anchorage. The hearing will be held from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Alaska Daylight Time and might be extended to accommodate those present before 5 p.m. who did not have an opportunity to comment. To participate in the hearing by telephone, dial 1-800-315-6338 and enter code 3052#.

For a copy of the proposed regulation changes, contact Butch White at 907-771-3052, or by email at [bwhite@aidea.org](mailto:bwhite@aidea.org), or log on to [www.akenergyauthority.org](http://www.akenergyauthority.org).

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**EAST VS. WEST (above)**—Once again the Nome’s West Enders took the honors in the annual epic tug of war battle on Front Street Saturday.

**ONE COMPETITOR ON ONE WHEEL (left)**—Sterling Buffas raises his arms in victory as he wins the unicycle race. Despite having no competition, he still impressed the crowd.

**SCRAMBLED EGG (right)**—Linda Kimoktoak drops the egg just as she approaches the finish line in Saturday’s egg race.

• Results

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**14- to 17-year-old girls - 100 yards:** \$5 Jessica Russell; \$3 Lindsay Burt

**18- to 35-year-old girls - 150 yards:** \$5 Mori Jack-Busk; \$3 Kelly Wongittilin; \$1 Andrea Douglas

**18- to 35 year-old boys - 150 yards:** \$5 Peter Hansen; \$3 Kris Busk; \$1 Willie Hoogendorn

**36 and above men - 150 yards:** \$5 Sterling Buffas; \$3 Ricky Sockpick; \$1 Steve Smith

**36 and above women - 150 yards:** \$5 Linda Steiger; \$3 Toni Smith

**61 years and older - 150 yards:** \$5 Jerry Oliver

**Slowest bicycle race (age 16 and older) - 50 yards:** \$5 Patrick Okitkon; \$3 Peter Hansen; \$1 Jimmie Murdock

**Foot races**

**Toddlers - under 2 years - 20 feet:** \$5 Son Erikson; \$3 Sherilyn Anderson; \$1 Joshua Contreras

**2- to 6-year-old girls - 25 feet:** \$5 Hannah Callahan; \$3 Harmony Martinson; \$1

Stormy Merrill & Shelby Haugen

**2- to 6-year-old boys - 25 feet:** \$5 Trenton Ellison; \$3 Owen Merrill; \$1 Stephen Anderson

**7- to 10-year-old girls - 50 yards:** \$5 Ivory Okleasik; \$3 Keyahna Johnson; \$1 Larrisha Johnson

**7- to 10-year-old boys - 50 yards:** \$5 Joshua Bourdon; \$3 Leif Erikson; \$1 Sam Bourdon & Wilson Hoogendorn & Orlin Gologergen

**11- to 13-year-old girls - 75 yards:** \$5 Addy Ahmasuk; \$3 Senora Ahmasuk; \$1 Emily Reast

**11- to 13-year-old boys - 75 yards:** \$5 Michael Lyon; \$3 CJ Lyon; \$1 Alex Caray

**14- to 17-year-old girls - 100 yards:** \$5 Lindsay Burn & Elizabeth Herzner; \$1 Jessica Russell

**14- to 17-year-old boys - 100 yards:** \$5 Junior Samuels; \$3 Alex Piscoya; \$1 Nathan Blandford & David Stickel

**18- to 35-year-old girls/women - 100 yards:** \$5 Mori Jack-Busk; \$3 Amy Adcox; \$1 Marta Muntean

**18- to 35-year-old boys/men - 100 yards:** \$5 Jesse Blandford & Peter

Hansen; \$3 Kris Busk; \$1 Jesse Zink

**36- to 60-year-old women - 100 yards:** \$5 Linda Steiger; \$3 Tracy Piscoya; \$1 Jo Reast

**36- to 60-year-old men - 100 yards:** \$5 Terry Komonaseak & Corey Erikson; \$3 Kevin Keith

**61 and older women & men - 50 yards:** \$5 Igor Sudarkin; \$3 John Elander; \$1 George Kelso

**Scoter Race:** \$5 Carlos Aguila; \$3 Aidin Osborne

**Unicycle Race:** \$5 Sterling Buffas

**Wheelbarrow Race (all ages, two-man race) - 25 yards:** \$5 Clara Hansen & Peter Hansen; \$3 Maggie Sharpe & Sterling Buffas; \$1 Kalani Pakileata & Jim Adams

**Stilt races - 25 yards:** \$5 Mark Steiger; \$3 Charlie Lean

**3-legged races**

**3- to 7-year-olds - 50 yards:** \$5 Elise Rasmussen & Michaela Hooper; \$3 Kelly Lyon & Maggie Sharpe; \$1 Natalie

Piscoya & Kayleigh Piscoya

**8- to 15-year-olds - 50 yards:** \$5 Tehya Tucker & Tonya Osborne; \$3 Joshua Bourdon & Bobby Pate; \$1 Chad Callahan & Leif Erikson

**16 & older - 50 Yards:** \$5 Nathan Blandford & Jesse Blandford; \$3 Birdie Trainer & Willie Hoogendorn; \$1 Mori Jack-Busk & Marta Muntean

**Gunny sack races**

**3- to 7-year-old boys - 50 yards:** \$5 Junior Erikson; \$3 Trenton Ellison

**3- to 7-year-old girls - 50 yards:** \$5 Ava Earthman; \$3 Maggie Sharpe

**8- to 15-year-olds - 50 yards:** \$5 Emily Reast; \$3 Michael Lyon; \$1 Leif Erikson

**16 and Older - 50 yards:** \$5 David Stickel; \$3 Peter Hansen; \$1 Alex Piscoya

**Shoe scramble**

**All boys & girls 11 and under - 50 yards and back:** \$5 Leif Erikson; \$3 Wilson Hoogendorn; \$1 Senora Ahmasuk

**All boys & girls 12 - 17 years old - 50 yards and back:** \$5 David Stickel; \$3 Nathan Blandford; \$1 Taylor Romenesko

**Alaska Gold Shuffle - 5 person teams**

**\$5 first place:** Nathan Blandford, Jesse Blandford, Taylor Romenesko, David Stickel, Christian Leckband

**\$3 second place:** Mikey Wongittilin, Jim Adams, Sterling Buffas, Hal Lloyd, Peter Hansen

**\$1 thid place:** Kim Knudsen, Sean Knudsen, Lindsay Johnson, Andrew Merrill, Marcy Merrill

**Egg races**

**Women 21 and older – 50 yards:** \$5 Linda Steiger; \$3 Katie Bourdon; \$1 Donna Smith

**Men 21 and older – 50 yards:** \$5 Cyril Lyon; \$3 Kris Busk; \$1 Hal Lloyd

**Herbie Locke Memorial pie eating contest**

**Table 1:** \$5 Ethan Kelso; \$3 Andy Nayokpuk; \$1 Austin Pate

**Table 2:** \$5 Clay Outwater; \$3 Joshua Gologergen; \$1 Wilson Hoogendorn

**Tug of war**

West Enders def. East Enders (Steadman Street is dividing line)

# HOROSCOPES

July 9 - 15, 2009

**CAPRICORN**  
December 22–January 19

Big deal, Capricorn. You had a slip in judgment. So has everyone else. Fess up and move on. A well-deserved vacation is in your future. Start saving for it now.

**ARIES**  
March 21–April 19

Praise comes to you from all sides for your recent efforts. Don't let it go to your head, Aries. There is much left to do. A news piece encourages you to get more involved in the community.

**CANCER**  
June 22–July 22

Fishing for information is not the way, Cancer. Ask and you will receive. A little time apart from a friend puts everything into perspective.

**LIBRA**  
September 23–October 22

Whoa, Libra. You've taken on too many requests as it is. Learn to say no, or risk complete failure. A chance meeting results in a very lucrative opportunity.

**AQUARIUS**  
January 20–February 18

Time to get tough at home, Aquarius. Your to-do list is a mile long, and if you don't start pitching a fit, your pleas for help will fall on deaf ears.

**TAURUS**  
April 20–May 20

The fur flies at home, Taurus, and you must work quickly to resolve it. An opportunity ripens; pick it before it's too late. The truth comes out at work.

**LEO**  
July 23–August 22

The tide changes at work, Leo, and you are given the green light for a project. Push full steam ahead and ignore your critics. You will prove them wrong.

**SCORPIO**  
October 23–November 21

Time to get your facts straight, Scorpio. The rumor mill is in high gear, and you don't want to add fuel to the fire. Special times with friends and family boost your spirits.

**PISCES**  
February 19–March 20

Uh-oh, Pisces. A relationship is in a rut. Spice things up with a trip to someplace exotic. A project at work spirals out of control. Work to get it back on track quickly.

**GEMINI**  
May 21–June 21

Making peace is never easy, Gemini, but the time has come. Reconciliation is long past due. A wish is granted; be grateful. A note piques your curiosity.

**VIRGO**  
August 23–September 22

Ignorance is bliss this week, Virgo. Keep to yourself and stay away from all of the fodder. The less you know, the less likely you are to get into trouble.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
November 22–December 21

Aw shucks, Sagittarius. Your run of good luck comes to an end, but that doesn't mean you have to be a worrywart. Play it safe, and life will continue to treat you well.

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## • Rescue

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He arrived in Whitehorse Nov. 10, hanging up his bike and suspending his trip for the winter. When spring arrived, he returned and kayaked down the Yukon River to the village of Emmonak at the river's mouth. There, he waited out cold, stormy weather for a break when he would attempt to row to Gambell and then later on to the Russian coast.

Chelala left Emmonak June 28. Those weather improvements that prompted his departure, however, were short-lived. By June 30, his website reported deteriorating weather and a struggle against the wind and currents that would change with the gusts.

On July 3, he saw the coast of St. Lawrence Island. He had

nearly made it.

The Bering Sea, however, had other plans.

The winds and current continued to push him north to the point that a landfall on the island was out of the question. So started what Chelala described as an ensuing "36 hours of hell" that included a battering by a storm that at its worst pounded him with 40-knot winds and 15- to 20-foot seas. Despite the rough conditions, Chelala said he was not worried about the integrity of his boat, but rather the toll the cold was taking on him.

The kayak was designed with a special canopy that could close to keep Chelala out of the elements. The problem was that the condensation produced by his body heat and respiration pooled up inside the boat

to the point where he had inches of water in the hull. Constantly wet with no relent in the weather to dry out, the cold was continually sapping his heat and energy. "I didn't imagine I could have so much condensation in the kayak," he said.

He said he would shake and twist to try and generate body heat to keep warm, but it was to no avail.

Before leaving Emmonak, Chelala had befriended an Alaska State Trooper, who he called from the kayak to see if any fishermen may be out in the area to render him assistance. The Trooper told him that the weather was keeping boats in port and most area fishermen would likely not motor the distance to his location even if the weather were to improve.

By Saturday, the weather had im-

proved a bit, but not to the point where Chelala could dry his gear or himself. When Chelala was advised by a contact in France that the weather report called for another storm by Monday, he felt he had no other option but to call for help. "I wasn't ready to take on another storm," he said.

Once plucked from the sea by the Coast Guard helicopter, Chelala was flown to Nome where he was treated and released from the Norton Sound Regional Hospital for mild hypothermia. As of Tuesday, he was still in Nome working out a plan to continue his journey. He planned to travel to Anchorage on Wednesday to meet with the French consulate to discuss his options. From this point, Chelala said he is considering flying to Provideniya or Anadyr, Russia,

and continuing his journey by land.

Whatever solution he finds, Chelala is determined to press on. He is surprisingly upbeat following an ordeal that would have sent so many others packing. He admits his voyage will now take on a different character as he will most likely have to rely on power other than his own to traverse the Bering Sea. Nevertheless, the young man feels his journey is not compromised in relation to the message he is trying to spread. "I wanted to do something to encourage people to believe in themselves," he said.

Chelala's message is all about the power and potential humanity has if they believe in their abilities. "When you put all of your energy into success, you succeed," he said. "One man with one head and one body can do the impossible."

## Saying it Sincerely

By Pastor Julie Yoder Elmore, Community United Methodist Church  
For the Nome Ministerial Association

Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:4-7)

Do you ever find that worry gets the best of you? Worry about money, worry over a job, worry over a loved one who is making poor choices?

Worry can bring us down and prevent us from becoming the people that God created us to be. God created us to trust in God and praise God for all the things God has done in our lives. When we are anxious about the worries of life, it is real easy to lose sight of the blessings God has given us.

When I was at seminary orientation, I learned a song from the Taizé Community called "In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful." When we were transitioning between activities at orientation, we would sing this song several times. The lyrics are as follows:

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful

In the Lord I will rejoice

Look to God, do not be afraid.

Lift up your voices the Lord is near.

Lift up your voices the Lord is near. (from The Faith We Sing #2195)

This song reminded us that as we were beginning a new chapter, God was with us. God was the one who had called us in that time and that place to begin our seminary education. It was no coincidence. God called us there. We were very grateful to be there, yet worried what challenges this new adventure might bring. For some of us, we were following a call to ministry and this was the next step on the journey. For others of us, we were fulfilling a lifelong dream to seek God through education. I worried if others would like me and ended up meeting many great friends including my husband, David. I worried if I was going to do well in my classes. Perhaps at first I was not getting the grades I anticipated, but by the end of my seminary career I was doing much better. Worrying and dwelling on whether or not I would be accepted or get the best grades would have kept me from becoming the pastor – the servant of God – that God was calling me to be. I gave my requests to God and God provided.

What in your life do you worry about that is keeping you from leading a full life of peace in God? Remember that God is there to help with your worries – give them to God and rejoice in all that God has already given you, including God's son Jesus Christ. God is faithful and God is good.



Photo by Sandi Keller

**TEE BALL KICKS OFF**—From left, Tyrone Olin, David Miller and Matthew Wrenn are at the throwing station learning to throw the softball during this season's first tee ball session on July 1. The next session is to be held July 22 at 7 p.m. This is free to children ages 4 to 6 and there is no need for registration.

Happy Birthday  
Anette



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**Bible Baptist Church Service Schedule, 443-2144**  
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**Community Baptist Church-SBC**  
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**Wednesday:** Youth Group 7 p.m. (call 443-7218 for location)

**Friday:** Community Soup Kitchen 6 - 7 p.m.

**Our Savior Lutheran Church**  
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**Saturday Morning Worship** 11 a.m.

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## Employment

Kawerak Administration – Extended Recruitment Notice –starting 6/25/09 open until filled. DEPARTMENT: Administration

**JOB TITLE:** Beringia Museum Culture and Science Project Director

**POSITION STATUS:** Regular, Full Time

**EXEMPT STATUS:** Non Exempt

**LOCATION:** Nome, Alaska  
**PAY SCALE GRADE:** 16 - 17 - 18 - 19 (\$27.91-38.64)

**REPORTS TO:** Senior Planner

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

- 1) Four years of planning experience or college education on a year for year basis in museum/cultural center studies and/or cultural documentation.
- 2) Effective writing, budgeting, research and communication skills.
- 3) Experience with complex projects with construction involved.
- 4) Experience in fundraising from the private sector including individuals, foundations, corporations and major donors.
- 5) Knowledge of public process, design and construction.
- 6) Knowledge of the Bering Strait Region people and history highly desirable.
- 7) Ability to work well with others and under pressure.
- 8) Strong computer skills using Microsoft Word, Excel, Power Point & data base systems.
- 9) Must be willing to travel extensively to villages and outside the region.

Native Preference per Public Law 93-638.

Interested individuals may contact Human Resources with questions at 907-443-5231.

Applications can be accessed via Kawerak's website at [www.kawerak.org](http://www.kawerak.org) or by contacting Human Resources at 907-443-5231. Applications may be faxed to Kawerak Human Resources at 907-443-4443 or sent via email to [personnel@kawerak.org](mailto:personnel@kawerak.org). Thank you. 7/2-9

**JOB TITLE:** Regional Grant Specialist  
**POSITION STATUS:** Regular Full-Time  
**LOCATION:** Nome, Alaska  
**EXEMPT STATUS:** Non-Exempt  
**PAY SCALE GRADE:** 12-13-14 (\$22.04 – 28.75)  
**DOE**  
**REPORTS TO:** CPD Program Director  
**QUALIFICATIONS:**

1. Bachelors Degree in Rural Development, Public Administration, Business Management or related field. Supervisory work experience in directly related fields may be substituted for the degree requirement on a year for year basis;  
 2. Prefer two years of management experience in community development and/or grant development;

3. Experience in providing technical assistance or training programs;

4. Must have strong oral and written communication skills, organizational and budgeting skills;

5. Ability to work effectively with people from a variety of backgrounds and effectively relate with IRA/Traditional Councils and various funding agencies in a multi-cultural setting;

6. Must be dependable, self-motivated and able to work with minimum supervision;

7. Must possess computer skills in Windows, Microsoft Word and Excel, e-mail and Internet usage. Also, prefer Microsoft Power Point skills;

8. Must be willing to travel extensively;

9. Prefer federal and state grants management experience, and bookkeeping and accounting skills desired

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### CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE - Nome

TelAlaska, your local telephone company and a leading provider of advanced telecom services, is recruiting for a Customer Service Rep in our Nome office. This is an exciting opportunity to learn about the latest & greatest telecom services available & the chance to share that knowledge with your neighbors by providing them with courteous, efficient & timely assistance.

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Grubby says, “get over to the animal shelter and see which of my friends want to go home with you.” His friends are waiting for you, call to make an appointment today.

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Grubby



## NOME PUBLIC SCHOOLS

### CLASSIFIED JOB VACANCIES

Nome Public Schools has the following job vacancies for the 2009 - 2010 school year. All are open until filled.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION PARAPROFESSIONAL - (3) positions** - Must have High School Diploma with two or more years of college preferred. Previous successful experience working with students having special needs/behavior difficulties. Assist special needs students with homework, assigned classroom work and testing.

Term: Permanent seasonal summer off Schedule: 24 - 30 hours/week

Salary: \$16.23 - \$24.48/hour DOE

**PERSONNEL OFFICER - District Wide - Bachelors Degree preferred.** Experience working in Personnel/Human Resources or related field required. A minimum of five years working in office environment required. Experience in general use of computers; proficiency with work processing, spreadsheets, and other related systems. Excellent communication skills, both oral and written. Duties include supervise the general administrative processes and activities related to the district's personnel functions, ensuring compliance with state and local statutes and ordinances, school board policy, and collective bargaining agreements. Assists the Superintendent in daily routine matters of the school district and school board activities. Develops and coordinates the recruitment process for classified/certified employees. Attends school board meetings and prepares official minutes.

Term: Permanent Full-time/12 months  
 Salary: Exempt Salary - \$50,000 DOE

Detailed job descriptions are available at the district personnel office, **443-2231** or Email Cynthia Gray at [cgray@nomeschools.com](mailto:cgray@nomeschools.com).

Nome Public Schools is an EEO Employer

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## Seawall

**6/20** A Nome juvenile female received a citation for Minor Consuming Alcohol.

**6/30** Ryan Okleasik, DOB: 4/23/91, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault in the Fourth Degree Domestic Violence, and Violating Conditions of Probation.

A Nome juvenile received a citation for Basic Speed.

**7/1** Michael Walker, DOB: 5/26/83, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.

A Nome juvenile received a citation for Negligent Driving.

April James, DOB: 3/30/63, received a citation for Open Container.

Edwin Campbell, DOB: 10/23/74, received a citation for Open Container.

**7/2** Cerene Seppilu, DOB: 9/28/78, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Drunk on Licensed Premises and Introduction of Alcohol to Licensed

Premise.

Thomas Bell, DOB: 9/22/89, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Vehicle Theft in the 1st Degree.

**7/3** William Tate, DOB: 4/20/87, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Vehicle Theft in the 1st Degree.

**7/4** Kimberly Soolook, DOB: 10/21/86, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Drunk on License Premise.

Daniel Johnson, DOB: 10/7/63, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Disorderly Conduct.

Betty Wongittlin, DOB: 12/22/52, was arrested and booked into AMCC for False Report.

John Erlich, DOB: 2/20/85, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Probation Violation, Criminal Mischief and Interdiction and Removal.

Joseph Cross, DOB: 10/26/73, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violation Conditions of Release.

**7/5** Daisy Weinard, DOB: 5/9/90, received a citation

stad, of Unalakleet, for traveling in a boat without a Personal Floatation Device.

On June 28, Alaska Wildlife Troopers in Unalakleet issued a citation to Chara-Leigh Blatchford, of Unalakleet, for sport fishing without a license. She was warned for not having a king stamp.

On June 29, at 12:01 a.m., AST received a report of a domestic disturbance at a Savoonga residence. VPSO Peratrovich and the Alaska State Troopers subsequently arrested Stanley Rookok, 31, of Savoonga, for Assault 4 and Resisting Ar-

rest. Rookok was remanded to AMCC.

On June 29, Alaska Wildlife Troopers in Unalakleet seized a net, which didn't conform to the mesh size restriction in place. William Anselm, of Unalakleet, was cited for fishing with a net with mesh size greater than six inches.

On July 3, at 3:10 a.m., AST received a report of a disturbance in Savoonga. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Shaun Mokiuk, 28, of Savoonga, for Probation Violation and Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance VI. Mokiuk was remanded to AMCC.

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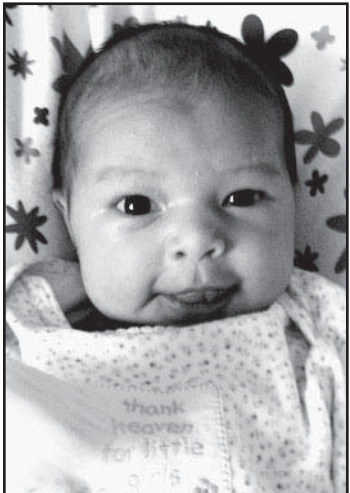
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# All Around the Sound

### New Arrivals

Mary Nuglene and Samy Disouryavong of Anchorage announce the birth of their daughter **Kayla Brooke Disouryavong**, born May 8, at 8:32 a.m. She weighed 6 lb., 4 oz., and was 19" in length. Siblings are Natasha, Cheyanne, Dylan, Sierra and Asia.



Jocelyn Grace Mannik Nichols

Kendra Nichols and Silas Takak are proud to announce the birth of their daughter **Jocelyn Grace Mannik Nichols**, born June 20, 2009. She was 8 pounds, 10.5 ounces and 20.5 inches long. Jocelyn is the twelfth grandchild of the late Renard and Linda Nichols and the sixth grandchild of Gabe and Jessie Takak. She joins 3-year-old cousin Matthew Bendt.

Janis L. Menadelook and Kyle L. Crump of Nome announce the birth of their son **Noah Lee Crump**. Noah was born on Friday, June 12, at 8:00 p.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. Noah weighed 9 lbs, 2 oz and was 20.5" in length. Maternal grandparents the late Roger Menadelook, Jr. and Virginia Menadelook of Teller; and paternal grandmother is Rocio Baquerizo of California.



Noah Lee Crump

### Honors

**Jenna Schmidt**, daughter of Rick and Lynette Schmidt of Nome, is on the Dean's Honors List at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. She is majoring in biology and will be studying in Scotland this summer.

## Nome man pleads guilty to attempted sexual assault

By Tyler Rhodes

A Nome man pleaded guilty to charges of attempted sexual assault before Superior Court Judge Ben Esch July 2 after reaching a deal with prosecutors.

In a hearing held at the Nome Courthouse, Calvin Gooden, 41, waived his right to an indictment and pleaded guilty to the one felony count. The plea deal calls for a prison sentence of three years, two years of suspended sentence and a five-year probation period. Gooden will also be required to register as a sexual offender for at least 15 years.

Gooden was initially charged in March with one count of first-degree sexual assault and one count of second-degree sexual abuse of a minor. According to the Nome Police Department at the time, a juvenile victim came to the department to report a sexual assault. The charges levied against Gooden before the deal pertained to a victim between the ages of 13 and 15.

The charge of attempted sexual assault is levied when someone takes a substantial step toward making sexual contact with someone against their will, Judge Esch said at the July 2 hearing. A Class C felony, the charge carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and a \$50,000 fine.

Sentencing for Gooden is scheduled for Nov. 9 at 3:30 p.m. He remains free until that time under a \$2,500 bond posted in late March. Other conditions of his release require that when he is not at work, he must be with his wife who is acting as his third-party custodian.



Photo by Nancy McGuire

**BACK FOR A VISIT**—Lois Mance catches up with Caroline Reader at the 4th of July festivities in Nome. Mance is a former Nome Elementary School Principal.

## Friends of Pilgrim Hot Springs focus on historic site preservation

By Laurie McNicholas

The Friends of Pilgrim Hot Springs met June 25 to discuss ideas for preserving a church and other buildings associated with the former orphanage and boarding school as an historic site, and preserving a cemetery on the 320-acre property 60 miles northeast of Nome. The group established priorities to:

- encourage everyone who values Pilgrim Hot Springs to write individual letters to Bishop Donald Kettler of the Diocese of Fairbanks, which owns the property, asking him to ensure that future leaseholders accommodate public visits to the site;
- find out from the State of Alaska whether the right of way for the public access road from the Kougarak Highway to Pilgrim Hot Springs expired in 2005 and whether a right of way requirement applies to the entire seven-mile road;
- write letters to Sen. Donny Olson and Rep. Richard Foster requesting a legislative waiver of the right of way requirement for the road if the right of way has expired;
- advocate for the State to invest in developing the geothermal energy

resource at Pilgrim Hot Springs.

During the meeting Nancy McGuire circulated a letter she will send to Bishop Kettler describing the spiritual significance of Pilgrim Hot Springs to her and other area residents and asking that it remain open to visitors.

The Catholic Church operated an orphanage and boarding school at Pilgrim Hot Springs from 1918, when it became the home of Seward Peninsula children whose parents died in the influenza pandemic, until the early 1940s. The property was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1977.

Generations of Nomeites and others with ties to Pilgrim Hot Springs have repeatedly journeyed there for picnics, campouts or to soak in hot tubs. Tourists are drawn to the diverse bird life, historic buildings and beauty of the setting.

The Catholic Bishop of Northern Alaska, which is the legal corporate name for the Diocese of Fairbanks, received possession of Pilgrim Hot Springs from Art Neuman of PS, Ltd. in federal bankruptcy court last December after the court determined

that PS, Ltd. was a non-performing leaseholder. PS, Ltd. took a 99-year lease on the property in 1969 in exchange for \$500 a month and 10 percent of royalties, but did not develop the property.

Diocesan administrators currently are seeking leaseholders to develop income-producing ventures on the site. Under a Chapter 11 bankruptcy reorganization plan the CBNA has filed in a federal court, income derived from development of Pilgrim Hot Springs will be used to help pay individuals who have filed claims of sexual abuse by certain priests and volunteers.

Tom Buzek, business administrator for the Diocese of Fairbanks, began meeting last February with The Friends of Pilgrim Hot Springs, an informal group of about two dozen Nomeites who are interested in preserving the site for the many Seward Peninsula residents who value it.

At a town meeting June 11 in Nome, Buzek described four phases of potential development for Pilgrim

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## Public Notice



**Chairman Dan Harrelson has set the dates for NSEDCC's 2nd Quarter meetings. Please see the schedule below for locations and times.**

Meeting date/meeting type:	Location:	Time:
July 28, 2009 Executive Committee Meeting Rules & Bylaws Committee	BSNC Boardroom BSNC Boardroom	1:30 p.m. 3:30 p.m.
July 29, 2009 Scholarship Committee NSSP Working Group Fisheries Development Committee	BSNC Boardroom BSNC Boardroom BSNC Boardroom	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m.
July 30, 2009 Finance Committee Board of Directors' Meeting	BSNC Boardroom BSNC Boardroom	9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.
July 31, 2009 Board of Directors' Meeting	BSNC Boardroom	9:00 a.m.

Portions of these meetings may be held in Executive session to conduct confidential business of the organization.



**The Nome Board of Education has one (1) seat open for appointment.** This is to fill a vacancy created by a member's resignation. This vacancy appointment shall be until the next regular election in October 2009.

Interested people should be willing to attend monthly meetings and work sessions, and work well with school officials, and focus on the well being of the students of Nome.

Anyone interested in serving on the Nome Board of Education, please submit a letter of interest to the NPS District Office.

**Deadline: July 15, 2009 at 4 p.m.**



Bahnke told the council the City plans to submit a grant application to the program for \$3.2 million to construct a new fire station.

Mayor Denise Michel's and council members Stan Anderson, Neal Foster, Jon Larson and Mary Knodel attended the brief special meeting.

minum fishing boat to the \$1,000 Army/Navy wardrobe and other amenities in-between, the letter suggests Mrs. Madoff would have \$2.3 million remaining in the banks. The list finishes like the Master Card commercials, noting perhaps the most valuable benefit Nome has to offer Madoff—"Anonymity: priceless."

The letter concludes by inviting Mrs. Madoff to stop by the Alaska House, New York "to learn about the subsistence lifestyle that has sustained many for generations." She was also directed to Beneville for more information regarding Nome.

the Pilgrim River this year, and hopes that volunteers will assist him.

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## Court

### Week ending 7/3 Civil

In the Matter of: Kalerak, Elizabeth New Name: Segock, Betty; Change of Name of Adult  
Hooper, Robin vs. Pyles, Richard; DV: Both ExParte & Long Term  
Oittillian, Ione vs. Rookok, Stanley; DV: Both ExParte & Long Term  
Wards Cove Packing Co. vs. Noyakuk Sr., Robert; Debt - District Court  
Wards Cove Packing Co. vs. Contreras, Frances et al; Debt - District Court

### Small Claims

Cornerstone Credit Services LLC vs. Otton, Wallace H.; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Deft. Cert Mail  
Bonanza Fuel vs. Anowlic, Clarissa; Small Claims \$2500 or Less  
Bonanza Fuel vs. Bryant, Marcia L.; Small Claims \$2500 or Less

### Criminal

State of Alaska v. Richard Pyles (7/16/62); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault Fourth Degree; Filed by the DAs Office 7/1/09.  
State of Alaska v. Kelley J. Hammond (10/8/70); Misconduct Involving Controlled Substance 5^o; Date of offense: 3/10/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 60 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days have been served; Forfeit marijuana to State; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 6/30/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law.  
State of Alaska v. David Nattanguk (11/6/83); 2NO-08-845CR Count 1: Driving While License Canceled, Suspended or Revoked, or in Violation of Limitation; Date of offense: 11/12/08; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 10 days, 10 days suspended; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Driver's license, privilege to obtain a license and to operate a motor vehicle are revoked for 90 days concurrent with DMV action; Any license or permit shall be immediately surrendered to the court; Probation until 6/30/10; Comply with all court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for violation of probation; No violations of law, including operating motor vehicle while license is canceled, suspended or revoked or in violation of limitation and driving without license or insurance; Other: 80 hours of community work service by 11/1/09.  
State of Alaska v. David Nattanguk (11/6/83); 2NO-08-845CR Count 2: Driving Without Insurance; Date of offense: 11/12/08; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 20 days, 20 days suspended; Probation until 6/30/10; Comply with all court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for violation of probation; No violations of law, including operating motor vehicle while license is canceled, suspended or revoked or in violation of limitation and driving without license or insurance; Other: 20 hours of community work service by 11/1/09.  
State of Alaska v. Kellen Okpealuk (10/11/88); Order of Dismissal; Count 001: Burglary 1—In A Dwelling; Date of offense: 5/4/09; Case Dismissed; Other: Rule 5/5.1; On this date (7/1/09) in open court the Prosecuting Attorney for the SOA gave notice that the State does not intend to proceed with a preliminary hearing in this matter; On motion of the defense, the Court hereby dismisses the above named case for failure to timely

proceed with preliminary hearing pursuant to rule 5/5.1; It is further ordered that the defendant be released from custody, any bond that has not been ordered forfeited be exonerated, and any cash or other security posted as bail be refunded to the depositors.

State of Alaska v. Wilfred D. Pete (10/25/87); DUI; Date of offense: 6/20/09; 60 days, 57 days suspended; Report immediately to AMCC (remanded); Fine: \$1500 with \$0 suspended; \$1500 due 10/1/09; Police Training Surcharge: \$75 with \$0 suspended; \$75 (due 10 days from date of this judgment); Jail Surcharge: \$150 (if probation) with \$100 suspended (if probation); Pay to Collections Unit, AGs Office, Anchorage; Cost of Imprisonment: \$330 (1st offense) with \$0 suspended; Full amount ordered due to Collections Unit, AGs Office, Anchorage; Complete Substance Abuse Treatment Assessment: Contact local ASAP, other: VBC or NSBHS Nome; Compete screening, evaluation and recommended program; Defendant responsible for costs; Obey Driver's License Directives: Driver's license is revoked for 90 days concurrent with DMV action; After defendant regains privilege to drive or obtain a limited license, must use an ignition interlock device (IID) as directed in the IID Information Sheet (CR-483) for 12 months during probation period; Probation for 1 year; Obey all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Commit no jailable offenses: Do not possess or consume alcohol for a period of 1 year from date of this judgment; Other: Subject to warrantless breath test and warrantless arrest.

State of Alaska v. Roger Slwooko (8/14/85); 2NO-09-26CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110829573; Violated conditions of probation; No action taken; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Roger Slwooko (8/14/85); 2NO-09-53CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110829762; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-09-326CR; Remanded into custody; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated.

State of Alaska v. Roger Slwooko (8/14/85); 2NO-09-326CR Harassment 1^o: Victim: Peace Officer; Date of offense: 6/10/09; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 200 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 200 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC consecutive to 2NO-09-53CR; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Raisa Oozevasuk (8/14/90); Minor Consuming or in Possession or Control of Alcoholic Beverage; Date of offense: 2/26/09; Fined \$600 with \$300 suspended; Shall pay \$300 to Nome Clerk of Court, or show proof of completing 100 hours of community work service, by 10/1/09; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 6/29/09); Shall not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages; Shall pay fine or show proof of community work service, as ordered; Shall contact VBC by 8/1/09, and shall be evaluated for alcohol education or treatment program(s).

State of Alaska v. James Alvanna (8/14/84); 2NO-09-226CR Count 1: Assault 4^o; DV; Date of offense: 4/28/09; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 180 days, 90 days suspended; Unsuspended 90 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC consecutive to count 2; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 6/29/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no

violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in his residence, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol.

State of Alaska v. James Alvanna (8/14/84); 2NO-09-226CR Count 2: Criminal Mischief 4^o; DV; Date of offense: 4/28/09; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days shall be served concurrent to count 1.

State of Alaska v. Thomas Soolook (10/12/67); 2NO-07-862CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110825631; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-09-159CR; Shall report to AMCC by 11/1/09; Release or bail conditions entered 4/21/09 remain in effect until defendant reports to serve sentence, except the third party custodian requirement is deleted.

State of Alaska v. Thomas Soolook (*10/12/67); 2NO-09-159CR Assault 4^o; Date of offense: 3/26/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated upon reporting to serve as ordered; 80 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 80 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC by 11/1/09, consecutive to 2NO-07-862CR; Release or bail conditions remain in effect until defendant reports to serve sentence except 3rd party custodian requirements; Subject to immediate remand for any violation of release conditions; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; *Redistributed with correct date of birth).

State of Alaska v. Virginia S. Campbell (1/31/83); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110825676; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: Shall not be where alcohol is present; Shall be assessed for alcohol treatment not later than 7/17/09; Probation extended to 4/17/11; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

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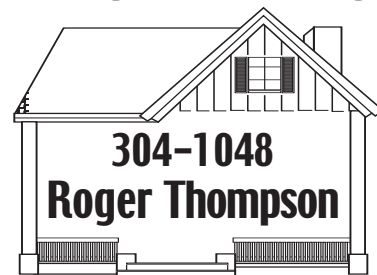
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**STORING THE SAIL (above)**—Capt. Mark Schrader and Bryan Reeves pack away the decorative sail used on the *Ocean Watch* after an open house held in Nome's harbor July 2.

**THE OCEAN WATCH (right)**—The 64-foot sailboat poised to circumnavigate the Americas welcomes Nomeites aboard during a tour session July 2. The *Ocean Watch* was scheduled to leave Nome July 7.



## • Ocean Watch

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has twice circumnavigated the globe solo and advocates for stewardship of the marine environment he loves. David Thoreson, a photographer and cameraman who has already once sailed through the passage, is documenting the journey through images and film. "The times I've done the passage before, it's been for my own interest. This time, there's more purpose," Thoreson said.

Chronicling the voyage through the written word is Herb McCormick, a former sailing magazine editor and veteran ocean racer. The fourth member of the full-time crew is first mate David Logan who was instrumental in getting the *Ocean Watch* ready for the voyage and handles on board systems and logistics during the journey. "We're all sailors and adventurers. We decided it was time to become ocean stewards," Schrader said.

Joining the crew who will make the entire year-long trip will be a number of scientists and educators who will augment the crew's ranks for varying periods of time. The full-time crew will also perform work and relay findings and data to land-based scientists all over the nation. Participating entities include the University of Washington, Yale, Columbia and NASA.

It's not only the humans that will be conducting the scientific work. Rigged with all sorts of monitoring devices, the ship is a moving NOAA weather station. The *Ocean Watch* also has a camera mounted outside that takes 48,000 photos a day, spanning all 360 degrees around the boat. The camera allows photos to be linked to any weather or other data that is gathered.

Currently filling the role of scientist on the journey is Michael Reynolds, a meteorologist and physical oceanographer. Part of the work Reynolds is conducting is measuring how much heat is both entering and leaving the ocean. He is also gathering data measuring baseline data on water conditions, measuring its temperature, acidity and oxygen content. Much of the work will establish baseline data on ocean conditions for an entire lap around the Americas. "There aren't many research vessels that will do an entire circuit," he said. "We're not out to prove anything. It's just kind of a voyage of discovery."

The ship will pick up an ice expert to fill the scientist slot on the boat once they reach Cambridge Bay on the western side of the passage. Reynolds plans to again join the journey at a later time.

Education is another large priority of the Around the Americas expedition. The *Ocean Watch* will pick up its first of several onboard educators in Barrow who will sail with the crew until Boston or New York. The teacher, as Reynolds describes it, will

translate the scientific work for the general public and youth—a population segment who Captain Schrader feels is largely ignored when it comes to education on the marine environment. "What we discovered is that it's the rare school that has time to talk about ocean science," he said at an evening forum in Nome July 2.

To that end, the crew set up a program at the Kegoayah Kozga Library during its summer reading program to talk about their voyage and the importance of preserving the oceans. "It's our job as the human race to understand how fragile the ocean environment is. ... It's important to us that the awareness issue translates into an education curriculum," Schrader said. "Our partner in Seattle at the Pacific Science Center has put together a fabulous marine science curriculum for teachers. It's free and in Spanish and English. As we go around stop to stop for 25,000 miles to talk about those issues, we direct people to our website [www.aroundtheamericas.com] to give teachers the tools to teach marine science in the classroom."

In addition to the library session and an evening presentation at the Bering Land Bridge National Preserve Interpretive Center in Nome, the crew gave tours of the ship for four hours in the afternoon of July 2. Nomeites young and old clambered down the ladder to the *Ocean Watch* and were given free reign to roam about the ship asking questions. Crew members were kept busy answering questions like, "Do you get seasick?" and showing curious guests where they slept.

But it wasn't all work while the *Ocean Watch* was in Nome. Crew members were able to participate in the town's Independence Day festivities, including the parade and street games. Three brave souls even competed in the 12.5-mile Anvil Mountain Race.

### Timing, patience are key

As the *Ocean Watch* departs Nome, the crew will head to Barrow where they will wait for the ice conditions to open up and allow them to sneak through the Northwest Passage. On July 2, Schrader said the bottleneck of ice preventing a traverse is right about mid-passage right now.

While anxious to make progress, Schrader is also wise enough to know to take his time and wait while he must in ports where he can still provision his ship and have distractions for the crew. While there will likely be some wait time in Barrow, the lack of a deep port near town means more work in getting to and from shore. "The key to making this is patience," Thoreson said.

While an accomplished sailor, Schrader has yet to attempt a crossing of the Northwest Passage. He admits that he will be a bit on edge until he can close that chapter in this voyage. "I've

been around the Horn twice. I think that was a cakewalk compared to what we could encounter in the passage," he said. "I'll be nervous until the only ice we see is in the rear-view mirror."

Schrader said the journey has two time-sensitive pinch points, the Northwest Passage and Cape Horn. Judging by conditions during the past few years, he anticipates making it out of the east side of the passage in mid-August. "If we don't make it through, this trip becomes a year and 14 months instead of just 14 months," he said.

On the other end of the globe, Cape Horn needs to be tackled in December due to sea and wind conditions. "Unless you're an absolute fool there's only one time you can go around Cape Horn," Thoreson said.

While the ship is a sailboat, much of the voyage thus far has been under

motor. Schrader said he expects to employ the sails more when the voyage makes its way to the East Coast and around South America. In the balance he estimates that 50 percent of the entire trip will be done under sail.

The boat itself is a gorgeous craft. Previously named the *Danzante III*, the 20-year-old vessel that had been living quarters for scientists in Mexico underwent major renovations before its rebirth as the *Ocean Watch*. While in Nome, the crew did not hesitate in lauding first mate Logan for his work in preparing the ship for sail.

As the preparations were made over the last three years for the voyage, economic conditions forced the team to shave the project from a budget of \$8 million down to \$2.5 million—a cut made without sacrificing the educational and scientific aspects of the trip.

Major funding for this project is coming from Tiffany & Co., the Rockefeller Family and the Osberg Family Trust. "The Tiffany Foundation actually has a great interest in coral reef preservation [they don't use any in their jewelry]," Schrader said. "They also have a very large interest in how gold is extracted. They came to us with a very large grant because of the education components on this trip. The Rockefeller Family has been very generous in their time and contributions to the efforts because David Rockefeller is a sailor and started an organization called Sailors for the Sea, trying to get sailors more actively involved in ocean health issues."

The *Ocean Watch's* progress and more information on the project can be found online at [www.aroundtheamericas.com](http://www.aroundtheamericas.com).

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**KING-SIZED CATCH**—Participants at Nome Eskimo Community’s Summer Youth Cultural Camp show off salmon caught in the Niukluk River in early July. Left to right are Tom Gray, Clifford Iknokinok, Elizabeth White, Dezirae Sherman-Kakaruk, Katelynn Gray, Shayla Johnson, Taylor McDaniel, Deanna Walluk, Lindsay Burt, Jason Gilder, Naiomi Brunette, Sam Ahkinga, Jaqueline Galineaux and BeeJay Gray.

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**COMMUNITY ART**—Tammy Ayala adds flowers to the wall of the Nome Methodist Church’s thrift shop July 14. Several community members gathered to put their artistic mark on the mural.

## Chum runs the worst on record

*Northern Norton Sound run at historic low, targets being hit in southern sound*

By Laurie McNicholas

In mid-July the salmon runs in southern Norton Sound were coming in as projected, but in northern Norton Sound the chum salmon runs were the worst on record, and sockeye (red salmon) returns were well below expectations, reports Jim Menard, area management biologist for Norton Sound and Kotzebue for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

The cumulative tally of chum salmon past most counting projects in northern Norton Sound were at

record lows in mid-July, the average historic midpoint of the run, and Menard projects that the chum run will finish well below escapement goals this year.

The ADF&G closed all chum salmon fishing and all salmon net fishing in the Nome subdistrict July 15. The only legal subsistence gear for salmon fishing is hook and line. Any chum salmon incidentally hooked must be immediately released while in the water. Sport

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## Council-approved resolution changed before permit given

By Laurie McNicholas

On July 20 City Manager Josie Bahnke provided *The Nome Nugget* with a copy of the official City of Nome Resolution No. R-09-06-04 issuing a Moonlight Wells permit renewal to Nome AK Gold Concentrates (NAGC) for the 2009 mining season.

The permit allows Marvin Rapose, dba

NAGC, to conduct placer mining within the Moonlight Wells Protection Area from which Nome draws its drinking water.

There is a significant difference between the official signed version of the resolution and the version approved by the Nome City Council at a regular meeting June 22. The official resolution renews NAGC’s annual permit for the

2009 mining season subject to removal of all violations from the mine site. The version of R-09-06-04 approved by the council June 22 stipulated granting a temporary permit to NAGC effective in a week after the council adopted the resolution, subject to removal of all violations from the mine site, as recommended by Public Works Director Bill Angus.

However, Angus issued an annual permit for 2009 to NAGC on June 24 after verifying that all violations had been removed from the site just two days after the council meeting.

The version of R-09-06-04 approved by the council June 22 included the following four

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## Delay in pumping puts Rock Creek in hot water

By Tyler Rhodes

In what state regulators are essentially summing up as a case of too little, too late, Rock Creek Mine operator NovaGold was hit with a notice of violation July 2 in regard to its effort to remove water from behind its tailings dam.

“The things we highlighted in that notice of violation were that they were three months late in starting [water]

treatment and disposal, and that they were not treating water at the rate they said they would,” said Sharmon Stam- baugh, a program manager within the Division of Water at the state Department of Environmental Conservation.

The issue stems from the mine’s effort to remove the more than 50 million gallons of water that has accumulated behind its tailings dam at the idled mine site just a few miles northwest of Nome. The water, largely the result of runoff and groundwater, has regulators concerned over the dam that was never meant to have so much liquid behind it. “The [water treatment plant] capacity and combined injection well capacity was established to prevent increases in water storage behind the tailings storage facility which has the potential to compromise the integrity of the dam,” the notice of violation reads.

The dam was designed to hold back primarily tailings—the waste left over when the gold is extracted from the ore—which are more or

less solid in their consistency. Very few tailings, however, were deposited in the storage facility since work at the mine was suspended last November just as NovaGold was moving the project into production.

After two winters of heavy snowfall and a miscalculation by NovaGold on how water moves and collects around the mine site, the tailings storage facility gathered significant amounts of water. “Essentially we had an incorrect

estimate on the water balance,” said NovaGold President and Chief Executive Officer Rick Van Nieuwenhuyse. “That and a 100-year storm event is why the water ended up behind the dam.”

To remove the water, NovaGold built a treatment plant on the mine site and drilled a number of wells to inject the treated water back into the aquifer. The rate at which NovaGold accomplished the task became the fodder for the state DEC’s notice of violation.

“It’s not that it’s not operational and not that it’s not working as it should,” Van Nieuwenhuyse said. “The water treatment plant is operational.”

The mine’s temporary closure plan called for the plant and wells to be able to treat and inject 350 gallons per minute by Feb. 15. The DEC said the plan also called for the treatment plant to be able to handle rates from

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## City lagoon eyed for mine’s wastewater

By Tyler Rhodes

As the Rock Creek Mine works to meet a state mandate to treat and pump water from behind its tailings dam, it is mulling the possibility of piping that water in the future to the City of Nome’s sewer lagoons.

NovaGold Resources President and Chief Executive Officer Rick Van Nieuwenhuyse said the mining firm

has been in discussions with Nome Joint Utility System over the creation a pipeline from its water treatment plant at the mine site to connect to the city’s wastewater treatment system. “At this point it’s a concept,” Van Nieuwenhuyse said. “We think it’s an interesting long-term solution.”

The idled mine is currently working to rid the area behind its tailings dam of

more than 50 million gallons of water by pumping it through injection wells (see related story above). Even if the mine realizes its goal of having the facility emptied of water by the end of this year, Van Nieuwenhuyse acknowledges the water will return. “Obviously there’s always going to be some water

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Letters

Dear Litterbugs,

I was out on the Council Road the other day, and the Teller Road the day before and the Kougarok Road the day before that and I noticed that you lost your stuff. You can find it all along the side of the roads and off into the countryside. I also picked up a few bags full of the stuff if you'd like to stop by and claim them. I figure you're dearly missing your valuables, and I don't like looking at them, so pick them up and knock it off.

*I realize that litterbugs probably don't read newspapers, mostly they just throw them on the ground. So, those of you reading this, if you wouldn't mind passing the message on, that would be great.*

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Hello,

I am writing regarding my grandson's pup that we had to put to sleep.

I had the pup tested for a disease that we and other people suspected. Well, my grandson had one of those dogs that does not grow very big, in fact it was very small. We all know that these little dogs can be very territorial and a little vicious. My grandson dearly loved his dog and his dog loved him and followed him wherever he went.

My grandson, whose name is Elijah, lives mostly with his great-grandmother whose name is Mary Seppilu. At the time of the death of his beloved great-grandpa (David Seppilu), my daughter and my son-in-law decided to buy him a pup from a local person. The pup really helped him heal his broken heart about his grandpa.

Well, the pup had bitten a couple of children, who I might say had no parent or parents watching over them. That's when suspicion began of some sort of disease the dog might have. Coincidentally the children bitten got ill. I apologize to the families. I myself knew the pup was clean because he also bit my grandson while he was playing with him. He got a

small scratch from the bite, I was concerned but my grandson is fine.

To make things clear, as a family, we decided to put the dog to sleep and send him out for testing. Just as I expected, the dog came out clean and healthy. Now my grandson will be broken hearted all over again when he finds out what we did to his dog. Maybe it's a lesson for us and other parents to watch their toddlers when they are playing out by themselves.

Elijah's pup's name was Twister. We all learned to love him, though he was a bit ugly. I ask at this time if anyone might want to donate a nice husky pup or a similar dog with a very nice nature. I would really appreciate it very much.

Well thank you, Nancy, and we again apologize to the families whose children got bitten, but rest assured, the dog's test came in very clean. We will have the results in writing if anyone wants proof. The

vet in Nome will send the proper documents of the disease-free dog.

Ike Kulowiya  
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Dear Editor,

**City problems: A town overflowing with waste.**

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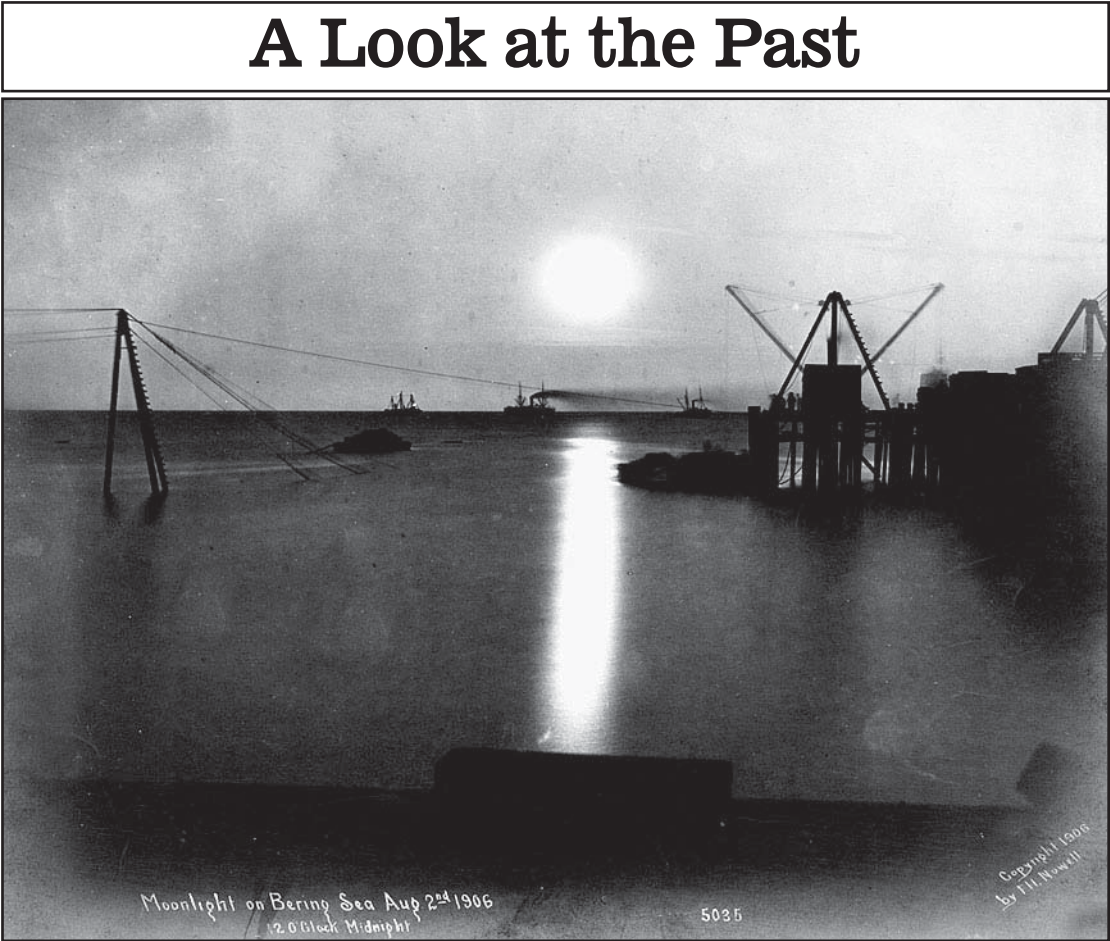
Editorial

**How Far Do We Bend?**

We granted a permit to mine in our watershed. Wait, maybe we didn't. The last city council meeting was cancelled, but somehow a permit seems to have been granted, or was it? Perhaps Nome Common Council needs to bring the resolution back to the table. We have a process, let's follow it.

Nomeites have a lot of things to keep their eyes on. There's a hint that the Rock Creek Mine might want to drain its tailings pond into Nome's Sewage Lagoon. What happened to all those injection wells? What kind of hose are they going to run across eight miles of tundra? Visualize a hose that looks like a gigantic lawn sprinkler. Rock Creek Mine is not within the Nome City Limits. We should not let them even think of using the Nome Sewage Lagoon. Heck, they still owe Nome Joint Utilities \$1.9 million for their unpaid electric bill.

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Nome Norton Sound Tide Predictions (High & Low Waters) — July 23 - July 29, 2009									
Day	Date	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height
Th	07/23	12:12 a.m. LDT	-0.4 L	07:35 a.m. LDT	1.3 H	11:48 a.m. LDT	1.0 L	05:37 p.m. LDT	1.6H
F	07/24	01:04 a.m. LDT	-0.4 L	08:18 a.m. LDT	1.4 H	01:03 p.m. LDT	0.9 L	06:47 p.m. LDT	1.5H
Sa	07/25	01:52 a.m. LDT	-0.4 L	08:58 a.m. LDT	1.5 H	02:13 p.m. LDT	0.8 L	07:54 p.m. LDT	1.5H
Su	07/26	02:38 a.m. LDT	-0.3 L	09:36 a.m. LDT	1.5 H	03:19 p.m. LDT	0.6 L	09:00 p.m. LDT	1.4H
M	07/27	03:22 a.m. LDT	-0.1 L	10:13 a.m. LDT	1.6 H	04:22 p.m. LDT	0.5 L	10:07 p.m. LDT	1.3H
Tu	07/28	04:06 a.m. LDT	0.1 L	10:49 a.m. LDT	1.6 H	05:22 p.m. LDT	0.3 L	11:16 p.m. LDT	1.2H
W	07/29	04:49 a.m. LDT	0.3 L	11:26 a.m. LDT	1.6 H	06:19 p.m. LDT	0.2 L		
Daily variations in sea level due to local meteorological conditions cannot be predicted and may significantly effect the observed tides in this area. All times are listed in Local Standard Time (LST) or Local Daylight Time (LDT) when applicable. All heights are in feet referenced to Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW).									

Weather Statistics				
Sunrise	07/23/09	05:13 a.m.	High Temp	69° 7/21/09
	07/29/09	05:33 a.m.	Low Temp	47° 7/16/09
Sunset	07/23/09	01:03 a.m.	Peak Wind	30 mph, NNE, 7/21/09
	07/29/09	12:41 a.m.	Precip. to Date	7.67"
			Normal	6.03"
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# State news briefs

Compiled by Diana Haecker

## Governor Palin, Parnell tour northwest Alaska

Before still-Governor Sarah Palin started to pack boxes in the preparation of her move out of the Governor's mansion in Juneau, she visited Kotzebue and Unalakleet last week. The Associated Press reports that she had been received in Unalakleet like a rock star and while there, she signed a power cost equalization program bill into law. PCE is a program designed to make power more affordable to rural Alaskans by covering the cost of electricity that exceeds 12 cents per kilowatt hour for the first 500 kilowatt hours used by a household each month. On Friday, soon-to-be Governor Sean Parnell visited

Kotzebue and attended a groundbreaking ceremony for the Kotzebue Shore Avenue Reconstruction Project. The multi-million dollar project involves major improvements to the city's oceanfront business area. Department of Transportation Commissioner Leo Von Scheben, Deputy Commissioner Frank Richards and Northern Region Director Steve Titus also attended. So far, Parnell, who is going to be sworn in as governor next weekend in Fairbanks, has not announced any changes in the cabinet.

## Sex offender sentenced to 99 years

Bethel— John Leopold of Alakanuk has been sentenced to 99 years in prison for sexual assault in the first degree and incest. Superior Court Judge Leonard Devaney imposed the sentence last Thursday, based upon Leopold's convictions after a jury trial in Bethel in April on those counts and on sexual assault in the second degree. Leopold had two prior felony convictions, for sexual assault in the second degree and assault in the third degree. At Thursday's sentencing hearing, reports indicated that he had victimized

at least six people in incidents of sexual assault or sexual abuse dating from 1986. Leopold's sentence is literally 99 years as, due to a prior sexual assault felony, he will not be able to accrue "good time."

## EPA reviews Kensington mine dumping tailings in lake

The regional office of the US Environmental Protection Agency is looking into the Kensington gold mine's plan to dump mine tailings into Lower Slate Lake. EPA regional director sent a letter to start an eight-month review process on the proposal. A recent Supreme Court ruling overturned a 9th District Court of Appeals decision to allow the mine operators Coeur Alaska to use the lake as a tailings facility. A local environmental group had sued to halt the proposed rock waste dumping in a lake situated in Tongass National Forest. The state of Alaska joined Coeur in the litigation. State officials push to expedite the issuance of this last required permit. Also, U.S. Senators Lisa Murkowski and Mark Begich are not happy about the EPA's letter, arguing that the mine has promised to create 300 new jobs in the area. At the request of Murkowski and Begich, EPA administrator Lisa Jackson will come to Murkowski's office next week to meet with them and attempt to explain EPA's actions on this issue. Coeur spokesman Tony Ebersole said additional delays could cost the company millions of dollars.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as the entity to deal with permits under the Clean Water Act, opened a 15 day comment period about proposed modifications to the permit issued in 2005 to Coeur Alaska, Inc., authorizing construction of a mine tailings storage facility in Lower Slate Lake. The comment period ends on Aug. 3. The modification updates and corrects wetland mapping information and drawings contained in the permit modification issued on June 17, 2005. A total of 83.4 acres of fill was authorized under the previously issued permit, and as of December 2008, 45.2 acres of waters and wetlands had been filled.



Photo by Don Goertz

**KOTZEBUE SHORE AVENUE GROUNDBREAKING**—Left to right: Lanien Livingston, Congressman Young's office; Al Adams, former Alaska Senator; DOT&PF Deputy Commissioner Frank Richards; Jocelyn Hambricht, Senator Begich's Office; Lt. Governor Sean Parnell; Lisa Coyle, DOT&PF Project Manager; DOT&PF Commissioner Leo von Scheben; Steve Percy, AIC President; Steve Titus, DOT&PF Northern Region Director; Eugene Smith, Kotzebue Mayor; Rich Walker, City Manager; Clement Richards, City Council Member; Ernie Norton, City Council Member; Matt Tekker, City Council Member.



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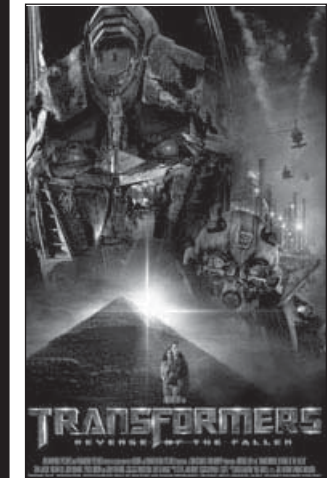
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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### July 23 - July 29, 2009

EVENT PLACE TIME

#### Thursday, July 23

*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*Preschool Story Hour	Kegayyah Library	10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 6:30 p.m.
*Denali Kid Care/ Medicaid	NSRH	2 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Welcome to the World video/ 3 Birth stories		
*Lap Swim	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Open Swim	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Beginning Baton with Jay	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
*Swing Dancing with Seiji	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
	Nome Rec Center	7:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.

#### Friday, July 24

<b>Alaska Logistic Voyage 9004 Seattle departure (see ad on page 10 for more details)</b>		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 4 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50
*Smoke Awareness Class	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Nutrition class	Prematernal Home	3 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Ruslan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Adult Drop-in Soccer	Nome Rec Center	8 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.

#### Saturday, July 25

<b>Wyatt Earp Dexter Challenge</b>	<b>Anvil City Square</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>
<b>See the ad on page 8 for more details</b>		
*UMW Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 8 p.m.
*Baby's First Month video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Comforting Your Fussy Baby vid.	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
<b>Summer Fest</b>	<b>Anvil City Square</b>	<b>5 p.m.</b>

#### Sunday, July 26

*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*They Joy of Stress video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Bathing and Diapering video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*AA: Big Book Study	HR Conf. Room, NSHC	6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

#### Monday, July 27

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Lap/Open Swim	Pool	11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 10 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.
*Two To Get Ready video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Beginning Yoga with Karl	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Eating for Two video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Ruslan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Drop-in Volleyball	Nome Rec Center	7:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.
<b>Nome Common Council reg mtg</b>	<b>Council Chambers</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
*AA Meeting "Big Book Study"	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.

#### Tuesday, July 28

*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*Preschool Story Hour	Kegayyah Library	10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	noon - 1 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	1 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Making a Difference video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
<b>NSERC 2nd Qtr mtg starts</b>	<b>BSNC/Old Fed Bldg</b>	<b>1:30 p.m.</b>
<b>See ad on page 12 for more details</b>		
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Single Parenting video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*AA Teleconference: 1-800-914-3396	(CODE: 35345344)	7 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
*Adult Drop-in Soccer	Nome Rec Center	8 p.m. - 10 p.m.

#### Wednesday, July 29

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Lap/Open Swim	Pool	11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Dental Class	NSRH	11 a.m.
*Rotary Club	Airport Pizza	noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 10 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	4 p.m. - 6 p.m.
*Grandparenting video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Ruslan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Hello Central (also on Channel 98)	Nome Visitors Center	7:30 p.m.
*AA Meeting	BHS Bldg. 2nd floor	8 p.m.

#### Recurring events/activities (3 or more times a week):

*Free Lunch (Last Week for this)	Old Bowling Alley @ Rec	noon - 1 p.m. (M - Th)
*Summercise Session 2	Nome Rec Center	noon - 5 p.m. (M - Th)
*Summercise Swimming	Pool	1 p.m. - 4 p.m. (M - Th)
(for children signed up for this portion of Summercise)		

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Library Hours	Kegayyah Library	noon - 8 p.m. (M - Th)
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# King Island community debates \$400,000 for road projects

*Proposals include ferry to King Island, trails and road improvements to Cape Woolley Road*

By Sandra L. Medearis

The King Island Community met July 18 to discuss new money available for improvement projects on roads, routes and trails of interest to subsistence users, country travelers and city drivers.

This roads fix-up pot holds \$400,000 from the American Recovery and Re-investment Act of 2009. Translation: federal economic stimulus funds.

The money can be used by King Island Community IRA itself or in partnership with other Native corporations or government entities like the City of Nome. Dust control and better access to Cape Woolley Lagoon, even a

Cape Woolley coastal area ferry system, loomed big in the two hours' discussion at Old St. Joe's meeting hall.

"This is a new development on the national level to include tribes' input on their transportation needs," said Lisa Ellanna, King Island Community IRA transportation planner. "We are learning all of this together. This is the first meeting of many. We would like to get an idea on where our members would like to focus."

Any project selected has to be ready for the shovels by 2010.

Based on comment at the meeting, King Island people want better routes to traditional subsistence food gathering areas and to their

homeland, King Island, lying in the Bering Sea 92 miles off Nome.

"It is important to our people to have accessibility to our island," IRA Council member Marilyn Koezuna Irelan said. "It would help our thinking and to be stronger and more unified. Young people need to know it is their land where there is clean air and no cars."

It has been difficult for people to exist on the mainland since King Island people had to relocate to Nome in the 1960s, she said.

Money can legally go for these subsistence access improvements, as well as work on roads in town, visiting meeting moderator Julianne Baltar said. Baltar is the manager of All Na-

tions Tribal Transportation Consortium, of which King Island is a member. ANTTC is an independent tribal consortium based in Dillingham. One of its missions is to help member tribes with transportation, construction, project development and maintenance associated with the Indian Reservation Roads Program. ANTTC will also assist city, state and federal road programs. ARRA has \$310 million reserved for IRR project assistance nationwide.

Baltar cautioned that any work done with the money would necessarily give public access.

"ARRA funds have to be for public trans-

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## • Permit

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recommendations in a report by Angus that described multiple permit violations at the NAGC mine site—all within the Moonlight Wells Protection area—and Rapose's failure to correct the violations.

"1. Grant temporary permit effective in a week, subject to removal of all violations (verified by me).

"2. Final and proper...disposition of all offensive materials to be physically inspected and verified by me. (It is too easy to simply bury things out there).

"3. Over excavation and proper disposal of all contaminated soils (verified by me prior to backfill).

"4. Submit to random, unrestricted, and unscheduled site inspections at interval not to exceed two weeks."

The official version of resolution R-09-06-04 that Bahnke provided to the *Nugget* July 20 grants a Moonlight Wells permit to NAGC for the 2009 mining season subject to the following additional conditions:

"1. The permit shall not be issued or effective until the Public works Director has verified that:

"a) all objectionable material has been removed from the site including but not limited to the following:

"i) lead acid batteries  
"ii) all 55 gallon drums of various lubricants

"iii) all 5 gallon pails of various lubricants

"iv) all jugs of anti-freeze; and

"b) all contaminated soil on site has been over excavated and properly disposed of.

"2. The Public Works Director shall use the authority granted the City to make random unscheduled inspections pursuant to condition 'B' of the permit at least once every two weeks during the term of the permit." Condition B of the permit reads: "The permittee shall allow the City Manager or his representative access to the permitted sites at reasonable times to conduct scheduled or unscheduled inspections or tests to determine compli-

ance with the permit, City laws, and regulations."

On July 10 a *Nugget* reporter contacted Bahnke by phone to find out whether Rapose had removed all violations from the mine site and had received a temporary mining permit from the City. Bahnke said Angus had issued an annual permit, not a temporary permit, to Rapose June 24 after verifying that all permit violations had been removed from the site. She faxed a copy of the permit to the *Nugget*.

The permit states that it is effective upon approval by the Nome City Council by resolution and cites R-09-06-04 as the authorizing resolution. The permit is dated June 24, signed by Angus and Rapose and attested by City Clerk Sandy Sturgis-Babcock. On July 10, the *Nugget* reporter phoned Sturgis-Babcock to question whether the resolution approved at the June 22 council meeting authorizes the City to issue NAGC an annual mining permit. Sturgis-Babcock looked at minutes of the meeting, which she indicated were not yet complete, and said she would ask Angus what he had intended by the recommendations in his report.

Sturgis-Babcock confirmed per minutes of the meeting that the council had approved attaching the four recommendations from Angus's report as an amendment to R-09-06-04 and had then approved the amended resolution. The council approved both the amendment and the resolution as amended by votes of 4 to 1. Stan Anderson, Jerald Brown, Mary Knodel and Randy Pomeranz voted yes; Jon Larson voted no. Councilman Neal Foster was absent from the meeting.

On July 13 Bahnke told the *Nugget* reporter she had not yet seen a signed copy of the resolution. She also noted that she and Mayor Denise Michels had left Nome shortly after the June 22 meeting ended and had returned more than a week later. The June 22 council meeting began at 6 p.m. instead of

the regularly scheduled time of 7:30 p.m. because Bahnke and Michels needed to catch the evening flight out of Nome.

Bahnke said Councilman Andersen served as acting city manager in

her absence and that Angus had informed Andersen that Rapose had brought the Moonlight Wells mining site into compliance per the amended resolution.

The signed copy of Resolution R-

09-06-04 that Bahnke provided to the *Nugget* reporter July 20 includes the statement: "APPROVED and SIGNED this 22 day of June, 2009." The resolution is signed by Michels and attested by Sturgis-Babcock.

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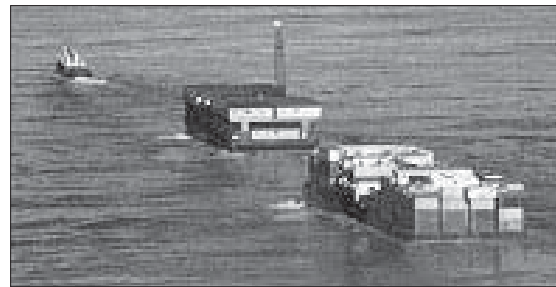
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# *Spirit of Oceanus* pays Nome a visit

*Cruise ship provides amenities for adventurous passengers*

By Anna Hahn

The *Spirit of Oceanus* docked in Nome for a brief stopover on Friday morning.

The ship carried about 115 guests and 34-40 crewmembers on the Nome portion of its tour. The 300-foot ship is 8 years old and is the only foreign-flagged vessel under the only American-owned cruise ship line, Cruise West.

The advantage to traveling under a foreign flag on this boat allows it more trouble-free travels to other countries compared to an American-flagged ship.

"Most of our guests are extremely well traveled, retired folks looking for a unique, uncrowded, casual and personal experience," said John Kreilcamp, the vice-president of Alaska Operations for Cruise West, based out of Anchorage.

Life on a ship is extremely different than on solid ground. However, the boat does provide many similar services and conveniences found on land.

The medical facilities hold a minimal amount of technology, but include defibrillators, oxygen, supplies for stitches and simple fractures, and facilities to hold seriously ill people until they are on shore and able to reach a hospital.

The dining room is outfitted in a formal style where wines are priced around \$50 and sparkling wines work their way up to \$105 a bottle. Breakfast is most commonly served on the deck, where there is a large hot tub. The crew also pumps the tub with plain chilling seawater to allow guests the ultimate opportunity of a "polar bear swim."

A small weight room is located a short way down the shinning, faux-wood-lined and video-camera-monitored hall.

Guest bedrooms range from 215 square feet (the smallest room, a "Superior Suite") to 437 square feet (the Owner's Suite). All hold life-jackets, a private bathroom, TV, and the bed converts from two twins into a king-sized bed.

While many cruises include gambling and games, this experience provides guests with guest speakers for entertainment. Lectures with topics based around wildlife, culture and Alaska are not uncommon.

Most of the crew originate from outside the United States. However, all labor laws must follow those of the United States, and every crewmember knows English.

The *Spirit of Oceanus* often stops in Nome, but this time will not return for two years. It will be traveling around the world on a international cruise where guests may join the adventure from almost any land stopover on its itinerary.

**BON VOYAGE**—Passengers step aboard the *Spirit of Oceanus* as it prepares to depart Nome July 17. Several Nomeites were involved in providing a brief tour of the town for the visiting passengers.



Photo by Denise Olin

## • Roads

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portation," she said.

Baltar advised the community to consider banding with City of Nome to improve city streets that everyone uses. These are:

- Renewed surfaces for Third, Fourth and Fifth avenues between Steadman and "K" streets.
- Improvements to Bering Street from Front Street to Bypass Road.
- Pavement for Bypass Road.

That idea went over like a lead umiaq.

Nuh-uh, said Frank Irelan, also a member of the IRA Council. Throwing in with the City would mean that people already getting paychecks from the City would get the project pay.

"It would give money to people who already have jobs—money for people already hired," Irelan said. "A coastal ferry would give jobs to King Island people who need jobs."

Later in the meeting, Irelan suggested that a trail-marking project could start soon and provide jobs.

Other members suggested they could go for dust control on the City's streets.

"We need dust control for where we live for our quality of life," said IRA Council Member Ruth Ojanen, encouraging more input from King Island members. "Your comments are helpful. Every comment is valuable."

All in all, the King Island group came up with the following wish list for further consideration:

- Improve Cape Woolley Road and make it safer.
- Establish a ferry across Cape Woolley Lagoon, but restrict access to King Island lands on the other side.

- Dust control on Nome Council Road to Milepost 18 or 20.

- Dust control and improvements of Dexter Bypass and Nome-Taylor Highway as far as Kuzitrin area for subsistence access.

- Improvement on Blodgett Highway (Nome-Teller Road) to Milepost 40 where Cape Woolley Road heads toward the coast.

- Transit bus for Nome, including wheelchair access. Such a plan could be subsidized by the state with vouchers, Ellanna said. She had met with state officials to begin to explore the plan.

- Winter trail marking Nome to Teller and to Cape Woolley.

- New road from Tisuk River to Sinuk River.

- Shelter cabins with emergency supplies.

- Safety classes for country travelers.

- Research for a coastal ferry system.

- Spring snow removal on Teller and Cape Woolley roads.

- Helicopter landing pad at the coastline of King Island combined with a seasonal dock. Currently, helicopters land at top of King Island, but that necessitates a difficult job carrying supplies down to the village, Vince Pikonganna observed.

- Investigating a tramway from the boat landing to the village—good for elders.

Would this mean the people want public access on King Island? Baltar asked.

"It would be better to have a public building and guides," Frank Irelan said. "That would be jobs and protect our lands."

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## • Salmon

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fishing for chum salmon is closed by regulation.

Record low chum counts through July 15 at the Kwiniuk River Tower in the Moses Point (Elim) subdistrict and the Niukluk river Tower in the Golovin subdistrict prevented ADF&G from opening a commercial chum fishery in the subdistricts this year.

"By Board of Fisheries regulation, the Subdistrict 2 (Golovin Bay) and Subdistrict 3 (Moses Point) Salmon Management Plan does not allow for a commercial chum fishery unless the department projects that chum salmon escapement goals will be achieved and the harvestable surplus will more than meet escapement needs," Menard explained in an e-mail to *The Nome Nugget* July 19. "A commercial pink salmon fishery may not occur unless subsistence needs are expected to be met and the chum salmon escapement goals achieved."

"The above regulation will keep the commercial fishermen on the beach in Elim and Golovin until coho [silver salmon] season," he added. "In the Subdistrict 2 and 3 management plan the commercial coho fishery may occur when the chum salmon escapement goals are achieved or when the department determines that further restrictions would have no impact on achieving chum salmon escapement goals."

On July 17 the ADF&G closed all salmon net fishing on the Pilgrim and Kuzitrin rivers because only 255 sockeye salmon had passed through the Pilgrim River weir through July 14. The Pilgrim River is a tributary of the Kuzitrin. Nearly 8,000 sockeyes had passed through the weir on July 14 last year, the second lowest

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sockeye count for that day since the weir began operating in 2003.

Hook and line is the only legal subsistence gear to harvest salmon in the Pilgrim and Kuzitrin rivers. Sport fish bag limits are in effect for subsistence hook and line fishing. The escapement goal at Salmon Lake ranges from 4,000 to 8,000 sockeyes observed by aerial survey. Subsistence fishers are reminded that Salmon Lake remains closed to salmon fishing by regulation.

Menard provided the following mid-July reports on salmon runs and salmon fisheries in all six subdistricts in Norton Sound. Cumulative figures for salmon species enumerated at counting projects through July 19 appear at the end of the report.

### Unalakleet Subdistrict

Commercial fishing for chum salmon (mesh restricted to 6 inches or less) began July 10. Preliminary commercial catches through mid-July were 4,927 chums, 8,544 pinks, 81 silvers and 36 sockeyes for 15 permit holders.

Subsistence gillnet fishing with unrestricted mesh is open seven days a week in the marine waters and downstream of the confluence of the

North River. Subsistence beach seining is open seven days a week in the marine and fresh waters of the subdistrict. All king salmon caught in beach seines must be immediately returned to the water. Sport fishing remains closed to king salmon in the subdistrict and no bait can be used.

Catches through July 15 at the Unalakleet River Test Fish project totaled 132 kings, 737 chums, 175 pinks and six sockeyes.

With the subsistence closures in recent years the test catches can be somewhat skewed when compared historically. However, this year we started commercial fishing much earlier in the season in the subdistrict, believing that we would still reach the king salmon escapement goal with the mesh restrictions in the commercial fishery limiting the king catch in the commercial catch.

The test net king catch through July 15 is the best catch since 1997. We usually have passed the 90 percent point of king run at the test net by July 15. The chum catch through July 15 is average when compared to the five-year average and one-third above the 10-year average. The average historical midpoint at the test net is July 15.

The pink catch through July 15 is

double most odd-numbered years in the 1990s and 2001. In 2003 and 2005 huge odd-numbered year runs had test net catches 10 times higher for mid-July. The 2007 catches were almost double the 2009 catches for mid-July. The average first quarter point for an odd-numbered year at the test net is July 15.

The Unalakleet River Test Fish project is conducted by ADF&G with assistance from Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. (NSED).

Escapement goals at the North River Tower are: King salmon 1,200 to 2,600; chum, no goal established; pink, 25,000; silver, 550 to 1,100 (aerial survey goal). Cumulative counts through July 15 were 1,260 kings, 2,184 chums, 38,154 pinks, 12 silvers and 16 sockeyes.

We made the low end of the king goal because of a big two-day push at the tower on July 12 (336 kings) and July 13 (312 kings). Twenty-four kings passed the tower on July 14 and 36 kings on July 15. In the period from 2004 through 2008 we made escapement only in 2007 with 1,948 kings counted at the tower. Through July 19 a total of 1,770 kings had passed the North River Tower, nearly double the final es-

capement count of 900 kings last year. The average historical third quarter point is July 15.

The chum count is about two-thirds of the five-year average and about 15 percent below the 10-year average. The North River tower is not a good indicator of chum run strength, as radio telemetry studies have shown that about 15 percent of the chum run to the Unalakleet River goes up the North River. The average historical midpoint is July 21.

The pink salmon run is coming in as expected with escapement to date well below recent odd-numbered years of 2003, 2005 and 2007 and well above the 1997, 1999 and 2001 runs. The average historical first quarter point is July 14 for an odd-numbered year.

Silvers are starting to be counted at the tower about one week later than in recent years. The average historical first quarter point at the tower is Aug. 2. The North River tower is a cooperative project of ADF&G and NSED.

### Shaktoolik Subdistrict

Commercial fishing for chum salmon (mesh restricted to 6 inches or less) began July 10. Preliminary commercial catches to date are 5,172 chums, 4,359 pinks, 70 silvers for 11 permit holders.

Subsistence gillnet fishing with unrestricted mesh is open seven days a week in the marine and fresh waters. Subsistence beach seining is open seven days a week in the marine and fresh waters. All king salmon caught in beach seines must be immediately returned to the water. Sport fishing remains closed to king salmon in the subdistrict and no bait can be used.

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Dear Friends in Nome,

In June, the National Sexual Violence Resource Center's (NSVRC) Advisory Council and several staff members were honored to spend some time in Nome, Alaska and nearby villages. We are grateful to our Advisory Council member, Rep. Anna Fairclough, of Eagle River, AK, and her staff Karen Schuessler and Kim Skipper for making the arrangements of our annual meeting and informative site visits; and to the State of Alaska, for sponsoring our in-state travel. We also want to express our deepest appreciation to all the wonderful people we met in Nome, White Mountain and Teller. The hospitality, friendliness, and openness of everyone we met left a warm and lasting impression.

We particularly want to thank Samaria Ross whose work at the Bering Sea Women's Group is so valuable, and Gretchen Freohle, Ann Whalen, Harriet Simpson, Violet Charles, Briday Green and all of the other wonderful women of the Bering Sea Women's Group who provided us with such an elaborate and generous feast of special foods; and to the XYZ Senior Center for sharing your space with us.



We thank Mayor Denise Michels for welcoming us to Nome, and appreciate all the informative and gracious speakers who shared valuable information and insights with us including Pastor Bryan Crocket, Christine Schultz, Dennette Perry, Bryan Weyauvanna, and Kerry Webster.

We thank all who helped plan and coordinate our visits to Nome, White Mountain, and Teller including State Troopers Col. Audie Holloway, Trooper Yancy, Sgt. Merrill, and Katherine Tepas; Mitch Erickson of the Nome Chamber of Commerce, Sari Haugan of the Convention and Visitors Bureau, Briday Green for accompanying us to Teller, and all of the wonderful community members of White Mountain who shared their stories and insights including Mayor Dan Harrelson, City Council members Lincoln Simon, Thiry Titus, Linda Jone, Amos Brown and Davis Lincoln; IRA Leaders Lincoln Simon, Carol Ashenfelter, Mary Charles, Willa Ashenfelter, Dorothy Barr and Irving Ashenfelter; Clinic staff Kriselila Buck, Ida Lincoln and Rita Buck;

school principal, Andrew Haviland, and other community members.

We have many wonderful memories of our time together and appreciate everyone who played any part in making us feel so welcome. You are fortunate to live in such a strong and impressive community with dedicated, creative, and resourceful people who are willing to do whatever is necessary to help one another. We applaud your many efforts to create a safe and respectful community for every adult and child; and one that is free from sexual abuse and other forms of violence. Please know that you have made many friends all across the country, through the NSVRC, and you can feel free to call upon us if there is anything we can do to assist you with your ongoing prevention and intervention initiatives.

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## • More salmon

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### Norton Bay Subdistrict

Commercial fishing for chum salmon (mesh restricted to 6 inches or less) began July 14. Commercial catches to date are confidential because fewer than four permit holders have fished.

### Moses Point (Elim) Subdistrict

Escapement goals at the Kwiniuk River Tower are: King salmon, 300 to 550; chum, 11,500 to 23,000; pink, 8,400; silver, 650 to 1,300 (aerial survey goal). Cumulative counts through July 15 were 279 kings, 5,940 chums and 9,807 pinks.

The average historical third quarter point for kings is July 15. The kings have been tracking the five- and 10-year averages and are on track to pass the low end of the escapement goal for the first time since 2005.

By July 15 at the tower we are usually at the 80 percent point for the chums. Looking back 30 years, we are at least at the 70 percent point of the chum run past the tower. Using 70 percent at the tower this year, we would project the chum count at the tower finishing at the all time lowest since operations began in 1965. The lowest count was 1976 when 8,508 chums were counted for the season, and the second lowest count was 1999 when 8,763 chums were counted for the season.

The average historical first quarter point for pinks is July 17 for an odd-numbered year. The pink count ranks 4th in the last 10 odd-numbered years. In 2005 there were more than 58,000 pinks past the tower by this date, but we are well within striking distance of the second biggest count in recent odd-numbered years of 12,678 pinks past the tower in 2007 by July 15. The counts in 1997, 1999 and 2001 were all fewer than 1,000 by this date. The Kwiniuk River Tower is an ADF&G project with assistance from NSEDC.

### Golovin Subdistrict

Escapement goals at the Niukluk River Tower are: Pink salmon, 10,500; chum, minimum of 30,000; king, minimum of 100 (combined Fish River and Boston Creek aerial survey); silver 2,400 - 6,100. Cumulative counts through July 15 were 168 kings, 5,275 chums and 8,754 pinks.

The average historical third quarter point for kings is July 14. This is the best king count since 2002 and the first time we have cracked 100 kings since 2004. The average historical midpoint for chums is July 14. This is the worst count by this date since the project began in 1995.

This the eighth odd-numbered year of counting pinks, and we rank third for this date behind 2005 (34,000) and 2007 (17,500), but well ahead of the fewer than 1,000 counted in 1997, 1999 and 2001 by

this date. The average historical first quarter point for the tower in an odd-numbered year is July 20. The Niukluk river Tower is an ADF&G project with assistance from NSEDC.

### Nome Subdistrict

As noted above, all salmon net fishing and chum salmon fishing are closed in the subdistrict. The only legal subsistence gear for salmon fishing is hook and line. Any chum salmon incidentally hooked must be immediately released while in the water. Sport fishing for chum salmon is closed by regulation.

The Eldorado River Weir escapement goal is 6,000 to 9,200 chum salmon. Cumulative counts through July 15 were four kings, 1,759 chums and 94 pinks. The chum count is the second lowest on record for this date. The average historical third quarter point at the weir is July 18.

The pink count is average for this date. In most odd-numbered years, fewer than 1,000 pinks are counted past the weir. In 2007 there were 283 pinks counted past the weir by July 15, and the final count of the season was 833 pinks. In 2005 there were 103 pinks counted past the weir by July 15, but the final count was a record odd-numbered year count of 12,356 pinks. The average historical first quarter point at the weir is July 21. The Eldorado River Weir is a cooperative project between NSEDC and ADF&G.

Escapement goals at the Nome River weir are: Chum 2,900 to 4,300; pink, 3,150 (odd-numbered year). Cumulative counts through July 15 are 107 chums, 121 pinks and one sockeye.

The average historical first quarter point for chums is July 12 and the midpoint is July 19. Chum passage at the weir is a record low for this date. Pink passage ranks fourth out of eight odd-numbered years, well behind the record odd-numbered year of 2005 that had 16,508 pinks by this date and the second best count of 2007 (3,328) by this date.

Historically we are at the average 2 percent cumulative passage through the weir by July 15 with the average historical first quarter point for an odd-numbered year occurring on July 22. The Nome River Weir is an ADF&G project with assistance from NSEDC.

The Snake River Weir escapement goal is 1,600 to 2,500 chum salmon. Cumulative counts through July 15 were 60 chums and 21 pinks.

The average historical first-quarter point for chums is July 14. Only two years (1999 and 2007) had lower counts through July 15. The final count in 1999 was 484 chums, and in 2007 it was 1,224 chums.

The average historical first quarter point for pinks in an odd-numbered year is July 23. By July 15 pinks were at the average 1 percent of passage. In 2007 there were 161 pinks past the weir by July 15

with a final count of 4,634 pinks, and in 2005 there were 175 pinks past the tower by July 15 with a final count of 13,813 pinks. The weir is a cooperative project of NSEDC and ADF&G.

The Glacial Lake Weir escapement goal (aerial survey) is 800 to 1,600 sockeye salmon. The cumulative count through July 15 was 607 sockeyes, the lowest since complete season counts began in 2001. The average historical third quarter point is July 13. The weir is a cooperative project between and NSEDC and ADF&G.

### Port Clarence District

As noted above, all salmon net fishing was closed on the Pilgrim and Kuzitrin Rivers effective July 17. Hook and line is the only legal subsistence gear to harvest salmon in the Pilgrim and Kuzitrin Rivers. Sport fish bag limits are in effect for subsistence hook and line fishing.

The Pilgrim River Weir escapement goal (aerial survey at Salmon Lake and Grand Central tributary to Salmon Lake) is 4,000 to 8,000 sockeye salmon. Cumulative counts through July 15 were 11 kings, 318 chums, 36 pinks and 262 sockeyes. All counts are the lowest since the weir began operations in 2003.

The average historical midpoint for sockeye salmon is July 15. The next lowest count at the weir through July 15 was 2008 with 8,702 sockeyes counted. The average historical first quarter point for chums is July 18. The average historical first quarter point for pinks for an odd-numbered year is July 17. The weir is a cooperative project of NSEDC and ADF&G.

### Salmon counts through July 19

Cumulative figures for salmon species enumerated at counting projects through July 19 are as follows: Unalakleet Test Net: 134 kings, 820 chums, 380 pinks, one coho; North River: 1,770 kings, 3,318 chums, 67,302 pinks, 402 cohos; Kwiniuk River: 342 kings, 7,023 chums, 18,342 pinks, six cohos; Niukluk River: 174 kings, 9,138 chums, 10,023 pinks, three cohos; Eldorado River: seven kings, 3,188 chums, 238 pinks; Nome River: 350 chums, 738 pinks; Snake River: 288 chums, 96 pinks; Pilgrim River: 19 kings, 767 chums, 103 pinks, 375 sockeyes; and Glacial Lake: 726 sockeyes.

For more information, contact Menard or Scott Kent, assistant area management biologist, ADF&G Nome Area Office, phone (907) 443-5167.

### Kotzebue District

The Kotzebue Sound commercial salmon fishery opened July 10 after Great Pacific Seafoods registered to buy salmon. Preliminary commercial catches through July 16 were 14,140 chums for 23 permit holders. Catches and catches per unit of effort were average for the first week of fishing.

The ADF&G began operating the Kobuk River Test Fish project July 10. The catch through July 15 was 36 chums and 150 sheefish. The cumulative chum index was 36.7 points and average for July 15. The cumulative sheefish index of 170.9 points was slightly below average for July 15.

For more information, call the Kotzebue ADF&G office at 442-3420, the ADF&G Commercial Fisheries office in Nome at 1-800-560-2271 or the buyer at 442-4192.

### Norton Sound red king crab

Through July 20 approximately 112,199 pounds of crab had been harvested in the Norton Sound red king crab commercial open-access fishery, including 25,154 pounds of crab in the Community Development Quota fishery. Almost 260,000 pounds remain of the open-access quota. Twenty-three vessels are registered in the fishery.

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**KUAHOOP (left)**—Lyndsay Burt and Dezireae Sherman-Kakaruk pull in the catch at the Niukluk River during Nome Eskimo's third annual cultural camp.

**TEAM EFFORT**—Back to front are Kirsten Timbers, Shayla Johnson, Deziare Sherman-Kakaruk, Katelynn Gray, Jason Gilder, Sam Ahkinga, Taylor McDaniel, Elizabeth White, Fawn White and Deanna Walluk.

## NEC Cultural Camp teaches youth traditional living

By Kirsten Timbers

Nome Eskimo Community sponsored its third annual Summer Youth Cultural Camp July 6-10. The camp was hosted by Tom and Bee Jay Gray of Alaskan Northwest Adventures at their campsite, the "Mosquito Bar" on the Niukluk River. Twelve joyful 7-12th grade campers attended. They were Katelynn Avesuk, Lindsay Burt, Jacqueline Gallineaux, Katelynn Gray, Shayla Johnson, Dezireae Sherman-Kakaruk, Deanna Walluk, Elizabeth White, Samuel Ahkinga, Jason Gilder, Clifford Iknokinok, and Taylor McDaniel. This year's camp had a strong focus on traditional living and fishing. "From river to land, it's cut and canned" was the theme.

The campers were accompanied by four chaperones: Naomi Brunette, Kirsten Timbers, Fawn White and Jeff Collins. Chaperones were provided by Bering Straits Foundation, Nome Community Center and NEC. The staff and campers had a wonderful time filled with exciting and informative presentations, fishing, swimming, eco challenges and great food which was graciously prepared by Bee Jay and Crystal Lincoln. This year's camp was organized by Katie O'Connor, Tribal Services coordinator for Nome Eskimo Community.

On the first day of camp all the youth gathered at Nome Eskimo Community and prepared for the ride out to Council. Lance Johnson, Nome Community Center, and Dawn Warnke, NEC Tribal Services Specialist, drove two vans filled with eager campers. The drive took about 2.5 hours to get to Council where they were met by Tom and his river guide, Edward Stang. After their arrival the staff, chaperones and campers helped load the boats with their camping gear and shortly thereafter were on their way down the Niukluk River to the Mosquito Bar campsite. After going over camp instructions and camper expectations, campers ate a quick lunch and boated down the mouth of the Niukluk and Fish rivers to seine. Seining was a huge success as the campers pulled in 13 kings (12 in one seine) and several chums. Upon return to camp Tom gave a fish cutting demonstration to the campers and then handed them all traditional Fish River style ulus to allow them to practice cutting their own fish. The campers all cut fish and hung it on the dry rack. The rest of the evening followed with dinner, ice breakers, S'mores and ghost stories before bedtime.

The next day the campers were greeted by a beautiful blue sky and bright sunshine. After a hearty breakfast the campers began smoking the fish and cleaning off any maggots that had been laid in the cache overnight. The campers had their first guest presenter, Stephanie Johnson from the Nome Youth Facility, who focused on Drug Demand Reduction. The campers participated in a balloon game that taught the importance of having values. They also did an exercise using cookies that taught them about peer pressure. It was a

very informative presentation and the children took away great lessons.

The second guest speaker was Rahnna Parker from the Norton Sound Health Corporations CAMP department who focused on diabetes prevention. She did an exercise with the students that taught them about how the body produces insulin. Rahnna also discussed how the Bering Strait region has the highest rate of diabetes in the nation. She had a huge can of soda and can of chew and used them as tools to discuss how soda and tobacco, when used at the same time, can be dangerous for one's health and can put one at risk for diabetes.

The campers wound down the busy day with games indoors and stories around the campfire.

On the third day the campers put all their energy into seining. Each child was given a specific task and they set and pulled in the seine net all by themselves. They caught as many fish as was needed and even caught enough to share 63 chums and 4 kings with neighboring camps.

After seining, the campers were given a lesson on canning fish from Tom Gray. While half of the students canned fish the other half swam and tried their luck with a rod and reel.

The campers then prepared for the acclaimed Eco Challenge. The campers and counselors were divided into four teams for the Eco

Challenge; Team Coho, Team King, Team Sockeye and the counselors were Team Mulukchuks. The goal was to be the first team to swim across the river and back, make a fire, and get a pot of water to a rolling boil. The teams consisted of five teammates: two canoers, one runner, one swimmer, and one fire starter. The canoers started the race carrying with them five Strike-Anywhere matches in a Ziploc bag. They paddled ferociously upstream about 200 yards. There they handed the matches to the runner, who ran to the end of the gravel bar and back. The runner gave the matches to the swimmer who swam back to the beginning of the race, where the fire starter had been busy gathering wood. All teammates worked together to get any other dry wood they could find to help bring the water to a rolling boil. The campers worked hard and cooperatively. It was exciting and a memorable race for all.

The chaperones thought that the campers would be tucked out from working in the water all day, but somehow everyone managed to stay up way past bed time to play numerous enthusiastic games of Spoons and Scatergories.

The next day campers awakened to fog and drizzle. Though it was damp outside, it did not dampen anyone's spirits. The schedule in-

cluded a hike, rain or shine, with guide and GPS instructor Keith Conger. The campers loaded into two boats and rode up the Fish River to Aggie Creek. Keith gave a tutorial to the campers about how to use a GPS and made coordinates of checkpoints along the hike. The campers hiked into Aggie Creek and visited the old mining buildings and a dilapidated dredge. As soon as the crew got to the dredge the sun broke through the clouds and stayed for the reminder of the day. Many campers had rosy cheeks and tanned arms after the hike.

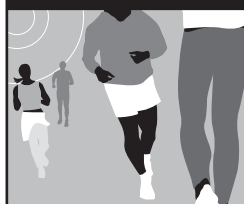
The crew returned to camp and had a delicious dinner of traditional Eskimo food. The children were well fed and delighted that the counselors were on dish duty. The evening consisted of canning fish, swimming and numerous magic card tricks.

The final day was met with long faces and talk about next year's camp. The campers and chaperones broke camp and prepared to leave. The kids piled their gear into the boats and headed back to Council where Colin Long, NEC Capacity Building Project Coordinator and Fawn White were waiting to hear about the week's adventures. After a few last minute pictures and good-byes, the kids and gear made their way back home.

## Wyatt Earp Dexter Challenge

Saturday, July 25, 2009

**Reward!**



**Walk!** 4 miles from the Nome-Beltz highway over the Dexter Bypass Road to Dexter



**Run!** 8 miles from Anvil City Square, along the Nome-Beltz Hwy. and over the Dexter Bypass Road to Dexter.



**Bike!** 12 miles from Anvil City Square, through downtown Nome and along the Beam Road to Dexter.

Registration starts at 9:30 a.m. at Old St. Joe's parking lot.

For information or to volunteer, call the CAMP office at 443-3365.

**Prizes awarded** to the 1st and 2nd place bikers, male runners, female runners, and 1st place walkers. All participants receive certificates of completion.

**Triple Threat Basketball returns to Nome**

"Nome will be getting the highest caliber of camp Alaska has to offer!" ~Mike Hajdukovich

**August 10 – 14**  
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**Register at Nome Rec Center**

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**Mike Hajdukovich & Al Sokiatis**

**Limited scholarships available for low income families & Nome Eskimo Community Tribal Members upon request.**

**Contact either Melissa or Niaomi at 443-2246 for more information.**





Photo by Denise Olin

**GOOD EATS**—Krista Seidemann, David Seidemann (4) and Uma Nattanguk (4) enjoy the pleasure of a hot-hot dog on a cool day on July 9 at the Wells Fargo's open house. Wells Fargo was showing their appreciation for customers.



Photo by Anna Hahn

**READ WITH ME**—(Left to right) Karen Mehl, her daughter Rachel Berkeley, and brothers Pierce and Preston Goslin gather around Marguerite La Riviere, the library director, for story time during the weekly children's hour at the library.

## Young bookworms hit the library

By Anna Hahn

Every child of Nome has heard of (and most likely participated in) the Summer Reading Program the Kegoayah Kozga library annually hosts.

"I heard about the program when we moved here. We came one time and were hooked. We've been coming ever since," said Jennifer Goslin, the mother of four young boys.

This year's theme for the program is "Get Creative at Your Library." With this, Nome's local library has created a variety of crafts with their older group including jellyfish, Eskimo masks, comics on computers, flags, coats of arms and crowns. They also have learned about the health of the ocean with the crew from the

sail boat *Ocean Watch*.

In a separate session for preschoolers, Marguerite La Riviere, the library director, reads a story aloud, provides coloring sheets, simple projects and bookmark crafts, and makes puzzles available.

"It's an important time for the toddlers, I put the puzzles out for the younger kids because they need to learn basic shapes and letters in order for them to be able to read later on. For example, a triangle kind of looks like an A, they need to be able to learn and understand that" said La Riviere.

When a child first enrolls with the program he or she receive a bag full of logos and stickers to keep track of reading minutes and the number of books they've read.

Each adolescent picks and sets personal reading goals.

This year there are more than 100 participants in the program (compared to the 63 young readers from last summer). At one point this summer the library was jammed with 22 kids and their parents.

The program runs for an entire two months and is sponsored by the Alaska State Library. They pick the theme's direction for the state and send goodies, crafts and more ideas out to individual libraries.

"For me, I think it's really important for the library to have the reading program. The doors are closed to the general public so the kids can run around and be a little louder," said La Riviere.

## Nome Community Wellness Festival

August 10-12, 2009

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- Parents
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For more information, please contact Colin or Kendra at 443-2246 or visit the Nome Eskimo Community website at [www.necalaska.org](http://www.necalaska.org).

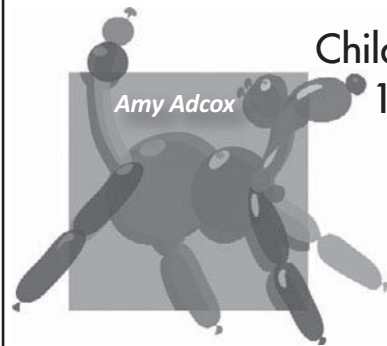
## Kegoayah Kozga Library's 2009 Summer Reading Program

Learn how to make balloon animals with Amy Adcox

Children's Library Hour

NEXT Thursday, July 30, 2009 at 10 a.m.

Come twist balloons!



Children's Library Hour  
10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

- Tuesday (ages 3-5): Storytime & Crafts - 10 a.m.
- Thursday (ages 6-13): Crafts & Activities - 10 a.m.

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## Nome's got talent! Summer Fest 2k9

NCC's Youth in the Spotlight Contest



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Bring your talent and watch others perform!

To enter you must be 13 to 28 years of age. Pre-register at the Nome Community Center, Boys and Girls Club or the Nome Recreation Center by 6 p.m. on July 25. Registration fee \$5. Contact Bruce Klein at 304-1604 or Al Burgo at 304-1694 for more information.

**Saturday, July 25  
5 p.m.  
Anvil City Square**



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## Police arrest one, seek another in Nome Trading Co. burglary

By Tyler Rhodes

The Nome Police Department has arrested a man they allege was part of a break-in and burglary over the weekend at the Nome Trading Com-

pany.

Michael Wayne Bowman, 18, was charged with second-degree burglary, second-degree theft and third-degree criminal mischief. According

to police, Bowman moved to Nome from California last fall. The police believe Bowman did not act alone and are trying to identify and locate an accomplice.

Police say the robbery likely took place sometime between 2:30 a.m. and 5:30 a.m. Saturday. Stolen were a 42-inch and three other flat-screen LCD televisions. Police believe the thieves also helped themselves to soda, candy and beef jerky. The thieves gained entry to the store through a front window causing an

estimated \$1,000 in damage. Police received the report of the burglary just before 6 a.m. Saturday.

Police arrested Bowman Sunday evening after executing a search warrant at his home where they said the four televisions were found.

In a short appearance Monday for his arraignment in District Court before Judge Ben Esch, Bowman entered a plea of not guilty. Bowman, who told Esch he was currently employed and had been working for Arctic Transportation Services for

the past nine months, was granted a public defender.

Esch ordered Bowman be held in lieu of \$2,500 bail and the requirement he be watched by a third-party custodian if released. A preliminary hearing in the matter is scheduled for July 30.

Police are still seeking the public's help in locating the other suspect. They ask that anyone with information call the department at 443-5262 any time, day or night.



Photo by Denise Olin

**WHO IS THAT FUZZY FELLOW? — Muskox grazes contentedly along the Old Glacier Creek Road.**

## Saying it Sincerely

By Rev. Julie Yoder Elmore, Community United Methodist Church  
For the Nome Ministerial Association  
Biblical Reference - Amos 7:7-15

This Bible passage begins with God showing Amos a plumb line against a wall built with a plumb line. In construction, a plumb line is used to measure something against the ideal or standard. God is setting a plumb line in the midst of God's people — Israel. Today we can look to Christ as an ideal or standard for us in our lives — our plumb line for today. When God sent Jesus Christ into the world, Jesus set the example by which we should live. While Jesus was on the earth, he built relationships with people and especially made sure that those who were outcast by society were seen and heard by him. In Luke 19, when Jesus saw Zacchaeus up in the sycamore tree, Jesus asked him to come down and said that he needed to stay at Zacchaeus' house. Who would stay with someone who was so hated and ostracized for cheating people? According to Luke 19, Jesus would.

Jesus also overturned the tables of the moneychangers. He overturned the tables of people selling things in the temple for their own benefit. The vendors were cheating people. Jesus also healed the most affluent, important people in society as well as the poorest. We see this when Jesus healed both Jairus' daughter and the woman who had been bleeding for 12 years. Both were female and at opposite ends of the class and economic spectrum.

Amos 7:7-15, Amos was calling people on behalf of God to live according to the plumb line God set for all people. Many in power did not like this because the powerful gained from the injustices or did not want to do the work required to live as God called them to do.

Prophets really have a great challenge. First of all they are called by God to deliver a certain message to a certain people in a certain place. Some people try to make excuses as to why they cannot be a prophet. God does, however, equip the called. Second of all, prophets are most often called to speak in a place where the people do not want to hear the message — especially if that message from God means that they have to change their behavior. The one bearing the message is not often welcome. Amos seemed to run into this challenge.

Yes, Amos was being sent away by the Priest Amaziah at Bethel who told the king that Amos was conspiring against him. Amaziah did not want to hear Amos' message from God and was trying to send him back to where he came from. Amaziah did not want anyone else prophesying to the people at Bethel, which ironically means "House of God." Amos was being silenced.

Who in our world is silenced today? Whose words do we need to hear that we would rather not? Could God be trying to communicate to us through them?

## Accused killer of Julie Vacek Farewell may stand trial in California

By Sandra L. Medearis

A man accused of killing former Nomeite Julie Vacek has asked for a sanity hearing, scheduled in California's Solano County next week.

Standing accused of the December 2007 domestic violence homicide after which police found Julianna Farewell dead in the couple's apartment is her husband of five years, Peter William Farewell, then 42. She was 49.

Capt. Mike Daley of the Benicia, Calif. Police Department said Monday there has been no trial in the case opened in 2007, pending a hearing to determine Farewell's competency to stand trial.

Investigators believe Farewell struck his wife in the head with an unidentified object, Daley said earlier.

Police responded to a medical emergency call at the Farewell residence in the 1100 block of East 6th Street at about suppertime on Dec. 17, 2007, according to police documents.

Farewell told dispatchers during a 911 call there had been a medical emergency and he was performing CPR on his girlfriend, and then hung up without providing added details, Daley said.

Benicia Fire Department paramedics discovered Julianna Farewell expired at the residence. The Farewells had lived in Benicia for

five years. The Benicia Police Department said neither party had a

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July 23 - 29, 2009

  <b>CAPRICORN</b> December 22–January 19   You're a power to be reckoned with this week, Capricorn. You impress at every turn and reap many rewards. A friend invites you on an adventure. Go!	  <b>ARIES</b> March 21–April 19   The time has come for you to get out of your comfort zone. Go, go, go. A lapse in concentration at work results in a minor glitch. Don't worry. You will fix it before anyone notices.	  <b>CANCER</b> June 22–July 22   Your financial state could use a little improvement. Steer clear of risk-takers, Cancer, and you will find the wisdom you are seeking. A harebrained idea gets a young friend into trouble.	  <b>LIBRA</b> September 23–October 22   Tired of hearing your goals are unreasonable, Libra? Good. Maybe now you'll stop listening to your critics and find the courage to move forward. You don't know how close you are.
  <b>AQUARIUS</b> January 20–February 18   Ease up at home, Aquarius, and you will live to regret it, maybe not right away but eventually. Financial backing for an idea comes from an unexpected source.	  <b>TAURUS</b> April 20–May 20   You'll be beating them off with a stick this week, Taurus. Everyone it seems will want a piece of you. A tinkle of the ivories gets the creative juices flowing.	  <b>LEO</b> July 23–August 22   You're swamped with work this week, Leo. Push forward, pay attention to the details and you will go places you never thought possible.	  <b>SCORPIO</b> October 23–November 21   Focus too much on money, Scorpio, and greed could get the best of you. It's the small things in life that count. A date with that special someone gets the weekend off to a good start.
  <b>PISCES</b> February 19–March 20   Been working for something for a very long time, Pisces? It is within reach as long as you believe in yourself. A frank conversation with a neighbor turns ugly. Stand your ground.	  <b>GEMINI</b> May 21–June 21   Your love life could use some spicing up. Play hard to get, Gemini, and see what happens. A home repair list grows smaller, thanks to the help of a true friend.	  <b>VIRGO</b> August 23–September 22   The moment to reach for the skies is here. Seize every opportunity that comes your way, Virgo. A matter at home demands thinking outside of the box.	  <b>SAGITTARIUS</b> November 22–December 21   You're revealing just a bit too much these days, Sagittarius, and someone is about to take advantage of that fact. Shush! A minefield develops at home. Walk carefully.

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• More Letters

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were told that only biodegradable bags were to be used— if any at all— because plastic bags would clog up the system and fill the lagoon up very fast. The system was meant to be a leachable and would last a long time if handled right.

Now, I was told (with some very harsh words from our mayor) that this was not a leach system because that would be a contamination of the tundra. So we were all to use plastic bags to hold our waste and that would make it cleaner for the workers. This now leaves us with a sewage lagoon that is full of plastic bags filled with waste.

The solution for cleaning up this problem has now been made and it is a winner. A new lagoon will be made! And so when it is filled up with plastic bags I guess another one will be built.

Wales will be the city best known for all the sewage lagoons dotting the area. What a beautiful sight that will be. It falls right in line with the City dump that covers almost a mile of beach.

But that has a solution as well.,

New very small equipment was bought and shipped to Wales. This equipment will be used to clean up the dump, and the operators, who have absolutely no experience, are the sons of the mayor. I guess the City’s Insurance Company will have no problems with this as well.

Now to keep us all from asking questions on any of this, meetings are held in secret and no room is provided for the public even if they knew of them. No minutes are posted anywhere for the public to read and when I asked about it I was told to write a letter and I would get a response.

I was at one time under the impression that all City papers and business were public knowledge, but how can that be when the office is not willing to post anything for the public to know? And people are told that they cannot look at them. The mayor bad-mouths any questions and purposefully pulls work away from people who can do it and gives it to his inexperienced family.

Yes, a town overflowing with waste!

Daniel L. Richard Sr.,  
Wales, AK 99783

• Accused killer

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On June 5, a 42-year-old male resident of Teller reported a money order for over \$500 was missing and possibly stolen on June 4, sometime in the evening. Investigation revealed Sam Komok, 53, of Teller, took the money order from the victim’s pocket and used it to purchase alcohol. Charges pending against Komok for Theft II.

On July 9, Unalakleet AST received a report of an assault in the village of St. Michael. AST is assisting the VPO with the case, investigation is continuing.

On July 10, Unalakleet AST received a report of an alleged sexual assault occurring in the past. Investigation continues.

On July 10, at 11:15 p.m., AST received a report of a stabbing in Stebbins. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Jermaine Lockwood, 26, of Stebbins, for two counts of Assault 3, three counts of Assault 3 on a police officer, Probation Violation, and Resisting Arrest. Lockwood was remanded to AMCC. The victim was treated at the Stebbins Clinic and released.

On July 13, at approximately, 3:15 a.m., Darlene Chiskok, 28, of St. Michael was arrested for assault IV DV, after the investigation revealed that she had assaulted her boyfriend. Alcohol was a factor. Chiskok was transported and lodged at AMCC.

On July 13, at approximately 3:30 a.m., VPSO Gerald Otto received a report from an Elim resident reporting getting assaulted by a 17-year-old female. During the investigation of the first assault the juvenile responded to a second residence and assaulted a second person. The victims were seen at the Elim clinic. The juvenile was also seen driving an ATV while being impaired and she damaged the private property of another by kicking in a door. The location of the juvenile is still undetermined.

On July 13, at approximately 10:00 a.m., a 17-year-old juvenile from St. Michael was arrested on an outstanding warrant for a juvenile probation violation. The juvenile was transported and lodged at Nome Youth Facility.

On July 13, at approximately 12:15 p.m., Tommy Lockwood, 26, of St. Michael was arrested for Assault IV DV, after the investigation revealed that he had assaulted his girlfriend.

and a half.

In March, Farewell, formerly employed as a bartender in the Bay Area, asked for his public defender to be dismissed for not doing a good

Tommy Lockwood was telephonically arraigned.

On July 14, at 3:15 a.m., AST received a report of a domestic disturbance in Gambell. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Fredrick Kaningok, 36, of Gambell, for Assault 4. Kaningok was remanded to the AMCC.

On July 15, at approximately 2:00 p.m., Nome AST was advised by Savoonga VPOs of a structure fire that happened at approximately 7:00 a.m. Volunteer fire fighters were able to extinguish the fire preventing it from spreading. Injuries were reported but names are being withheld at this time

pending AST response and further investigation.

On July 11, at 4:10 a.m., AST received a report of an intoxicated juvenile in Gambell. A 15-year-old female was subsequently charged with Minor Consuming Alcohol.

On July 18, at 1:15 a.m., AST received a report of an intoxicated minor in Gambell. Julian Ap-atiki, 20, of Gambell, was subsequently charged with Minor Consuming Alcohol.

Trooper Beat

Seawall

7/13 Jamone Cross, DOB: 12/22/82, was arrested and booked into AMCC on a Bench Warrant for Violations of Conditions of Release and Escape.

7/15 Michael Giang, DOB: 8/28/80, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Felony Probation Violation.

Karlene Waghiyi, DOB: 6/14/74, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Probation Violation.

Ross Terhaar, DOB: 4/9/89, received a citation for Failure to Yield to an Emergency Vehicle.

7/16 Derek Saclamana, DOB: 3/20/89, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Felony Probation Violation and Habitual Minor Consuming Alcohol.

John Saclamana, DOB: 12/19/81, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violating Conditions of Release.

7/17 Peter Adsuna, DOB: 3/2/88, received a citation for Failure to Register Vehicle.

Reed Eide, DOB: 12/12/93, received a citation for Driving an ATV Without License.

7/18 Darrel Harrison, DOB: 4/4/59, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Disorderly Conduct.

Noah Shoogukwruk, DOB: 2/24/84, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Probation Violation and Disorderly Conduct.

Nicholas Tom, DOB: 2/24/81, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Probation Violation.

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extends a warm thank you to:

All the volunteers who worked so hard to make last weekend’s WOT clinics a success.

The volunteers arrived early to set up the fire hall classroom, made coffee, ran errands, picked up meals, set up the range and spent hours on their knees in the gravel to run the manual clay throwers. They were cheerful, positive and focused. After the weekend was done, they cleaned it all up, and talked about the next event. What a wonderful group! Sincere thanks go to:

Howard Appel, Brian Hensley, Kevin Knowlton – who volunteered both days; John Mikulski – our photographer extraordinaire; Dan Reed – who came to observe, and ended up coaching all day; Jeff Darling, Brad Dittmar, Bantu Nichols – some of the best volunteers ever; Bruce Klein and Laurie Harlan – Nome Sportsmen’s Association Board members; AND Steve Smith – without Steve, none of this would have happened.

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Dexter Karmun!

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Rose Olanna

Church Services  
Directory

**Bible Baptist Church Service Schedule, 443-2144**  
Sunday School 10 a.m./Worship Hour 11 a.m.

**Community Baptist Church-SBC**  
108 West Third, 443-5448  
**Small Group Bible Study** 10 a.m.  
**Sunday Morning Worship** 11 a.m.  
Pastor Bruce Landry

**Community United Methodist**  
2nd Ave. West, 443-2865  
**Sunday** 11 a.m. Worship  
**Tuesday** 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

**Thrift Shop** — Tuesday & Thursday 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

**Nome Covenant Church**  
101 Bering St. 443-2565 • Pastor Harvey  
**Sunday School** 9:45 a.m./**Sunday Worship** 11 a.m.  
**Wednesday:** Fellowship Meal 5:30 p.m./Ladies’ Bible Study, Mens’ Fraternity & Children’s Choir 6:30 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** Youth Group 7 p.m. (call 443-7218 for location)  
**Friday:** Community Soup Kitchen 6 - 7 p.m.

**Our Savior Lutheran Church**  
5th & Bering, 443-5295  
Morning Worship 11 a.m.

**River of Life Assembly of God, 443-5333**  
**Sunday School** 10 a.m.  
**Sunday Worship Service** 11 a.m.  
**Wednesday Night Service** 6:30 p.m.

**St. Joseph Catholic Church, 443-5527**  
Corner of Steadman and Kings Place  
**Mass Schedule: Saturday** 5:30 p.m./**Sunday** 10:30 a.m.

**Seventh-Day Adventist (Icy View), 443-5137**  
**Saturday Sabbath School** 10 a.m.  
**Saturday Morning Worship** 11 a.m.

**Nome Church of Nazarene**  
3rd & Division, 443-2805  
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Employment

Kawerak Children & Family Services Division – Recruitment Notice – 07/13/09 to close of business on 07/27/09. DIVISION: CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES

DEPARTMENT: Children and Family Services JOB TITLE: Children and Family Services Program Director

POSITION STATUS: Regular, Full Time LOCATION: Nome, Alaska EXEMPT STATUS: Non-exempt PAY SCALE GRADE: 14-15-16-17 (\$24.80 – 34.33)DOE

REPORTS TO: VP Children and Family Services QUALIFICATIONS:

- 1) Bachelor's degree in the field of social work, psychology, counseling or related field preferred; work experience may substitute for education on a year for year basis.
- 2) At least one year experience in child protective services, working knowledge of ICWA and state and tribal court proceedings preferred.
- 3) Excellent written and oral communication skills required. Must possess basic computer knowledge and skills in Windows, Internet, Microsoft Excel and Word, Power Point and Publisher.
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Kawerak Education, Employment & Training Division –Recruitment Notice – 07/10/09 to close of business on 07/24/09.

DIVISION: Education, Employment & Training JOB TITLE: Youth Employment Coordinator

POSITION STATUS: Regular, Full time LOCATION: Nome, Alaska EXEMPT STATUS: Non-exempt PAY SCALE GRADE: 9-10-11 (\$18.45 – 24.08) DOE

SUPERVISOR: Youth Employment Director EET Division

- QUALIFICATIONS:
- 1. High school diploma or GED required.
  - 2. Must possess strong writing and verbal communication skills. Strong organizational skills required.
  - 3. Must be dependable, self-motivated and able to work with minimal supervision.
  - 4. Ability to work effectively with people from a variety of backgrounds.
  - 5. Must possess strong working knowledge of Word, Excel and Windows software.
  - 6. Must have a clean criminal history record with no criminal convictions.

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Kawerak Community Services Division –Recruitment Notice – 07/20/09 to close of business on 08/03/09.

Division: Community Services Department: Community Planning & Development

Job Title: Business Development Specialist Position Status: Regular, Full Time Exempt Status: Non-Exempt Pay Scale Range: 12, 13, 14 (\$22.04 – 28.75) DOE

Reports to: Community Planning & Development Program Director

Qualifications:

- 1. Bachelors Degree in Economics, Business Administration, Marketing, Rural Development (Small Business Management) or related field from an accredited college; or an Associate Degree in a relevant field plus two years experience in business development and/or management, or community development. Work experience in business administration, business finance, community and economic development, e-commerce or related field may substitute for the degree requirement on a year for year basis.
- 2. Experience in business planning, financial management, and conducting organizing business training programs.
- 3. Must possess strong research, communication and organizational skills.
- 4. Must be proficient in computer applications such as Microsoft Word, Excel and Access, Publishing, Internet usage, on-line marketing, and knowledge of digital photography.
- 5. Must be able to work with minimum supervision.
- 6. Must be able to work effectively with people from a variety of backgrounds.
- 7. Must be willing to travel extensively in rural Alaska.

Native Preference per Public Law 93-638

Interested individuals may contact Human Resources with questions at 907-443-5231.

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Kawerak Community Services Division – Tribal Affairs Dept–Recruitment Notice – 07/17/09 to close of business on 07/31/09.

DEPARTMENT: Administration JOB TITLE: Tribal Coordinator- for Chinik Eskimo Community

LOCATION: Golovin, Alaska POSITION STATUS: Regular, Full Time EXEMPT STATUS: Non-Exempt PAY SCALE GRADE: 9-10-11 (\$18.45 – 24.08)DOE

REPORTS TO: Tribal Affairs Director

QUALIFICATIONS:

- 1) High school diploma or G.E.D. equivalent.
- 2) Two years previous secretarial, administrative, or supervisory experience.
- 3) Must be able to type. Computer experience highly desirable.
- 4) Strong organizational, oral and written communication skills.
- 5) Must be able to work well with the public.

Native Preference per Public Law 93-638.

Interested individuals may contact Human Resources with questions at 907-443-5231.

Applications can be accessed via Kawerak's website at www.kawerak.org or by contacting Human Resources at 907-443-5231. Applications may be faxed to Kawerak Human Resources at 907-443-4443 or sent via email to personnel@kawerak.org. 7/23-30

Kawerak Community Services Division- Recruitment Notice – 07/14/09 to close of business on 07/28/09.

DIVISION: Community Services JOB TITLE: Vice President Community Services

POSITION STATUS: Regular, Full-time EXEMPT STATUS: Exempt LOCATION: Nome, Alaska PAY SCALE GRADE 19-20-21(\$33.33 - 43.49)DOE

REPORTS TO: Executive Vice President

QUALIFICATIONS:

- 1. Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, Economics, Construction technology or other related field related to division programs. Comparable management level work experience in the field may be substituted on a year for year basis.
- 2. Two years of management and supervisory experience required.
- 3. Must possess strong writing, managerial, budgeting, organizational and oral communication skills.
- 4. Must be knowledgeable of federal Indian law, particularly as they relate to Alaska Native tribes.
- 5. Must be willing to travel extensively.
- 6. Must possess basic computer knowledge and skills in Internet usage, Word, Excel and Windows.
- 7. Prefer knowledge of the Bering Straits Region and its people.
- 8. Prefer knowledge of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Public Law 93-638 and compacting regulations.

Native Preference per Public Law 93-638.

Interested individuals may contact Human Resources with questions at 907-443-5231.

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JOB OPENING The City of Nome is accepting applications for:

Position: Equipment Operator II Range: 14A-14C

Salary: \$22.26 to \$23.97 plus shift differential and benefits

Hours: Full time, 40 hours

Qualifications: Must have a valid CDL, capable of correct and safe operation of various types of heavy equipment. Experience in road maintenance and repair, earthwork, and installation and repair of various underground utilities is a plus. Must be capable of carrying out assignments independently and follow oral written instructions. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent.

Closing date: Open until filled.

Fax completed applications to (907) 443-5349 or deliver to City Hall.

Applications available through City website at www.nomealaska.org or through Nome Job Service or at City Hall.

NOTE: The City of Nome is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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JOB OPENING The City of Nome is accepting applications for:

Position:Janitor Range: 9A-9C

Salary: \$15.33 to \$16.52 plus shift differential and benefits

Hours: Full time, 37.5 hours a week in the evenings

Qualifications: Must have a valid AK driver's license, a basic familiarity with janitorial practices, and use basic janitorial equipment. Must work with a high degree of independence and follow oral and written instructions. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent and pass a background investigation.

Closing date: Open until filled.

Fax completed applications to (907) 443-5349 or deliver to City Hall.

Applications available through City website at www.nomealaska.org or through Nome Job Service or at City Hall.

NOTE: The City of Nome is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Helen “Huda” Ivanoff, Manager

(907) 443-5220

Fax: (907) 443-5318

Hearing Impaired: 1-800-770-8973

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Grubby says, “get over to the animal shelter and see which of my friends want to go home with you.” His friends are waiting for you, call to make an appointment today.

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Nome Animal Control & Adopt-A-Pet • 443.5212 or 443.5262

•More Employment

STEBBINS:

The Parents as Teachers program is currently seeking a Family Visitor to provide home based and family development support services to families with young children prenatal to three years of age. Knowledge of child development and the ability to work independently is preferred. Required: HSD/GED +18 years of age, willingness to

obtain further training in Anchorage. Must have drivers license and own transportation. Salary: \$12.54-\$13.79 / hr DOE 40 hours/week 46 weeks a year. Download application from www.ruralcap.com. Submit application to 731 E. 8th Ave., Anchorage, 99501 by 5 pm July 27th. 7/23

Chairman Dan Harrelson has set the dates for NSEDC's 2nd Quarter meetings. Please see the schedule below for locations and times.

Meeting date/meeting type: Location: Time:

July 28, 2009 Executive Committee Meeting BSNC Boardroom 1:30 p.m.

Rules & Bylaws Committee BSNC Boardroom 3:30 p.m.

July 29, 2009 Scholarship Committee BSNC Boardroom 9:00 a.m.

NSSP Working Group BSNC Boardroom 10:30 a.m.

Fisheries Development Committee BSNC Boardroom 1:00 p.m.

July 30, 2009 Finance Committee BSNC Boardroom 9:00 a.m.

Board of Directors' Meeting BSNC Boardroom 1:00 p.m.

July 31, 2009 Board of Directors' Meeting BSNC Boardroom 9:00 a.m.

Portions of these meetings may be held in Executive session to conduct confidential business of the organization.

The Nome Convention & Visitors Bureau/Nome Chamber of Commerce Recruitement Notice

The Nome Convention & Visitors Bureau/Nome Chamber of Commerce is recruiting for the position of Tourism Director. This is a full time, year-round position responsible for the promotion of Nome and the Bering Straits Region as a visitor destination and the operation of the Visitors Center. We are looking for that one person to take us to that “Next Level.”

Qualifications:

1) Minimum of five years experience in a supervisory position involving administrative responsibilities

2) Experience in tourism marketing preferred

3) Knowledge of Alaska's tourism industry and contact highly preferred.

4) Must have extensive knowledge of Nome and regions businesses, residents and the services they provide.

5) Good communication skill, knowledge of various Microsoft programs and the ability to manage a proactive website.

Salary: DOE

A detailed job description is available at the Nome Visitors Center or by emailing **nomechamber2@gci.net**.

Nome Chamber of Commerce is a EEO Employer.



NORTON SOUND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Meeting date/meeting type: Location: Time:

July 28, 2009 Executive Committee Meeting BSNC Boardroom 1:30 p.m.

Rules & Bylaws Committee BSNC Boardroom 3:30 p.m.

July 29, 2009 Scholarship Committee BSNC Boardroom 9:00 a.m.

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Legals

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA  
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME  
ORDER FOR HEARING, PUBLICATION AND POSTING

In the Matter of a Change of Name for:  
**Elizabeth Kalerak aka Betty Murray aka Betty Segock**  
Current name of Adult.  
**Notice of Petition to Change Name**  
A petition has been filed in the Superior Court (Case # 2NO-09-169CI) requesting a name change from (current name) **Elizabeth Kalerak aka Betty Murray aka Betty Segock to Betty Segock**. A hearing on this request will be held on **August 14, 2009 at 4:00 pm at Nome Court-house, 113 Front Street PO Box 1110 Nome, AK 99762.**  
7/9-16-23-30

CITY OF NOME  
PUBLIC NOTICE

DISPOSAL OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY BY LAND USE PERMIT TO NOME SPORTSMAN ASSOCIATION FOR SUNSET FIRING RANGE

The City of Nome is considering disposal of municipal property in the form of a Land Use Permit to Nome Sportman Association for the purpose of providing hunter safety training for the Community of Nome. The property is a portion of City property located on Mile 9 of the Nome-Teller Highway described as Section 6, Township 11 South, Range 34 West and Section 1, Township 11 South, Range 35 West. Because this is a non-exclusive, revocable land use permit the estimated value is less than \$5,000. The disposal of said property will be by ordinance enacted by the Nome Common Council duly noticed by agenda and public notice. Further information may be obtained by contacting the office of the City Clerk.  
7/9-16-23-30; 8/6

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
Bureau of Land Management  
F-14932-A, F-14932-C, F-14932-D, F-14932-E, and F-14932-F

**Alaska Native Claims Selection**  
ACTION: Notice of decision approving lands for conveyance  
SUMMARY: As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that an appealable decision approving the surface estate in certain lands for conveyance pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act will be issued to Shaktoolik Native Corporation. The lands are in the vicinity of Shaktoolik, Alaska, and are located in:  
Lot 2, Tract 1, U.S. Survey No. 3779, Alaska. Containing 0.08 acres.  
Kateel River Meridian, Alaska  
T. 11 S., R. 11 W.,  
Secs. 1 to 4, inclusive;  
Secs. 11, 12, and 13;

Secs. 19 to 28, inclusive.  
Containing approximately 9,541 acres.  
T. 14 S., R. 11 W.,  
Secs. 29 to 32, inclusive.  
Containing approximately 2,508 acres.  
T. 15 S., R. 11 W.,  
Secs. 6 and 7.  
Containing 1,227.47 acres.  
T. 12 S., R. 12 W.,  
Secs. 5, 8, and 17.  
Containing 1,920 acres.  
T. 15 S., R. 12 W.,  
Secs. 1, 12, 13, 24, 25, and 36.  
Containing approximately 1,780 acres.  
T. 13 S., R. 13 W.,  
Secs. 5, 6, and 9.  
Containing approximately 148 acres.  
T. 15 S., R. 13 W.,  
Secs. 31 and 32.  
Containing 57 acres.  
Total Aggregating of Sec. 12(a) is approximately 17,181 acres.  
The subsurface estate in these lands will be conveyed to Bering Straits Native Corporation when the surface estate is conveyed to Shaktoolik Native Corporation.  
Notice of the decision was published in the Federal Register on **July 2, 2009**.  
DATES: The time limits for filing an appeal are:  
1. Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision shall have until August 3, 2009 to file an appeal.  
2. Parties receiving service of the decision by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal.

Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR Part 4, Subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.  
ADDRESS: A copy of this decision may be obtained from:  
Bureau of Land Management  
Alaska State Office  
222 West Seventh Avenue, #13  
Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7504

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: The Bureau of Land Management by phone at **907-271-5960**, or by e-mail at **ak.blm.conveyance@ak.blm.gov**.  
/s/  
Eileen Ford  
Land Transfer Resolution Specialist  
Land Transfer Adjudication II Branch  
Copy furnished to:  
Public Information Center (954C)  
7/16-23-30; 8/6

**HOME Opportunity Program (HOP)**  
ALASKA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION (AHFC) announces the availability of funding for the HOME Opportunity Program (HOP). This program is for organizations interested in providing down payment and closing costs assistance to lower-income homebuyers meeting program guidelines. AHFC will award program funds to **non-profit organizations, regional housing authorities and/or public agencies** selected by AHFC to act as a "subrecipient" to administer AHFC's HOME Opportunity Program (HOP). *This is not a solicitation for interested homebuyers.* Interested homebuyers must apply directly to selected subrecipients for eligibility approval and funding assistance. Properties to be purchased must be located outside of the Municipality of Anchorage.

Eligible applicants include only Public Agen-

cies, Regional Housing Authorities or Non-Profit Organizations.

If selected by AHFC, successful subrecipients must execute a Grantee Agreement and administer the funds in accordance with Federal HOME Program Regulations and AHFC's HOME Opportunity Program Policies and Procedures Manual.

Application kit is available on the internet: <http://www.ahfc.state.ak.us> (select "Grants", then select the HOME Opportunity Program - HOP)

For more information, or if unable to access the application via internet, contact:

Colette Slover, Planning Department  
Alaska Housing Finance Corporation  
4300 Boniface Parkway,  
PO Box 101020, Anchorage, AK. 99510-1020

330-8275 or 1-800-478-2432 (toll-free statewide)

Applications for funding under this program must be received by **4:30 p.m. Local Anchorage Time, September 3, 2009**. Proposals received after the deadline or delivered to an incorrect AHFC location before the deadline WILL NOT be considered for funding. Telefax or email applications WILL NOT be accepted. **An original and three (3) copies of the application proposal must be sent to the name and address noted above.**  
7/23

Sealed Bid Sale  
Individual Native Allotments

The Bureau of Indian Affairs is offering for sale, on behalf of the Native owners, the following tracts of land:

Item No.	Description	Minimum Acceptable Bid	No. of Acres
1	Barbara Joe, owner. St. Michael Townsite Lot, Lot 2, Block 15, Tract C, USS 5579.	\$15,000.00*	0.27
2	Patricia Sagoonick, owner. Lot 2, USS 10250, Alaska, situated on the right bank of the Bonanza River approximately 2 miles southwesterly from the village of Solomon, Alaska.	\$50,000.00*	39.98
3	Linda Anselm, owner. Situated 22 miles northeasterly of Unalakleet, F17247, USS 5454, lots 5 & 6. Accessible by boat.	\$229,000.00	149.00
4	Paul Washington, owner. Situated on the north westerly shore of St. Michael Bay, 1 mile south westerly of St. Michael. F16241, USS 12488, Lot 1. Accessible by vehicle.	\$250,000.00	159.96

*Deferred payment plan available; please ask Kawerak LMS staff for details.  
TITLE TO LAND SOLD AS A RESULT OF THIS ADVERTISEMENT WILL BE CONVEYED IN A FEE SIMPLE STATUS BY APPROVED DEED. TERMS AVAILABLE ARE CASH OR DEFERRED PAYMENT AS SPECIFIED.

Sealed Bid Opening will be on **August 12, 2009 at 2 p.m.**

For a Bid Packet or for more information please contact:  
**Kawerak, Inc. Land Management Services, P.O. Box 948, Nome, Alaska 99762.**

AWARD WILL BE MADE TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER WHO MEETS OR EXCEEDS THE MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE BID, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE NATIVE OWNER. Instructions and further information are available at the above office or by phone, toll free within Alaska **1-800-443-4316**, direct **907-443-4326**. Terms of sale specified thereon.

6/25, 7/2-9-16-23-30, 8/6

Public Notice

CITY OF NOME  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

MOONLIGHT WELLS PERMIT

A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE CONDUCTED DURING THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE NOME COMMON COUNCIL TO SEEK COMMENTS ON THE FOLLOWING:

Approval of a Permit to be issued to Mitch Erickson for a surface gravel stockpiling and screening in the Moonlight Wells Protection Area.

A copy of the Permit is available at Nome City Hall.

**DATE:** Monday, August 10, 2009

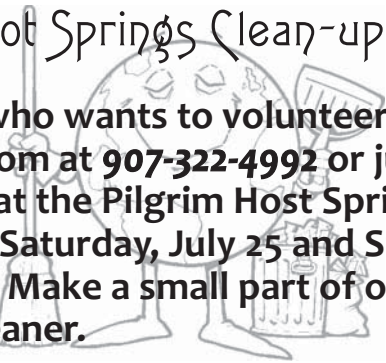
**TIME:** 7:30 p.m.

**LOCATION:** City Council Chambers

7/23-30; 8/6

Pilgrim Hot Springs Clean-up Effort

Anyone who wants to volunteer can contact Tom at **907-322-4992** or just show up at the Pilgrim Host Springs between Saturday, July 25 and Sunday, August 2. Make a small part of our World cleaner.



Friends of  
Pilgrim Hot  
Springs

General meeting

Meeting to be held:  
**Thursday, July 30  
7 p.m.**  
**Polar Cafe**  
Public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Stebbins Native Corporation  
Annual Meeting of Shareholders

Notice of the 36th Annual Meeting of Shareholders as prescribed by the By-Laws of Stebbins Native Corporation, Article 11, Section 1. The Annual Meeting of the Shareholders shall be held on the first Friday of September of each year for the purpose of electing directors and for transacting such other business as may come before the meeting. The meeting will be held:

7 p.m. at the Stebbins Community Hall on September 4, 2009

Shareholders who are at least 18 years of age who want to run for one of four (4) seats are requested to send/submit a letter of intent to:

Stebbins Native Corporation  
PO Box 71110  
Stebbins, Alaska 99671

Shareholders may also submit their letter of intent to:  
[fredj@hughes.net](mailto:fredj@hughes.net).

Deadline for intent to run must be received by SNC office by 5 p.m. on August 7, 2009.

Shareholders are encouraged to to email their current mailing addresses.

7/16-23-30



Court

Week ending 7/17  
Civil

Swann, Vanessa vs. Cash, Dallas; DV: Both ExParte & Long Term  
Prentice, Virginia vs. Williams, Robert; DV: ExParte Only  
Atchak, Shana vs. Pete, Louis; DV: Both ExParte & Long Term  
Takak, Ralph vs. Norton Sound Economic Development Corp; Personal Injury Other - District Court  
Kahle, Michele S. et al vs. United Rentals Inc Corp et al; Wrongful Death - Superior Court  
Kahle, Michele S. et al vs. Alaska Gold Co an Alaskan Corporation; Wrongful Death - Superior Court  
Kahle, Michele S. et al vs. Executive Force Australia PTY LTD an Australian Co; Wrongful Death - Superior Court  
Kahle, Michele S. et al vs. NovaGold Resources Inc a Canadian Corporation; Wrongful Death - Superior Court  
Kahle, Michele S. et al vs. JLG Industries Inc a Pennsylvania Corporation; Product Liability - Superior Court  
Seneca One LLC vs. Bradley, Jennifer; Structured Settlement - Superior Court  
Eide, Clarissa vs. Huffman, Randall; DV: Both ExParte & Long Term  
Dickson, Tammy vs. Lee, Frank; DV: Both ExParte & Long Term

Small Claims

Credit Union 1 vs. Brown, Michael J.; SC More Than \$2500: 1 Deft. Cert Mail

Criminal Cases

State of Alaska v. Martha Kiyuklook (3/17/65); Assault 4th; DV; Date of offense: 3/19/09; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 90 days suspended; Probation until 7/8/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer; *Redistributed with correct probation end date by N.B.  
State of Alaska v. Dawn Oozevaseuk (8/30/83); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110701404; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: Balance of sentence, shall report to AMCC by 7/15/09 by 5PM; Release or bail conditions remain in effect until defendant reports to serve sentence.  
State of Alaska v. John D. Merculief (10/25/61); Assault 4th; DV; Date of offense: 6/17/09; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 90 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 7/11/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in his residence, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol.  
State of Alaska v. Yvonne Aukon (2/5/89); 2NO-08-943CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110700189; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-09-219CR; Shall report to AMCC by 5pm on 8/21/09; Release or bail conditions remain in effect until defendant reports to serve sentence.  
State of Alaska v. Yvonne A. Aukon (2/5/89); 2NO-09-135CR Count 1: Importation of Alcohol; Date of offense: 10/21/08; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: 2 (002); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 30 days suspended; Forfeit interest in proceeds for alcohol to State; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.  
State of Alaska v. Daniel E. Tocktoo (10/18/88); Count 3: Misconduct Involving Weapons 4th; Date of offense: 5/23/09; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: 1 (001), 2 (002); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 180 days, 160 days suspended; Unsuspended 20 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC by 8/21/09; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Restitution: Shall pay restitution to the satisfaction of the property owner; Probation until 7/14/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer.  
State of Alaska v. Gary Cantrell (10/7/83); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Violation

of Conditions of Release; Filed by the DAs Office 7/10/09.  
State of Alaska v. Pauline M. Kuzruk (12/18/68); Order Suspending Imposition of Sentence and Providing For Probation; Count 001: Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance 4th; Date of offense: 2/8/09; Defendant came before the court on 7/13/09 with counsel, Robert Lewis, Office of Public Advocacy and Wayne Cary, DA present; It appearing to the satisfaction of this court that the ends of justice and the best interests of the public, as well as the defendant, will be served thereby, IT IS ORDERED that the sentencing of the defendant is suspended for a period of 1 year and the defendant is placed on probation to the DOC under the conditions of probation listed below; Police Training Surcharge: pay to the court the following surcharge pursuant to AS 12.55.039 within 10 days: \$100; Initial Jail Surcharge: Defendant arrested and taken to a correctional facility and is being sentenced to serve a term of imprisonment; Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that defendant immediately pay a correctional facilities surcharge of \$100 to the Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage; Second Jail Surcharge: IT IS ORDERED that the defendant pay a collections facilities surcharge of \$100 if defendant's probation is revoked and, in connection with the revocation, defendant is arrested and taken to a correctional facility or jail time is ordered served; AS 12.55.014(c); Other Orders: Shall be fingerprinted upon reporting to jail in Anchorage; Special Condition of Probation-Imprisonment: Shall serve the following term of imprisonment: 45 days; Shall report to Cordova Center, 130 Cordova Street, Anchorage at 7:45am on 7/17/09; General Conditions of Probation set, as stated in order; Other Special Conditions of Probation: Person and baggage subject to warrantless search for controlled substances at any airport upon reasonable suspicion by a peace officer or probation officer; Probation expires 7/14/10; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated.  
State of Alaska v. Diana Elianna (2/28/85); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110700927; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: Shall be assessed for alcohol treatment within 30 days of release from custody, and shall complete the recommended treatment and aftercare; Probation extended to 7/10/10; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 10 days, shall report to AMCC by 5pm on 7/17/09; This court recommends service of time at Seaside Community Residential Center; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.  
State of Alaska v. Nicole Topkok (5/2/91); Minor Consuming or in Possession or Control of Alcoholic Beverage; Date of offense: 5/31/09; Fined \$600 with \$300 suspended; Shall pay \$300 to Nome Clerk of Court by 10/31/09; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 7/9/09); Shall not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages; Shall pay fine, as ordered.  
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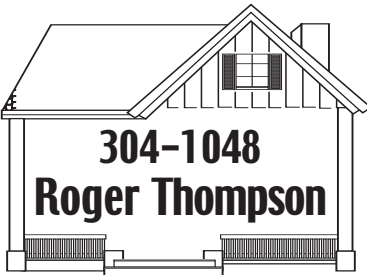
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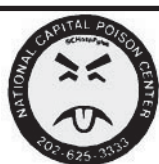


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## • Water

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530 to 700 gallons per minute. Additionally, the plan called for the injection wells to be able to handle up to 150 percent of the treatment plant's capacity. "Instead, Rock Creek did not inject ... water until May 15, 2009 when they requested and received Department-required approval to inject," the notice reads.

NovaGold reported receiving the violation in a July 15 press release announcing its second quarter financial results for 2009.

Van Nieuwenhuyse said the notice was unexpected. "We were a bit surprised on the notice of violation because the water treatment plant has been operational since February as well as the injection field," he said July 16.

Van Nieuwenhuyse admits that the system was not operating at full-scale in February, citing problems with freezing pipes and other winterization issues. "It's kind of almost like ... when you're starting to prime something, you kind of have to take several times to get it right," he said.

While working out the kinks in the system, Van Nieuwenhuyse said the water running through the treatment plant was eventually being circuited back to the tailings storage facility. Once the injection wells were engaged in mid May, NovaGold started gradually ramping up the rate at which the water was pumped underground. According to the DEC, the average injection rate was 150 gallons per minute from May 15 to June 15. The DEC said a rate of 300 gallons per minute was achieved on June 26, and 330 gallons was hit on July 1.

Van Nieuwenhuyse said July 16 that the injection

rate was averaging around 350 to 360 gallons per minute. He said the water level of the pond behind the dam is now lowering at a rate of a little more than an inch a day. "The immediate thing we want to do is get the water from behind the dam," Van Nieuwenhuyse said. "As we have said many times, the water was never intended to be there."

The tailings impoundment has been collecting water from runoff, precipitation and groundwater. A small amount of water used in the mine's short production run was also deposited in the pond. Both DEC and NovaGold officials say that water is no longer in the system. "It's not process water, that's been long gone," Stambaugh said.

"The important thing is it's just water," Van Nieuwenhuyse said. "You could literally classify it as storm water."

In its notice of violation, the DEC asks that NovaGold present an engineered plan by July 15 detailing how it will process the approximate 50 million gallons of water that could have been treated and removed if the system would have been operational along the timeline spelled out in the permit. At a steady rate of 300 gallons per minute, 24 hours a day, it would take nearly four months to process 50 million gallons. Early in the year, the water was estimated at a volume of 54 million gallons.

The DEC's Stambaugh acknowledged that NovaGold had achieved a rate of at least 300 gallons per minute, but she noted that is about 50 percent shy of the rate DEC wanted to see processed. "They needed to inject more than that to start reducing the water behind the tailings storage facility," Stambaugh said.

Van Nieuwenhuyse doesn't quite read the



Photo by Tyler Rhodes

**WATER BEHIND THE DAM—Rock Creek's tailings storage facility still harbored a significant amount of water in mid-June.**

requirements the same way, saying the permit required a rate of 330 gallons per minute. "Read the permit. It's online," he said.

Discrepancies over the required rate aside, Van Nieuwenhuyse said his goal is to have the pond essentially drained by the end of the year. "My objective is to try and get rid of all the water this year—or at least the lion's share, because you'll never get rid of it all," he said.

Stambaugh said July 16 that NovaGold did submit to DEC a plan to address the violation by the July 15 deadline. "They were responsive to get materials to us by deadline," she said.

She withheld any comment on the plan since department staff were just starting to review it.

Chris Foley, the program manager for the Division of Water's Compliance Program, said that while there is no statutory time limit for DEC to make a determination on NovaGold's plan, it is on the front burner. "It is a priority to us to evaluate that submission," he said.

The notice sent to NovaGold warns of potential fines and response costs—both in civil and criminal terms—associated with the violation. As of press time, the state had not filed any action in court against the company.

## NovaGold reports narrowing its losses in second quarter

By Tyler Rhodes

Citing favorable exchange rates and reduced exploration costs, Rock Creek Mine operator NovaGold Resources reported a greatly reduced financial loss for the second quarter July 15 when compared to the same time period a year ago.

The Canadian mining firm, which is working toward becoming a production company, stated a net loss of \$4.8 million Canadian for three-month quarter ending May 31. That compares to a second-quarter loss of C\$23.2 million in 2008.

In announcing the financial results, NovaGold also said its two stalled projects, the Rock Creek Mine near Nome and Galore Creek in British Columbia, would see no new life for the rest of the year. NovaGold officials have repeatedly said Rock Creek would not re-open in 2009. In earlier reports the company said all options for Rock Creek are on the table, including rekindling the project, selling it or working it in collaboration with another firm. In its July 15 release, it said a review of whether or not to re-open the project is still pending.

With the two idled mines in what the company terms "care and maintenance" mode, NovaGold did not incur expense related to exploration

at the projects. In the most recent quarter, the company reported expenditures of C\$4.4 million related to exploration work at its Donlin Creek prospect near the Kuskokwim River. In the second quarter of 2008, NovaGold spent a combined C\$16.9 million on exploration at Donlin, Rock Creek and Galore Creek.

The flip-side of the mines not producing is the obvious fact they are not turning a profit. With none of its properties producing minerals, NovaGold has primarily funded its activities through stock offerings. The company did report small revenues of approximately C\$400,000 for the second quarter of 2009, mainly from land and gravel sales as well as gold royalties.

Exchange rates also smiled favorably upon NovaGold, playing a role in the C\$18.4 million difference between the second quarters of 2008 and 2009. The company reported a C\$16.1 million foreign exchange gain between the Canadian and U.S. dollars compared to a loss of C\$700,000 in 2008. A strengthening Canadian dollar and its effect on the company's liabilities that are based in U.S. dollars was primarily credited for the gain.

NovaGold also reported on its financials for the first six months of the year, ending March 31. Over that

period the company realized a net loss of C\$33.3 million. That compares to net earnings over the same time period in 2008 of C\$1 million.

In comparing the first six months of 2008 and 2009, NovaGold cited a C\$16.3 million cost recovery by suspending Galore Creek in 2008. That suspension was also cited for cost increases in terms of care and maintenance costs, which along with Rock Creek, totaled C\$15.5 million for first six months of 2009. In the 2008 time period, NovaGold spent only C\$3.8 million for care and maintenance solely for Galore Creek. The company also cited interest payments and other debt expenses made in 2009 that added to the C\$31.3 million jump in losses in 2009.

In addition to looking back on first half of 2009, the NovaGold release also commented on its outlook for the rest of the year. As of May 31, the company reported cash and cash

equivalents of C\$56.1 million with working capital of C\$48.9 million.

For the remainder of the year, NovaGold said it will spend U.S.\$7 million on the Donlin Creek project, mainly toward permitting. The company plans to spend the same amount toward maintaining Rock Creek while it decides what to do with the property. NovaGold plans to spend C\$16 million for the maintenance and what it termed "optimization activities" at Galore Creek.

NovaGold also noted that no mineral production would occur at any of its properties in 2009. "The company does not plan to commence development or construction at its Donlin Creek and Galore Creek projects in 2009, nor does it currently plan to recommence the start-up process at the Rock Creek project," a July 15 press release reads.

For NovaGold to get any of those projects producing, significantly more money will be needed. "The company

will need external financing to develop and construct its properties and to fund the exploration and development of its other mineral properties in future years," the release said. NovaGold said it could look to banks, debt and equity offerings for more cash.

Adopting the normal cautionary language used with financial resources, NovaGold warned additional cash might not be easy to come by. "There can be no assurance that the company will be able to secure the financing necessary to retain its rights to, or to begin or sustain production at, any of its mineral properties," the release concludes.

NovaGold President and Chief Executive Officer Rick Van Nieuwenhuyse said that search for funds would come a few years down the road as Donlin would near the end of its permitting stage. "We fully expect the permitting process to be a two- to three-year process," he said.

## • Pipeline

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back there unless you change the configuration [of the tailings storage facility]," Van Nieuwenhuyse said.

Nearly all of the water in the tailings facility is the result of runoff, groundwater and precipitation. The mine only worked its production cycle for a short amount of time last fall before shutting the facility down in November due to financial and mechanical issues.

Van Nieuwenhuyse said the pipe would run approximately eight or nine miles in length. He would not elaborate on any projected price tag for the proposal. "We're still working on a cost estimate," Van Nieuwenhuyse said. "We obviously have some ideas, [but] it's sensitive from a negotiating stand point. Obviously it's a long pipeline, so it's a significant number."

Nome Joint Utility System Manager John Handeland said the potential project would call for up to 250,000 gallons per day to be piped to Nome's sewer lagoons. He said that Nome currently puts approximately 450,000 gallons per day on average into the lagoons. He noted that the lagoons have the capacity to accept more than 1 million gallons a day and that no expansion would be required to accommodate the extra water.

Both Handeland and Van Nieuwenhuyse point out that the water coming from the mine to the lagoons would be

far cleaner than what the city contributes. "Most of Nome's [input into the lagoon] is gray water-black water combination (sewage) that receives primary treatment by aeration in the lagoons. NovaGold's water would be good enough to drink," Handeland wrote in an e-mail to the *Nugget*.

Van Nieuwenhuyse believes the addition of the treated water from its plant would actually aid the city. "The benefit is the water quality is much better than sewage water," he said. "There's a dilutive benefit allowing Nome Joint Utility System to meet its water quality requirements."

Van Nieuwenhuyse added that a testing system would likely be put in place to evaluate the water between the plant and the lagoons. "We would have a third-party monitoring the water in the pipeline to ensure it does meet the delivery standards we have established," he said.

State regulators last week were getting their first peek at the proposal. "We got a verbal outline of it late Monday afternoon, [July 13]," said Sharon Stambaugh, a program manager within the Division of Water at the state Department of Environmental Conservation. "Both Nome Joint Utilities and the company came to us to talk about it. We didn't have a concrete plan. ... They were more advanced in proposing it than we were in reviewing it."

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**DARK SKIES**—Downtown Nome basks in the last bit of sunlight before the storm clouds roll over July 21. The storm brought rare thunder and lightning to Nome.

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## Police chief post offered to Trooper

*John Papasodora currently commands the Alaska Bureau of Investigation*

By Laurie McNicholas

The position of Nome Police Chief has been offered to John Papasodora, commander of the Alaska State Troopers Bureau of Investigation, announced City Manager Josie Bahnke at a Nome Common Council meeting Monday.

Papasodora currently administers a bureau of 43 personnel who conduct major felony investigations throughout the state. He previously served as AST emergency operations supervisor, administering statewide search and rescue, Homeland Security and Southcentral dispatch services; and as AST field operations coordinator, administering statewide training, tactical operations and all field training needs for the division.

In other business, only one of five resolutions approved by the council July 27 involved much discussion. It is entitled, "A resolution of appreciation to Eugene Asicksik in recognition of your unwavering support of the Nome harbor improvements projects and to the community of Nome."

The resolution notes that Asicksik established a successful working relationship between the City of Nome and Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. during his tenure as NSEDC's president and chief executive officer. Asicksik resigned from NSEDC in December 2007. Under his leadership, NSEDC contributed \$3 million in matching funds for the

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Photo by Tyler Rhodes

**ANCHORMAN**—Floy Gilder gets down to business during the tug-of-war at Norton Sound Health Corp.'s annual picnic July 23 at Anvil City Square.

## Concerns over mining creep into Council meeting

By Laurie McNicholas

Concerns about the potential impacts of local mining activities on drinking water quality, waste water disposal and sanitation received attention at a regular meeting of the Nome Common Council on Monday, although the topics were not agenda items.

In public comments during the meeting, Matt Ganley of Bering Straits Native Corp. noted that the state plans to open Nome's west beach to public mining. He said that BSNC as an adjacent landowner would like the City to be proactive in posting information about human waste and trash on the west beach early in the process.

Sue Steinacher expressed concern about permit violations involving contaminants at the mine site operated by Marvin Rapose in the Moonlight Wells Protection Area from which Nome draws its drinking water. The City is-

sued an annual mining permit to Rapose, dba Nome AK Gold Concentrates (NAGC), on June 24 after he removed multiple permit violations from the mine site.

Steinacher said she respects the right of people to do as they please with their property, but if their activities lead to contaminants, then what they do is a concern to all. Noting that she and her husband are private property owners who have worked hard to pay off their mortgage, she said their investment would become worthless if Nome's drinking water is contaminated.

Steinacher cited a recent report about residents of a small West Virginia town with a long coal mining history who turned on their taps and found their drinking water irreversibly contaminated by coal slurry. Their property is worthless and their health is at risk, she noted, adding that their story had motivated her to ex-

press her concerns to the council.

"... I am not anti-mining, but state and federal regulations are there for a purpose," Steinacher said. She commended council members for their huge commitment of time and responsibility, but warned that if anything happens on their watch they will enter history books for reasons other than their service to the community. "When you are faced with difficult choices, take the long view and take all precautions to protect our drinking water," she urged.

Nearly all of Steinacher's comments were audible to the *Nugget's* reporter despite rattling metal noises made by Councilman Stan Andersen a few feet away as he rummaged in a file drawer adjacent to his seat at the council table. Andersen presided at the meeting in the absence of Mayor Denise Michels.

**Crutch defends Rapose**

Betty Crutch told the council she has visited the NAGC mining operation and has found no contamination there. She said she is next door to the NAGC site, meaning that her mine site is adjacent to it. "I think [Rapose] is running a clean operation, and I don't see it harming anyone," she said. "They also have a home in Icy View not far from Sue [Steinacher]."

Crutch said mining has been conducted at Moonlight Wells for going on 30 years and there has been no contamination. She said the public should be concerned about contamination, but [Dr. Derrick] Leedy has gone overboard. "Has anybody been by his business?" she asked. "I took pictures of it. Those who throw rocks should not live in glass houses." Crutch told the council that Leedy

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## Mother of killed ironworker files lawsuit

By Diana Haecker

Two years after two ironworkers crashed to their deaths due to an improperly set up manlift at the Rock Creek gold mine site—then under construction—the mother of one victim filed lawsuits at the Nome Superior Court last week.

The civil lawsuits target mine owner NovaGold Resources Inc., its subsidiary Alaska Gold Co., the

lift manufacturer JLG, the company that sold and serviced the manlift, United Rentals, as well as Executive Force Australia Pty, an Australian-based company that was hired to develop and implement safety management systems for the mine, and Lexington Engineering and consultant Andrew Heycock.

Tyler Kahle, 19, of Tomahawk, Wis., and his 27-year-old colleague

Craig Bagley of Anchorage were at the end of their shift at the Rock Creek mine construction site on July 19, 2007 when the JLG manlift they were on toppled and catapulted the two men to the ground. Kahle and Bagley died shortly after the crash from blunt force trauma.

Michele Kahle, Tyler Kahle's mother, filed the lawsuits, claiming that the defendants breached their

duty when "they failed to identify and rectify a dangerous situation concerning the position of the lift, use of the lift and task training of the operators" and for failing to comply with federal Mine Safety and Health Administration regulations concerning equipment maintenance, records, set-up, training and operations.

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Letters

Dear Editor,

Your front page picture in the July 23 issue of the *Nugget* shows a group of smiling kids standing in the Niukluk River holding up ten dead king salmon for the camera. Imagine 12,000 copies of that picture; that’s the number of king salmon that were killed as bycatch and thrown over the side by the pollock trawlers in 2007. Shocking, isn’t it?

At a panel discussion during the Kawerak Regional Conference in March, NSEDC spokesperson Charlie Lean told the assembled that every man, woman and child in Norton Sound was a co-owner of factory trawlers through NSEDC’s investments in Glacier Fish Company. Personally, I’m not very comfortable in that role; in fact, I have been feeling awfully guilty about it.

Ten years ago, I was dismayed when the Alaska Supreme Court ruled in *Native Village of Elim v. State of Alaska* that it was OK for False Pass salmon fishermen to intercept Norton Sound chum salmon even though their interception contributed to disastrously weak chum returns to Norton Sound rivers. Despite decades of local harvesting restrictions, our chum salmon stocks never recovered and this summer’s return is the worst yet. In 2009, the intercept fisheries at False Pass took 706,850 chums; at least they didn’t waste them.

The king salmon bycatch in the pollock fishery has gotten most of the attention lately but in 2005, the pollock trawlers caught and wasted 700,000 chum salmon as bycatch. This time it is not some unknown pirates from down south taking the fish that people in western Alaska communities depend upon, it’s us and that bothers me.

I should know by now how these things work, but I was hopeful that

the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council at their April meeting would take decisive action to protect our salmon populations. If the trends continue, some of them will go extinct.

In March, NSEDC told us at a public meeting in Nome that its Board of Directors had decided to recommend a 47,951 hard cap on king salmon bycatch. That would mean when that number was reached, pollock trawling would be shut down. I thought the proposed cap was too high. Kawerak, Nome Eskimo Community, Bering Sea Fishermen’s Association, AVCP, the Yukon River Drainage Fisheries Association and all of the other western Alaska organizations and individuals from the affected communities were calling for a hard cap of 30,000 or lower, but NSEDC was more concerned about the loss of profits for the trawlers if a lower cap was instituted than the economic and social impacts on the rural Alaska people who harvest salmon.

In April, I spent a week in Anchorage at the NPFMC meetings and listened to days of gut wrenching testimony about how the shortage of king salmon was hurting people in western Alaska and how badly people’s lives were being affected by it. I was particularly moved by the testimony of a woman from Old Crow, a Yukon River village in Canada telling the story about how her village shared one king salmon.

On the last day of testimony, I was sitting in the audience when the NSEDC staff made their recommendations. To my dismay, they did not advocate for the 47,951 hard cap they told us they were going to recommend. Instead, without telling anybody, they changed their position and went with the proposal favored by the Seattle based pollock industry. I was so surprised I had to ask someone else if they had heard the same thing I had heard. They confirmed it.

Eventually, the council settled on a 60,000 king salmon hard cap with something called an incentive plan that hadn’t even been developed yet that looks like a smoke screen for cheating on bycatch. I ran the numbers on historical harvests and if this plan had been in place during the past 12 years, it would have only reduced the king salmon bycatch from the 783,760 that were killed and wasted to 689,193. That’s not a very impressive reduction. Like False Pass before them, the big money trawl industry won out over the needy people in the villages. Only this time, sadly, our representatives stood on the side of the multinational giant corporations and against the local salmon fishermen.

My wife’s family is from the Yukon River. They are commercial and subsistence salmon fishermen. This winter the news media has carried numerous stories about how hard life has been following total closures of the king salmon commercial fisheries and restrictions on chum salmon commercial harvests and subsistence fishing. Ironically, the lower Yukon chum salmon commercial fisheries are being restricted by ADFG to minimize king salmon bycatch. I am having a hard time explaining to my family members and friends on the Yukon why we turned our backs on them in their time of need and why they have to be the ones carrying the entire burden of conservation. I don’t understand it either.

In 1998 when NSEDC went into debt to buy into Glacier Fish Com-

pany, one of my concerns was that someday we would be obligated to oppose the interests of rural Alaska fishermen, and I wrote about it in this newspaper. It looks like that day has arrived.

Theoretically, our GFC partnership made a lot of money, but did it really? The unresolved liability for previous years’ income taxes and the potentially massive bills for back taxes, penalties and interest and even worse, the risk of having the IRS revoke NSEDC’s tax exempt status puts the net profitability of this business venture in question. No one has been willing to tell me how much debt NSEDC took on last fall when they bought the *Alaska Ocean*, the largest trawler in US waters, but the rumors are that it was the highest price ever paid for pollock quota. I doubt that most of the NSEDC board members know either.

I plan to ask for an explanation from the NSEDC board at their meeting this week in Nome about why they reneged on what they told us they were going to do about king salmon bycatch. I can’t imagine what they could say that would convince me that killing and wasting hundreds of thousands of salmon is the right thing to do, but I look forward to hearing their rationale.

I also am going to ask about the debt and what they plan to do about the income tax liability hanging over our heads. I hope I get some answers and I encourage anyone who has additional questions to come to the meetings and try to get some answers.

Tim Smith  
Nome, AK

Letters to the editor must be signed and include an address and phone number. Thank yous and political endorsements are considered ads.

Editorial

**Such a Deal**

Cash for clunkers? The federal stimulus package to revive the auto industry encourages us to trade in our gas guzzling clunkers for super fuel efficient fancy new machines that are set to roll off the assembly lines in Detroit.

Nome has a gold mine in clunkers and junkers. Is there a fine line of distinction when a clunker becomes a junker? Is a junker a clunker without tires? Does a patch of fireweed growing in the engine block or a crop of stinkweed in the truck bed raise or lower the trade-in value? Do we have to keep the dogs that are chained to the fenders? Where do we take our trade in clunkers? Do we need to barge them to Kodiak, or do we need to designate a certified junkyard in Nome? Perhaps we could have several designated yards and we could just leave them where the are. I’ve looked at the lot behind my house and count three junkers, a possible clunker and overturned boat. Does the boat count?

We need to strike while the scrap iron is hot and load some of our retired vehicles onto a barge and send them south. Who knows? Maybe Cal Worthington or the Sales and Service guys could cut us a deal and give the city a break on some new trucks. Maybe an electric car? Nothing ventured; nothing gained. Keep smiling and thinking of those new wheels. —N.L.M.—

Benefits restored to Territorial Guard

The U.S. Senate last week restored military retirement benefits to 26 Alaska Territorial Guard members. In a vote of 87 to 7, the Senate adopted the ATG amendment into the \$679.8 billion defense authorization bill for FY2010. The Department of Defense decided in January to dis-

continue retirement benefits to ATG members. The state bridged payments from April on.

Nome Norton Sound Tide Predictions (High & Low Waters) — July 30 - August 5, 2009									
Day	Date	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height
Th	07/30	12:29 a.m. LDT	1.1H	05:33 a.m. LDT	0.5L	12:03 p.m. LDT	1.5H	07:16 p.m. LDT	0.1L
F	07/31	01:50 a.m. LDT	1.1H	06:21 a.m. LDT	0.7L	12:42 p.m. LDT	1.4H	08:13 p.m. LDT	0.1L
Sa	08/01	03:19 a.m. LDT	1.1H	07:12 a.m. LDT	0.9L	01:25 p.m. LDT	1.3H	09:11 p.m. LDT	0.1L
Su	08/02	04:48 a.m. LDT	1.1H	08:10 a.m. LDT	1.0L	02:14 p.m. LDT	1.3H	10:08 p.m. LDT	0.1L
M	08/03	06:02 a.m. LDT	1.2H	09:14 a.m. LDT	1.0L	03:10 p.m. LDT	1.2H	11:00 p.m. LDT	0.0L
Tu	08/04	07:01 a.m. LDT	1.2H	10:20 a.m. LDT	1.1L	04:05 p.m. LDT	1.2H	11:46 p.m. LDT	0.0L
W	08/05	07:46 a.m. LDT	1.2H	11:20 a.m. LDT	1.1L	04:56 p.m. LDT	1.3H		
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Weather Statistics			
Sunrise	07/30/09 05:59 a.m.	High Temp	69° 7/22/09
	08/05/09 05:19 a.m.	Low Temp	45° 7/24/09
		Peak Wind	26 mph, South, 7/27/09
Sunset	07/30/09 12:14 a.m.	Precip. to Date	7.95"
	08/05/09 11:53 a.m.	Normal	6.59"
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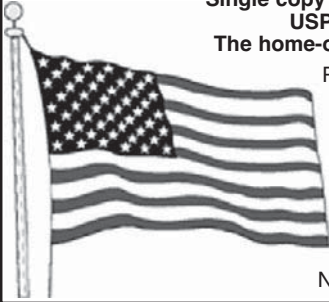
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Alaska state news briefs

Compiled by Diana Haecker

Parnell sworn in as Alaska Governor

On Sunday, Sean Parnell was sworn in as Alaska's tenth governor before a crowd of more than 5,000 people during the Governor's Picnic in Fairbanks. Parnell succeeded Sarah Palin who resigned from the state's highest executive job with 17 months of the term still to go. Parnell told the crowd that he won't be constrained by a short-term vision, but instead would focus on Alaska's future for this generation and the next. Also present and sworn in as the temporary substitute lieutenant governor was Lt. General Craig Campbell, commissioner of the Alaska Department of Military and Veteran Affairs. Campbell still has to be approved by the State Legislature during a special session on August 10. Parnell on Monday met with Fairbanks officials, community leaders and the media and plans to meet with his cabinet on Wednesday in Juneau.

First Alaskan to die from swine flu

On Monday, Alaska's state epidemiologist has confirmed that a Fairbanks woman has died of complications involving the H1N1 flu virus, commonly known as the swine flu. Citing privacy reasons, DHHS only divulged that the woman was in her 40s and died on July 16 while out of state. Health officials are getting ready for the next flu season and develop an H1N1 vaccine that may be available in Alaska later this year. The state Division of Public Health H1N1 Task Force works with local, state and



tribal partners to determine the most effective way to distribute vaccine as it becomes available. Health officials spread the message to stay home when sick, for businesses to get ready for more sick employees and for health care providers and hospitals to prepare for a surge in patient volume.

Department of Energy extends energy stimulus money deadline

The federal Department of Energy said that it would give the State of Alaska until September 30, 2009 to formally request more than \$28 million in energy funds available under the Federal Economic Stimulus Act. Former governor Sarah Palin refused to accept the money, saying that it contains too many strings attached. In response, both bodies of the Alaska State legislature will convene in a special session on August 10 to debate an override of Palin's veto.

Eagle Village gets temporary VPSO building, clinic

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers sent three technical disaster re-

sponse team members to Eagle Village to do a site assessment for the Federal Emergency Management Agency last week. The team is tasked to develop a site design for a temporary public safety office and a temporary health clinic to be completed by Sept. 15, before the highway to the remote village is closed for the winter. During spring break up, the original VPSO office and clinic were shoved 500 feet inland and crushed by ice chunks. FEMA assigned the Corps of Engineers to prepare water, septic tank and electrical connections for the two temporary structures. FEMA is leasing a prefabricated Village Public Safety Office building and a soft-sided clinic facility.

Icebreaker looking for a name

When completed in 2014, the Alaska region research vessel will be one of the most technologically advanced oceanographic vessels in the world. But it is missing something: a name. The ship is designed to be a 242-foot research vessel capable of breaking ice up to 2.5 feet thick and will be used for scientific research in arctic and subarctic waters. Once completed, the university hopes to dock the ARR V in Seward. The name selection committee asks that names be appropriate for a ship dedicated to marine science in Alaska. Terry Whitledge, principal investigator for the ARR V project, suggests that name ideas should reflect something evocative of the polar regions, Alaskana, an outstanding marine scientist or some oceanographic feature. The University of Alaska Fairbanks asks the public to submit ideas for the name of the research vessel.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

July 30 - August 5, 2009

EVENT PLACE TIME

Thursday, July 30		
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
<b>NSEDC Finance Committee mtg</b>	<b>BSNC Boardroom</b>	<b>9 a.m.</b>
<b>Balloon Animals w/ Amy Adcox</b>	<b>Library</b>	<b>10 a.m.</b>
*Preschool Story Hour	Kegoayah Library	10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 6:30 p.m.
<b>NSEDC Board meeting</b>	<b>BSNC Boardroom</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>
*Audiology Class	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Denali Kid Care/ Medicaid	NSRH	2 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Postpartum video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
<b>Pilgrim Hot Spings meeting</b>	<b>Polar Cafe'</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
*Beginning Baton with Jay	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
*Swing Dancing with Seiji	Nome Rec Center	7:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
<b>Clean-Up Effort</b>	<b>Pilgrim Hot Springs</b>	<b>All day</b>

Friday, July 31		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
<b>NSEDC Board meeting</b>	<b>BSNC Boardroom</b>	<b>9 a.m.</b>
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 4 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50
*Cuddle Curl Class	Prematernal Home	1 p.m.
*Nutrition class	Prematernal Home	3 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Ruslan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Adult Drop-in Soccer	Nome Rec Center	8 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.
<b>Clean-Up Effort</b>	<b>Pilgrim Hot Springs</b>	<b>All day</b>

Saturday, August 1		
*UMW Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 8 p.m.
*AIDS and Women video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Lobor and Delivery	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
<b>Clean-Up Effort</b>	<b>Pilgrim Hot Springs</b>	<b>All day</b>

Sunday, August 2		
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Fetal Alcohol Syndrome vdieo	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Sounds and Silence video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*AA: Big Book Study	HR Conf. Room, NSHC	6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
<b>Clean-Up Effort</b>	<b>Pilgrim Hot Springs</b>	<b>All day</b>

Monday, August 3		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Lap/Open Swim	Pool	11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 10 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.
*Traditional Breast feeding video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Beginning Yoga with Kari	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Pathways to a Healthy Live video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Ruslan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Drop-in Volleyball	Nome Rec Center	7:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*AA Meeting "Big Book Study"	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.

Tuesday, August 4		
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*Preschool Story Hour	Kegoayah Library	10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	noon - 1 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	1 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Audiology Class	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*After Pregnancy- A new Start	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*AA Teleconference: 1-800-914-3396 (CODE: 3534534#)	<b>Council Chambers</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>Nome Planning Commission reg mtg</b>	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
*Thrft Shop	Nome Rec Center	8 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Adult Drop-in Soccer		

Wednesday, August 5		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Lap/Open Swim	Pool	11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Grandparenting video	Prematernal Home	11 a.m.
*Rotary Club	Airport Pizza	noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 10 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	4 p.m. - 6 p.m.
*Saving Indian Infants...dying vid.	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
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# Money coming down the industrial waste pipeline?

*Utility board gets outline of Rock Creek's proposal to pipe treated waste water to sewer lagoons*

By Sandra L. Medearis

Alaska Gold Co. needs to dispose of 400 acre-feet of treated tailings water currently stored in a large pond at their Rock Creek Mine north of Nome.

That's a lot of water. An acre-foot is one foot of water covering an acre—400 times a couple cups over 325,851 gallons per acre-foot comes to about 130.3 million gallons.

At its July 21 meeting Nome's utility board heard the details of a proposed pipeline to carry this water from Rock Creek Mine over the tundra to the Bering Sea through Nome's sewage lagoon, possibly beginning April 15. The mine is not operating now, but in the event of startup, a proposed permit would have a life of 10 years with renewal allowed. The water would not have to go through Nome's sewage treatment plant.

NJUS could drain off revenue from the wastewater along the way, said NJUS manager John K. Handeland, who has been working with the city attorney and NJUS's rate analyst to draw up a permit for NJUS and Nome Common Council approval. The permit would cover disposal of existing water and treated wastewater from future mine operation.

Potential revenue to the utility with discharge of up to 250,000 gallons per day could

come to \$300,000 per year, Handeland told board members. The sewage lagoon can handle that much and more, but just for being hooked up with potential usage but no water going through, AGC would pay a proposed \$30,000 to \$35,000 a year. Alaska Gold would build the line at its expense and own the line, using heat-traced and insulated pipe measuring 8 inches in diameter, running a distance of 45,000 feet.

Board members sounded skeptical, with Carl Emmons wondering if the water would reach a purity meeting or exceeding that coming from Moonlight Springs, Nome's drinking water source. That would be a requirement to meet Nome's Code of Ordinances Chapter 15 that establishes standards for waste acceptance and testing. The Nome Joint Utility System published tariff allows the issuance of industrial waste permits.

Handeland said Monday that NJUS has had the treated water independently tested and found it that pure. The state Department of Environmental Conservation would also take water samples, he said, with DEC personnel to arrive this week.

"We would know what the water quality was up there, this way, and it would lessen impacts of directly injecting the water into the groundwater," Handeland said. He also said it would

alleviate public concerns related to water from Rock Creek Mine, providing a structure for monitoring by NJUS.

Asked after the meeting, then, why the company did not use the reclaimed and pure water for its own water supply, Handeland said the volume was too great.

"The company could handle the discharge itself, running a line from the mine to the Bering Sea without NJUS, but it would take them probably two years to get a permit. If they use our permit, that is in place and adequate, they can get pipe shipped on the last barge and begin construction in late winter when construction would have the least impact on the tundra."

The plan would take 250,000 to 350,000 gallons per day through the lagoon and even more with eventual expansion of mine activities and sewage lagoon. At full operation, the mine could put out 500,000 gallons per day to be treated and discharged through the pipeline, a volume both the pipeline and the sewer lagoon system could handle, according to Handeland.

## In other business, the board:

- Discussed the Power Cost Equalization base rate adjustment. Translation: Rural customers receive a dollars-and-cents credit on

electric bills, up to 500 kilowatt hours usage per month, based on a calculation stemming from the difference between the higher cost for electric power in rural communities and lower cost in communities with a variety of power resources. Effective with the next billing cycle, the PCE credit goes down to \$0.1699 per kwh from \$0.1821 per kwh. For a customer using the maximum 500 kwh, the credit would be \$84.95 a month, a reduction of \$6.10 from the current \$91.05 maximum.

- Received a report from Handeland that the City's public works director, Bill Angus, had looked at the East Fifth Avenue drainage issue brought to the NJUS board last meeting. The City would not fill residential lots, but Angus would put additional drainage onto the workbench.

- Received a report from Jerald Brown, chief operating officer for Bering Straits Development Co., that Banner Wind's wind turbines will undergo repairs of certain manufacturing defects and be operative in mid-to late October. One turbine may have to be replaced and the pitch of the blades on the remaining 17 adjusted. Banner Wind LLC is owned 50/50 by Bonanza Fuel and Bering Straits Development Co. Sitnasuak Native Corp. owns Bonanza Fuel. Bering Straits Native Corp. owns BSDC.

## • Lawsuit

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Both Kahle and Bagley were employed by the mine's construction contractor Alaska Mechanical Inc. AMI was fined \$115,000 after a MSHA report found that management policies and procedures fell short of a responsibility to train employees before they are assigned to operate equipment. In addition, the MSHA report found that the operator was not properly trained, that the manlift hadn't been set on solid ground and that the hydraulic cylinder for the lift wasn't designed for load-bearing support while the boom was extended.

MSHA levied two fines, \$50,000 and \$65,000, for inadequate training and unsafe equipment use. According to MSHA documents, AMI appealed the fines and has not yet made any payments.

AMI was not named in the lawsuits, because as the employer of Bagley and Kahle, workers' compensation laws apply and protect the Anchorage-based company from workers' lawsuits. According to the state Division of Worker's Compensation, in the case of a work-related death, the company's insurer is supposed to pay \$5,000 for funeral expenses and \$5,000 to the employee's surviving spouse and children, as well as monthly payments to surviving dependents. As Tyler Kahle had no wife or children, workers' compensation was limited to the funeral expenses and

the payment extinguished all possible claims against AMI.

Michele Kahle said in an e-mail correspondence with *The Nome Nugget* that she and her family grew frustrated with the official investigation after her son's death and set out to investigate the accident on their own. "We got nothing but a run-around from all parties including MSHA when we tried to find out the cause of the accident and had to wait five months to get a superficial report from MSHA," Kahle wrote. She added that filing a lawsuit was necessary to preserve their rights under a two-year statute of limitations. "It allows us access through discovery to information and individuals that we have been denied access to," she wrote.

Much of Kahle's frustration has to do with the Alaska workers' compensation system. In a February hearing before the Alaska Legislature, Kahle testified to change the current system to increase the death benefit if negligence is involved, to abolish the so-called exclusive remedy and to kill a 2004 amendment to the workers' compensation law that extended the exclusive remedy to contractor and project owners.

In short, the Alaska workers' compensation system is laid out as a simple bargain between employers and employees. By purchasing a workers' compensation policy, an employer gains immunity from lawsuits that arise out of workplace injuries or deaths. This so-called exclusiveness

of remedy means that the employer who bought workers' compensation insurance knows that there won't be any expensive and time-consuming court cases arising out of workplace accidents. The employee gives up the right to sue for damages in exchange for swift compensation benefits. Part of the deal is also that there is a no fault provision, which means that there are no inquiries into whose fault the accident was.

In 2007, Alaska state Sen. Hollis French sponsored a change to a 2004 amendment to the workers' compensation statutes, which extend immunity to potentially liable employers who don't carry workers' compensation insurance. In his sponsor statement French said, "Because the project owner is potentially liable for purchasing workers' comp policies to cover all the work that takes place at the work site, the project owner enjoys immunity from lawsuits that result from its own negligence." He concluded that this is not fair to the worker and needs to be changed.

SB 147 was discussed in the Senate Labor and Commerce Committee and was referred to the Finance Committee where it sits in limbo. Kahle also said that she expected that the state workers' compensation board would have done their job and followed through with a claim which has gone unresolved without communication for almost a year.

John Lewis, organizer for the Ironworkers Local 751, said in a phone in-

terview with the *Nugget* that this statute protects contractors and makes it more beneficial to cut corners than adhere to safety precautions.

Kahle said she hopes that the lawsuit will bring to light the root causes of the accident, the responsible parties and remove unsafe equipment from use. "We hope that

Tyler and Craig are the last individuals that will die on that equipment," one e-mail read. "As long as the system stays the same, employers, project owners and contractors will find it cheaper to lose a few people annually than to provide safe working environments, equipment and training to their employees."

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## • Council

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port expansion project, funded other economic development projects in Nome and designed the Community Benefit Share program which currently distributes \$100,000 annually to each of the company's 15 member communities in the Bering Strait region, the resolution states.

"I noticed that NSEDC is referenced in the body but not in the title," said Councilman Neal Foster, adding that he thinks NSEDC should be included in the title. "I kinda did that on purpose," said Councilman Stan Andersen. "It is a couple of years late."

"Why?" asked Councilman Jon Larson.

"If not for him, I don't think NSEDC would have gone that way," Andersen replied.

Larson said he sees no problem in adding NSEDC to the title. "They're the one with money," he noted.

Andersen suggested that the council consider a separate resolution of appreciation for NSEDC.

"Don't get me wrong," Foster said, emphasizing that Asicksik deserves appreciation, but it should just be spread around.

The council then approved the resolution without amendment. Other resolutions approved by the council authorized:

- A contract with Wendy Chamberlain of Legislative Consultants in Alaska for state lobbying services for \$75,000 from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

- The sale of seven old, City-owned surplus vehicles to the public by means of a sealed bid.

- Adoption of a risk management plan for the City of Nome, the loss control incentive program provided by the Alaska Municipal League Joint Insurance Association. Members of the program earn savings on "soft costs" associated with workers' compensation claims such as training or hiring replacement staff.

- A memorandum of agreement between Norton Sound Health Corp. and the Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department for medevac transport ambulance services. The MOA involves a two-year term during which NSHC will lease a "wet" ambulance with a driver from the City, apply for State of Alaska certification, and contribute \$130,000 a year for medevac transports.

### Other council actions

The council approved the first reading of an ordinance to dispose of municipal property by land use permit to the Nome Sportsman Association for the Sunset Firing Range at

mile 9 of the Nome-Teller Highway for \$1 during the term of the permit. The association will use the range for hunter safety training for the community, and for recreational and competitive shotgun, rifle, pistol and archery shooting activities.

Larson asked whether the association would have any problem obtaining \$1 million of insurance coverage. "It's already done," replied Steve Smith, a representative of the association. He thanked the council for permitting the association to use the range.

A request from Louie Green Jr., dba Louie's Cab and Delivery, to transfer two taxi licenses to Jason M. Song was approved by the council. The council also approved the appointment of Jeff Darling to the Nome Planning Commission.

### Landfill inspection report

Ken Spiers, environmental program specialist for the Solid Waste Program, Department of Environmental Conservation, sent a report to Bahnke following his inspection of the Beam Road landfill, the Nome inert waste monofill and the closed class II landfill on July 7.

Spiers said the old closed landfill is still in good shape, noting that the department does not score closed facilities. The inert waste monofill

adjacent to the closed landfill is also in good shape and received a compliance score of 93 percent, he reported. However, he listed a few administrative problems that need to be addressed.

Spiers gave the Beam Road Landfill a compliance score of 90 percent, which he said is an improvement over last year, and he credited City Engineer Jim Vogel with correcting many of the administrative deficiencies noted last year.

Among outstanding issues that Spiers said still need attention is insufficient cover on the landfill. "Because of the paucity of cover, there were numerous gulls and ravens and quite a bit of wind-blown trash," he noted. "A good deal of trash had blown under the new litter fence, as there are numerous gaps of over a foot between the soil and the bottom of the net. I recommend loads of dirt or gravel be used to fill the gaps."

Spiers also noted that monitoring for surface water contamination, methane gas and thermistors was not done last year.

In response to questions from council members about addressing problems at the landfill identified by Spiers, Bahnke said water monitoring has begun, options for providing adequate cover on the landfill are being considered, and she will check whether gaps at the bottom of the new litter fence are being filled.

## • Mining

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has said she mines in Specimen Gulch, but she has not mined there since 1999.

### Leedy opposes permit

Copies of two letters from Leedy to the Nome Common Council dated June 30 and July 7 were included in the packet for the Monday council meeting. In both letters Leedy urged the council to deny Rapose a permit to mine in the Moonlight Wells Protection Area. When he wrote the letters, Leedy apparently did not know that the City had issued an annual Moonlight Wells placer mining permit to Rapose on June 24.

"The Rapose operation has not complied with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's requirement and has violated the federal Clean Water Act in 2008 and May and June 2009," Leedy asserts in his letter of June 30.

"The applicant has already misrepresented the truth to the City by burying large quantities of used petroleum products in the Watershed Protective Area as well as making false statements to the City of the disposal of many large lead acid batteries," Leedy added.

During the council meeting on Monday, Andersen referred to Leedy's assertion that Rapose had buried contaminants at the mine site. Andersen asked Public Works Director Bill Angus whether he is certain that Rapose did not bury the contaminants that Angus had cited as permit violations and had told Rapose to remove from the mine site.

Angus replied that during his final inspection of the site he had visually verified that all of the violations, including batteries and barrels, had been moved off the site. He said they are in town.

### Questionable permit issued

As reported in recent editions of the *Nugget*, Angus cited multiple permit violations at the NAGC mine site and Rapose's failure to remove the violations in a report to City Manager Josie Bahnke dated June 22. Council members read the report at a meeting June 22 and amended a resolution (R-09-06-04) to issue a Moonlight Wells mining permit to NACG with the following recommendations by Angus as written in his report:

"1. Grant temporary permit effective in a week, subject to removal of all violations (verified by me).

"2. Final and proper...disposition of all offensive materials to be physically inspected and verified by me. (It is too easy to simply bury things out there).

"3. Over excavation and proper disposal of all contaminated soils (verified by me prior to backfill).

"4. Submit to random, unrestricted, and unscheduled site inspections at interval not to exceed two weeks."

The council then approved the resolution as amended.

On July 10, the *Nugget* learned that Angus issued an annual mining permit for 2009 instead of a temporary permit to NAGC on June 24 after verifying that all violations had been removed from the site.

On July 20 Bahnke provided the *Nugget* with the official signed version of resolution R-09-06-04, dated June 22, which grants an annual Moonlight Wells permit to NAGC for the 2009 mining season subject to the following additional conditions:

"1. The permit shall not be issued or effective until the Public works Director has verified that:

"a) all objectionable material has been removed from the site includ-

ing but not limited to the following:

"i) lead acid batteries

"ii) all 55 gallon drums of various lubricants

"iii) all 5 gallon pails of various lubricants

"iv) all jugs of anti-freeze; and

"b) all contaminated soil on site has been over excavated and properly disposed of.

"2. The Public Works Director shall use the authority granted the City to make random unscheduled inspections pursuant to condition 'B' of the permit at least once every two weeks during the term of the permit." Condition B of the permit reads: "The permittee shall allow the City Manager or his representative access to the permitted sites at reasonable times to conduct scheduled or unscheduled inspections or tests to determine compliance with the permit, City laws, and regulations."

The City has not explained the discrepancy between the version of Resolution No. R-09-06-04 approved by the council June 22 and the official signed version of R-09-06-04. Included in the packet for the council meeting Monday was a new flow chart for a Moonlight Wells permit process.

### Rock Creek wastewater

Utilities Manager John Handeland told the council on Monday that Nome Joint Utility System is discussing with Alaska Gold Co. officials the possibility of piping water from behind the tailings dam at the Rock Creek Mine to the City of Nome's sewage lagoons. He said the company has a permit from the state Department of Environmental Conservation to treat the water on site and then re-inject it into the ground, but there is more water than the company can deal with so they are looking for a creative alternative.

A proposed agreement for the project between NJUS and Alaska Gold Co. was discussed during an NJUS board meeting July 21, Handeland added. (See story on page 4.)

In answer to a question from Andersen, Handeland said the proposed pipeline would be 8 inches in diameter, heat traced and attached to sleepers to prevent movement.

Councilman Jon Larson asked how water piped from the mine would be treated in the City's lagoon. Handeland said it would be treated by aeration after being dumped in one cell and then dumped in a second cell.

"What is the capacity of the lagoon?" Larson asked.

"Well over 1 million gallons," replied Handeland. "Our current permit is for 847,000 gallons; the daily average is 450,000 gallons, so we would still be below the current operations permit."

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# Eager hunters camp out on Front Street for moose permits

By Tyler Rhodes

The first arrivals may have been mistaken for loiterers hanging outside the doors of the state building along Nome's Front Street July 23.

But by 8 p.m. the scene looked like a block party. Camp chairs and their occupants made a horseshoe around the covered entryway in front of the building. Kids zoomed around on scooters and bicycles. Emissaries went out to bring back food and drinks for those who remained behind reading books or playing around on their laptop computers.

All were hoping the clear skies and warm weather would hold as they settled in for a long night of sitting and waiting.

It wasn't tickets for the Superbowl or a Rolling Stones concert that drove the crowd to camp out on what started out as one of the warmest nights of the year.

It was moose. Cow moose, in particular.

Each year at this time, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game offers a limited number of permits for cow moose in unit 22C on a first-come, first-serve basis. With 30 permits up for grabs and a quota of 15 moose this year, the line formed early on a Thursday for the permits that wouldn't be available until after 8 a.m. the next morning.

Cory Erickson was the first arrival for this year's offering, planting himself down next to the building's doors in his camp chair at 10 a.m. last Thursday. "We missed it last year," he said. By noon the second in line had come, and throughout the day the group of would-be hunters would incrementally grow.

By the time midnight rolled around, approximately 20 permit-seekers were sprawled out on the sidewalk or in their chairs. Some had their children or friends waiting with them. It was an orderly scene. People chatted about their previous hunts or how the work on the camp was going this summer. Someone had created number tags out of a cardboard box so that people would know where they stood in the line. People could slip out of line for a few minutes to search out a restroom or snack without fear of losing their spot.

ADF&G biologist Tony Gorn said he sees familiar faces each year for Nome's antlerless hunt, which perhaps adds to the easy nature of the line. Gorn said in similar permit offerings around the state, sometimes Alaska State Troopers need to stand guard to keep the peace.

Gorn said Nome's system of offering the permits has evolved a bit

over the years. The office places a list of the ground rules on the door—applicants must stay in line, but can trade out their spot. Applicants can only hold one spot in line. One permit per household. Don't litter...etc. "The first year we did it, it looked more like people waiting for concert tickets," Gorn said.

For this fall's hunts, 10 of the 30 permits were offered for the Nome and Snake river valleys. That hunt will close when five moose are taken. The other 20 permits cover the remainder of unit 22C. That hunt will close when 10 moose are harvested. The hunt closes in the entire unit Sept. 30 if the quotas are not met.

Some were able to show up last Friday morning to grab the few remaining permits. "It seems like every time we have this hunt, we have some people that show up very early the day before," Gorn said. "But there's always people who can show up right at 8 a.m. and get a permit." Such was the case this year. A waiting list is created for those who don't make the cut. There are already a few on that list this year, Gorn said.

The permit rules allow hunters with a cow permit to also hold a permit for the bull moose hunt, which occurs the first two weeks of September. Some will get the cow permit as a fall-back if they are unable to harvest a bull. Those who do harvest a bull can turn their cow permit back in to allow someone on the waiting list a chance to hunt an antlerless moose. Local rules allow only one moose to be harvested per household.

After two hard winters in a row—this year's with near record snowfall—the number of permits offered were reduced from last year. In the fall of 2008, 40 permits were offered for the entire unit with a quota of 30 antlerless moose.

The harsh conditions in February and March didn't just give the moose grief, but also ADF&G personnel. Gorn said the line-up of storms that pummeled the region also prevented him from conducting the annual moose census. The census allows ADF&G to gauge the health and size of the moose population.

By the time the weather had relented, there was too much other work to be done to allow the census to proceed. "I was put in the position, where I either had to scrap my moose census or scrap everything else I had to do in March," he said. "I decided to give up on the moose census and focused on catching our musk ox and weighing our moose calves, and doing all the other census stuff we do in the spring."

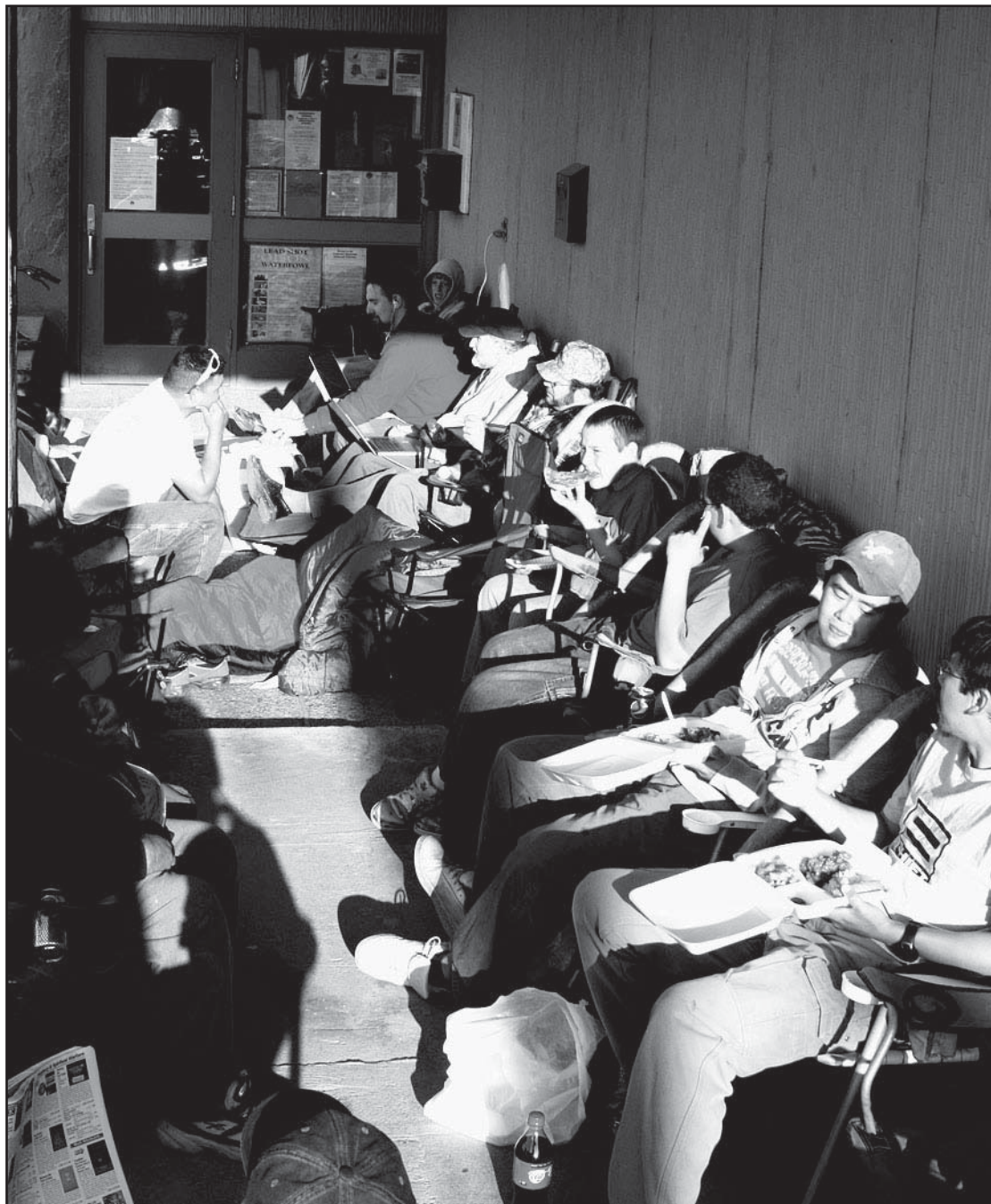


Photo by Tyler Rhodes

**DINNER TIME**—Nomeites camping out for antlerless moose permits eat dinner and lounge in the sun as they prepare to spend the night out in front of the state building.

Gorn said he is taking the conservative approach this year because of the affect an antlerless moose hunt can have on a population. "The only reason you have an antlerless moose hunt is to stabilize or reduce the population," he said.

Over the past few years, Gorn said there has been an effort to reduce the population in Unit 22C. "We knew, for our comfort level, that there were too many moose in the area because of the amount of winter habitat," he said. The quota was upped in 2008,

he said, because even with the antlerless hunts of the past few years, the population was still experiencing a 3 percent annual growth rate.

Gorn said conducting the moose census next year will be a high priority for his office.

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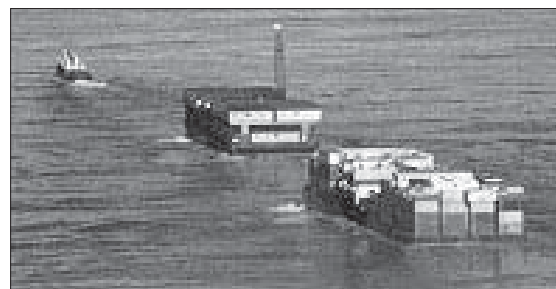
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**FLAMEBROILED (left)**—Shirley Thornton gets those burgers cooking on the grill at the NSHC picnic Thursday, July 23.

**HOWDY, PARDNER (above)**—Sam Deering, 10, greets one of the Three Lucky Swede statues at the NSHC picnic at Anvil City Square July 23.

## Unalakleet River gets best king salmon run in years

By Laurie McNicholas

On Sunday the cumulative count of king salmon escapement into the North River and an aerial survey of the upper Unalakleet River and Old Woman River confirmed the best run of king salmon in years, reports Scott Kent, assistant area manager for Norton Sound and Kotzebue for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. The Old Woman and North rivers are tributaries of the Unalakleet River.

Through July 26, a cumulative total of 2,172 king salmon had passed the counting tower on the North River. On the same day Kent counted 1,368 kings in the upper Un-

alakleet and Old Woman rivers during an aerial survey.

"We have not even come close to that count in aerial surveys for a long time," Kent said. "In 1997 the aerial count was 984 king salmon in the upper Unalakleet River and 246 in the Old Woman River. This year I counted 938 kings on the Unalakleet River and 430 at the Old Woman River.

"Considering you miss about 40 to 50 percent under good survey conditions, it's possible that the upper Unalakleet River king salmon escapement could be around 2,700 to 3,400," he continued. "Adding this

to the North River tower counts, you come up with a drainage-wide king salmon escapement estimate ranging from 4,900 to 5,500 fish.

"Radio telemetry data from the late 1990s estimated that 39 percent of Unalakleet River king salmon escapement migrated up the North River," Kent explained. "Using the tower counts and this abundance estimate, you arrive at about 5,600 king salmon for a drainage-wide escapement estimate. Either way, the aerial survey observations are fairly consistent with the North River tower counts."

This is only the second year since 2001 that kings have surpassed the mid-range of the escapement goal of 1,200 to 2,400 past the North River tower. In 2007 the number of king salmon counted at the North River tower totaled 1,948. Only 903 king salmon were counted at the tower in 2008.

Kent said the quality of this year's Unalakleet River king salmon run has improved significantly compared to recent years, with older age classes and larger females escaping to spawning grounds. "We projected that 30 percent of the run would be 6 years or older," he noted. "A preliminary analysis of the 2009 age data suggests that it will be 30 percent plus." He reported finding one or two 7-year-old king salmon this year. "We had not detected any 7-year-olds since 2004," he added.

On July 24 Kent visited king salmon spawning grounds at the Old Woman River, three hours by boat from Unalakleet, where he found age-4 king ("jack") salmon along with larger kings. Based on his findings he believes the outlook may improve for the king salmon runs in the next two years.

To protect the older fish in this year's run, on June 29 ADF&G im-

posed a set gillnet six-inch mesh size restriction on subsistence salmon fishing in the Unalakleet River drainage and marine waters of the Shaktoolik and Unalakleet subdistrict. The department closed all subsistence and sport fishing for king salmon in those areas July 4. Subsistence fishing for kings reopened only in the lower Unalakleet River on July 16.

Kent said the strategy of restricting gillnet mesh sizes to six inches worked. Although the department had to close subsistence fishing to achieve king salmon escapement goals, he said that most of the subsistence fishers he talked to in Unalakleet had met their subsistence needs by that time. Despite mesh size restrictions, the majority of subsistence catches were comprised of large kings, which are valued both for their size and oil content.



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**A FREE LUNCH!**—Christina Blandford, left, and intern Emily Carris serve the kids sloppy joes on Thursday, July 16. The lunch program in its 8th or 9th year is served at the Rec Center old bowling alley this year, usually served from the Boy's and Girl's Club.

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**DIRTY WORK** (above)—Traci Karmun, 6, gets a feel for the sand before taking her turn at panning last Thursday at the annual Poorman's Paradise Gold Panning Contest.

**GOING FOR THE GOLD** (right)—Caleb Allen, 15, of Santa Maria, Calif., gives the contest a shot as Ron Granger times in the background.



# Shake, rattle & roll

*Contestants pan fast and furious at 11th annual Poorman's Paradise*

By Tyler Rhodes

Under the pressure of the clock and in the shadow of the statues of the Three Lucky Swedes, men, women, boys and girls of all ages put their prospecting skills to the test last Thursday in the 11th annual Poorman's Paradise Gold Panning Contest.

Sponsored by Rasmussen's Music Mart, the Gold Prospectors Association of America and the Nome Chamber of Commerce, the competition is a race against the clock to pull three gold nuggets out of a sand-filled gold pan. After a short opening presentation by Ralph Rodgers on gold panning, the com-

petitors were on their own to work their pans over large totes filled with water in Anvil City Square. For the first few finishers, the instruction was obviously unnecessary.

In just a little more than 15.5 seconds, Californian Blake Harman shook out and tossed the three nuggets on the table to take the top honors this year. Only a half second slower was Ken Rucker, also from California, who took second place. A Nomeite, Nick Klescewski, rounded out the top three with his time of 17 seconds.

While many of the competitors were visitors from the GPAA Cripple Creek camp, many Nomeites stepped

up to the table to try their hand at the passion that has drawn fortune-seekers to Seward Peninsula beaches for more than a century. Some proved pretty quick at panning. Nome's Cynthia Outwater showed some skill with the pan, singling out the nuggets in a minute and 8 seconds. Even 6-year-old Traci Karmun—with a little help from Outwater—was able to toss the three nuggets onto the table in 1:09.

Others took a little more time to perfect their form. Nome's Liz Murphy worked the pan with too gentle a touch for several minutes, spurring many around her to give tips and advice on how best to separate the sand from the paydirt. When told she

needed to shake it a bit more, Murphy's technique resembled more a salsa dance than a sluice box. Nevertheless, she remained determined; and six minutes after she started, with a smile still on her face, Murphy deposited the three nuggets on the table.

## 11th annual Poorman's Paradise Gold Panning Contest

1) Blake Harman, Temecula, Calif., 15.5 seconds; 2) Ken Rucker, Murrieta, Calif., 0:16; 3) Nick Klescewski, Nome, 0:17; 4) Ralph Rogers, Fort Worth, Texas, 0:18.5; 5) John Boudreau, Nebo, N.C., 0:20.5; 6) Rick Sanchis, Nome, 0:21.5; 7) Morgan Grimm, Sonoma, Calif., 0:24; 8) Richard Beneville, Nome, 0:44; 9) John Elander, Arroyo, Calif., 0:47; 10) Dick Ball, Portland, Ore., 0:49.5; 11) Bailey Nelson, Santa Maria, Calif., 0:59; 12) Cynthia Outwater, Nome, 1:08; 13) Traci Karmun, 1:09; 14) Sam Boucher, Richmond, Calif., 1:10.5; 15) Vicki Greer, Santa Maria, Calif., 1:13; 16) Scott Kufferath, Santa Maria, Calif., 1:23.5; 17) Sherri Nayokpuk, Nome, 1:28; 18) Julie Reader, Nome, 1:29; 19) Tatianna Kufferath, Santa Maria, Calif., 1:38; 20) Karen Taylor, Solomon, Md., 1:38; 21) Buford

Sallaffie, Nome, 1:45 (1-minute penalty); 22) Cayla Salazar, Orcutt, Calif., 1:45; 23) Chad Callahan, Nome, 1:54.5; 24) Erika Faries, Orcutt, Calif., 1:57; 25) Don Swanson, Santa Maria, Calif., 2:00 (30-second penalty); 26) Scott Howell, Santa Maria, Calif., 2:00; 27) Frany Medina, Orcutt, Calif., 2:16; 28) Stacie Outwater, Nome, 2:17; 29) Kenny Hughes, Teller, 2:18 (1-minute penalty); 30) Amanda Faries, Orcutt, Calif., 2:25.5; 31) Caleb Allen, Santa Maria, Calif., 2:36; 32) David Larsen, Nome, 2:37.5; 33) Jeff Seeley, Santa Maria, Calif., 2:40; 34) Jon Gilder, Nome, 2:46; 35) Jonathan Markley, Santa Maria, Calif., 2:57 (90-second penalty); 36) Troy Walker, Nuuk, 3:04.5 (90-second penalty); 37) Timothy Dossey, Nome, 3:13; 38) Frosty Hughes, Teller, 3:24 (90-second penalty); 39) Keith Robertson, Ohio, 3:35 (90-second penalty); 40) Matt Harvey, Solomon, Md., 4:01 (90-second penalty); 41) Rodger Harvey, Solomon, Md., 4:02 (90-second penalty); 42) Nathanael Paulus, Santa Maria, Calif., 4:09; 43) Liz Murphy, Nome, 6:01.

**Contest officials:** Richard Beneville, Ron Granger, Ralph Rogers, John Elander, Sam Boucher, Warren Wickmark, Nick Klescewski and Leo Rasmussen.



Photo by Denise Olin

**DETERMINED**—Kristine Kunnuk, 2, is determined to go and play against the Golden Beach Skater sign at the annual Summer Fest July 27.

# Summer Fest rocks again

By Bruce Klein

It's magical when everything comes together for one day, and that is precisely what happened for Summer Fest 2009. The second annual "Nome has Talent" competition was more than a huge success; it kind of took our breath away.

The weather cooperated, the sun came out and the heat was turned up. The audience doubled from last year, and the 13 acts this year more than doubled the inaugural set, with much help from a youth group from California.

Kellen Baker proved to be King of Summer Fest, repeating as winner

of the talent contest. Not to be outdone, two California youth took second and third place, Candice Rubio for second and Erika Faries earning a third-place finish following a "play-off" with Travis Carlisle for the final spot on the podium.

Other contestants were Eddie Tate, Buford Sallaffie, Tatianna Kufferath, Chantz Aluska, Naomi Jorgenson, Bailey Nelson, "Human Video" with Amanda Faries, Holly, Kim, Johnathan, Scott, Howell, Franny and Vicki; "Scream of Inten-

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sity” with Nathaniel, Joel and Scott; and kicking off the competition were Shawn Kacena and Cory Reynolds.

The Gold Beach Skaters provided an opportunity to eat with fresh hamburgers and chips. The National Park Service stayed busy providing face painting for the younger children. Jeremy Master from the City of Nome Department of Parks and Recreation and Lance Cannon from Kawerak Division of Child and Family Services provided games for the children. Phil Schobert and Bush907.com pro-

vided sound and music for the contestants, as well as open Karaoke for all ages and musical abilities. John Handeland was emcee extraordinaire and did a fantastic job.

Nome Community Center has been the main sponsor for the last two years, providing *Nome Nugget* advertising, utilizing the opportunity to keep the event smoke-free. Other sponsors included Community Schools and Nome Public Schools, Polar Café, Car Quest, Kawerak Inc., Bonanza Express, Alaska Commercial Co. and Syracuse University.

Two years ago Al Burgo from

Bush907.com came up with the idea, noting that there is an abundance of youth talent in Nome, but no showcase for it. This was the start of Summer Fest 2008. The last two years they have run the talent showcase and contest on a shoestring budget. Getting ready for Summer Fest 2010 will be a challenge to step everything up one notch.

This showcase has been a work of love for all those offering their time and efforts. Planning for Summer Fest 2010, slated for July 31, will begin this September. Anyone interested in being a part of this opportunity, please contact Bruce Klein at 304-1604.



Photos by Denise Olin

**GET ON THE MIC (above)**—Eddie Tate raps away at the Summer Fest talent competition Saturday evening at Anvil City Square.

**FESTIVAL CROWD (above left)**—Kellen Baker sits front and center at Summer Fest with his guitar. Baker again won the talent competition.



Photo by Tyler Rhodes



Photo by Denise Olin

**AND THEY'RE OFF (above)**—Runners and bikers bolt off the start line in opposite directions on Bering Street as the annual Wyatt Earp Dexter Challenge gets underway Saturday.

**FINISHING WITH A FRIEND (left)**—Shanna Moeder nears the finish line in Dexter with her four-legged companion, Spalding. Moeder completed the 8-mile run in just under an hour and 15 minutes.

# On race day, all roads lead to Dexter

*Under sunny skies, bikers, runners and walkers tackle annual Wyatt Earp Dexter Challenge*

**By Tyler Rhodes**

Wielding bikes, running shoes and even crutches, 45 runners, walkers and bikers toed the line Saturday for the annual Wyatt Earp Dexter Challenge race.

Mostly sunny skies greeted the field of participants who had their choice of a 12-mile bike along the Nome-Council Highway and Beam Road, an 8-mile run along the Nome-Teller Highway and the Dexter Pass Road or a 5-mile walk along the length of the Dexter Pass Road. The runners and bikers started outside Old St. Joe's Hall in the center of Nome, while the walkers started at the intersection of the Dexter Pass Road and the Nome-Teller Highway.

Biker Joel Rose was the first to find his way to the finish line in Dexter, cruising in at 49 minutes, 19 seconds. Rose enjoyed a comfortable lead over a familiar face as his son, Jeffrey Rose, claimed the second spot nearly seven minutes later. The first—and only—woman to tackle the bike course was Jennifer Goslin, who finished in 1:05:36.

When it came to the runners, high schooler Teddy Payenna was able to add yet another victory to his list this summer. Payenna, who also captured wins in the Gold Dust Dash and Anvil Mountain Run, burned up the trail up and over the Dexter Pass in a time of 54:35. That was enough to give him a nearly two-minute advantage over runner-up Tyler Rhodes who has had to watch the backside of Payenna pull away from him about half way through each race held in Nome this summer. Nathaniel Olson rounded out the men's top three fin-

ishing in 58:55.

For the second year in a row, Jamie Burford led the charge for the women. Burford's time of 1:06:19 was more than three minutes faster than her winning time from the previous year. Shanna Moeder, accompanied by her four-legged sidekick Spalding, crossed the line next for the women at 1:14:53.

In the walking division, Rick Schmidt poured it on at the end to shuffle across the line first in 1:07:20. Shortly after Schmidt crossed the line, Brenden Raymond-Yakoubian finished his walk in 1:07:35.

The last participant to cross the finish for the day was likely also the toughest. Showing true grit, Elise

Davis walked up and over the Dexter Pass with the aid of crutches. On the mend from a broken leg, Davis had been getting around town in a wheelchair just a few weeks ago.

The annual race is sponsored by Norton Sound Health Corp.'s CAMP Department. This year's race was assisted by Nome-Beltz High School cross-country coach Jeff Collins.

For those looking for more competition, the Nome-Beltz swim team is putting on a triathlon on Sunday. The race, which starts and ends at the pool, features a 20-lap swim, 6-mile run and 6-mile bike. The swim and run can be split in two for those wanting to share the burden for those portions of the race. Registration begins at noon with the race start at 1 p.m.

### 2009 Wyatt Earp Dexter Challenge Bikers (12 miles)

**Men:** 1) Joel Rose, 49 minutes, 19 seconds; 2) Jeffrey Rose, 56:36; 3) Julius P. Goslin, 58:05; 4) G. L. Mitchell, 59:00.

**Women:** 1) Jennifer R. Goslin, 1:05:36.

### Runners (8 miles)

**Men:** 1) Teddy Payenna, 54 minutes, 35 seconds; 2) Tyler Rhodes, 56:30; 3) Nathaniel Olson, 58:55; 4) Harry Karmun, 1:03:09; 5) Martin Lewis, 1:05:30; 6) Gabe Cabrera, 1:06:10; 7) Kevin Keith, 1:07:16; 8) Bob Lawrence, 1:10:32; 9) Quinn Tozier, 1:51:03.

**Women:** 1) Jamie Burford, 1 hour, 6 minutes, 19 seconds; 2) Shanna Moeder, 1:14:53; 3) Sharon Keeney, 1:18:25; 4) Hannah Tozier, 1:24:16; 5) Caitlin Tozier, 1:24:41; 6) Christine

Schultz, 1:24: 59; 7) Denise Pollock, 1:32:04; 8) Rosa Schmidt, 1:41:40; 9) Miranda Murphy, 1:51:05.

### Walkers (5 miles)

1) Rick Schmidt, 1 hour, 7 minutes, 20 seconds; 2) Brenden Raymond-Yakoubian, 1:07:35; 3) Helen Tweedley, 1:08:15; 4) Tara Schmidt, 1:09:40; 5) Kelly Keyes, 1:15:15; 6) Kelly Brabec, 1:15:15; 7) Elise Kranz, 1:20:40; 8) Evan Burleson, 1:20:41; 9) Bill Doughty, 1:21:40; 10) Elizabeth Murphy, 1:21:45; 11) Brandolyn Ahyakak, 1:26:47; 12) Debbie Evans, 1:27:11; 13) Lahka Peacock, 1:27:11; 14) Jennie Schield, 1:28:30; 14) Tricia Schield, 1:28:30; 16) Frank Tadda, 1:31:28; 16) Jackie Henry, 1:31:28; 18) Monica Rose, 1:46:42; 19) Troy Walker, 1:47:52; 20) Elise Davis, 2:58:00.



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# Teller man held in death of infant son

By Sandra L. Medearis

Alaska State Troopers sent units to Teller to arrest Frank David "Punchy" Lee, 35, on murder charges in the "shaken baby" death of his seven-month-old son.

Shaken Baby Syndrome is a form of child abuse where the abuser violently shakes a baby or small child creating a whiplash motion causing acceleration-deceleration injuries that can lead to death or severe brain injuries.

A grand jury in Nome handed up an indictment July 17 charging Lee on Murder One and Murder Two in incidents "on or between" June 8 to Oct. 11 last year, according to court documents, that resulted in the death of Harley Dickson on Oct. 13, 2008. According to the indictment, Lee "knowingly engaged in conduct directed towards a child under 16 and with criminal negligence inflicted serious injury on the child by at least two separate acts, and one of the acts resulted in the death of the child."

A medivac flight took young Dickson from Teller to Providence

Alaska Medical Center in Anchorage Oct. 12. He was taken off life support the next day and died. Megan Peters, Alaska State Troopers spokeswoman, said the baby showed classic signs of "shaken baby syndrome." When a physician's exam showed the baby had been injured, the hospital called Anchorage Police Department. APD then called troopers as Teller was in their jurisdiction, Peters said.

The existence of a the July 17 indictment was kept secret because rumors existed that Lee had said he would kill himself or shoot troopers who came to arrest him, according to court files. A court official hand-carried a warrant for Lee's arrest to the AST to prevent leaks. Troopers arrested Lee without incident in Teller mid-morning July 21. He appeared the same day in court for arraignment.

Lee's indictment followed nine months' investigation by troopers. When troopers learn of a case after the fact, Peters said, it requires a lot more in-depth investigation and a

much longer process talking to many people to recover facts and document evidence.

Lee remains in Anvil Mountain Correctional Center in Nome under \$100,000 bail. At arraignment, Lee requested his bail be reduced to \$5,000, but Judge Ben Esch ruled the higher bail remain in effect. If Lee makes bail, he will be brought back to court to hear conditions for his release, according to court records.

Lee has a lengthy rap sheet with multiple charges of burglaries, thefts, bootlegging and assaults, filed in Anchorage and Nome. In 1992 he was arrested on first-degree sexual assault and second degree sexual abuse of a minor. He achieved a plea deal and drew a sentence of four years in prison.

Details considered in the indictment and specific details in the baby's death were not available, as grand jury proceedings are always secret and sealed.

However, the court calendar shows a hearing slated for Sept. 14 where state prosecution and defense

attorneys will perform procedures leading to the trial, currently scheduled to begin in Nome on Oct. 16.

Local attorney Bob Lewis of the Nome firm Lewis and Thomas P. C. will defend Lee through the Office of

Public Advocacy. The public defender agency could not represent Lee, as they are already representing one of the witnesses. Assistant District Attorney Gregg Olson will prosecute for the state.

## Saying it Sincerely

By Pastor David Elmore,  
Community United Methodist Church  
For the Nome Ministerial Association

Reference: 2 Samuel 11: 1-15

Richard Millhouse Nixon created an "enemies list" and used the "available federal apparatus" to intimidate those witnesses, using those affiliated with federal agencies to wiretap the Democratic National Committee, and then engineering a massive cover up. A boss hires a new assistant and makes clear to that assistant that they are at the bosses' beck and call around the clock and makes clear, though it is never quite said that providing sexual favors are part of this arrangement. A young United States purchases the Alaska territory from Russia and immediately tries to civilize a 10,000-year-old civilization. Civilized would mean giving up their language, culture, and respect for the created world, learn English, adopt the Christian religion, and exploit the territory's resources.

Now what do all of these situations have in common? In one way or another, these are all abuses of power. Our passage today contains the granddaddy of them all in terms of abuse of power in the scriptures . . . David and Bathsheba. David was king.

In 1 Samuel 18, God tells the Hebrew people that Kings will continually take from the people. Just as God had said, David took. So, one spring, the time when kings go off to war, David decides to stay home. While he was home, he spotted Bathsheba taking a bath. Anyway, David saw her, he took her, and he lay with her. Bathsheba is silent. What could she do? She has no voice. The light of this passage shines brightly on David's sin.

This would be the end of the story except that Bathsheba became pregnant. This child is David's. And we hear Bathsheba's voice — just this once, "I am pregnant." Three words, but the message could not be clearer. There is a limit to the king's power. And rather than own up to his sin, power drunk King David comes up with a cover-up plan. When the cover-up fails, David commits the ultimate abuse of power and has Uriah killed.

So what does this mean for the Bathshebas of the world? Korean-American theologian Andrew Sung Park, in his book "From Hurt to Healing: A Theology of the Wounded" identifies a separate pattern of God's work in the lives of the Bathshebas of this world. While the process for the sinner is sin, guilt, shame, repentance, confession, forgiveness and sanctification, the process for the oppressed is different: wounds, shame, resistance, forgiveness, justice, healing and joy. Now it is rarely as clear cut as this, as the oppressed often become sinners as well, and we both must experience forgiveness and liberation in our lives. But our ultimate hope today is that we serve a God who is capable, willing and accessible to do both. Let us all this week confess our sins, lift up our wounds, and trust them all to God that we may experience God's grace and the abundant life that we are given by God's grace through Jesus Christ. Amen.

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**CAPRICORN**  
December 22–  
January 19

This week is all about counting your blessings, Capricorn. You have so much to be thankful for. Romance turns a bit costly; scale back. That special someone will not care.



**ARIES**  
March 21–  
April 19

Try not to get swept in the hype this week, Aries. Stick to what you know, and you will be rewarded. A major change at home puts everyone on cloud nine.



**CANCER**  
June 22–  
July 22

Nothing in life is free, Cancer. Stop looking for the easy way out and start learning the value of hard work. A tryst at work gets the gossip mill brewing.



**LIBRA**  
September 23–  
October 22

You know the odds are stacked against you, Libra, but you go forth with an idea anyway and win. Bravo! A money matter could use more research.



**AQUARIUS**  
January 20–  
February 18

A friend is feeling blue and could use a pick-me-up. Be there for them, Aquarius. Wanderlust stirs, and places afar begin to call. Call your travel agent and get busy packing.



**TAURUS**  
April 20–  
May 20

Stop, Taurus. You've financed someone else's dream for long enough. Cut your losses and get out. A new face provides a change of pace at work.



**LEO**  
July 23–  
August 22

Yikes, Leo. You depend on a family member one too many times, and they bail on you. Pick up the pieces, learn your lesson and move on. A memo puts on the pressure.



**SCORPIO**  
October 23–  
November 21

A family member tests your resolve. Don't give in, Scorpio. You are better than that. A face-to-face confrontation goes much better than expected.



**PISCES**  
February 19–  
March 20

You don't like to lie, but you may have no choice, Pisces. The truth could crush a dear friend's spirit. A trip down memory lane sparks an idea.



**GEMINI**  
May 21–  
June 21

Misery loves company, Gemini, but that doesn't mean you have to take part. See the good in others and work hard to stay positive. Laughter is contagious.



**VIRGO**  
August 23–  
September 22

Have faith in yourself, and there is nothing you cannot do, Virgo. Go for the brass ring, and it will be yours. A flippant attitude of a young friend is no reason to be disgruntled.



**SAGITTARIUS**  
November 22–  
December 21

This week is all about taking risks, Sagittarius. You cannot play it safe forever, or life will pass you by. A rumor begins circling. Take it with a grain of salt.

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## Obituaries

### Lily Mary Tetpon Amuktoolik

Lily Mary Tetpon Amuktoolik was born on February 22, 1939 to Lucy and Julius Tetpon in Stebbins. She joined her sibling Marie Tyson. She went to be with our lord in heaven on June 23, 2009.

On May 21, 1955 in White Moun-



Lily Mary Tetpon Amuktoolik

tain, she and David Amuktoolik were joined together in a lifelong marriage. Together they had seven children, Laura, Marie, David Jr., Bernice, Darla, Janet, and Eric.

In the early 1960s she started working with the United States Postal Services, and served as the local postmistress, where she retired her committed services in 2004.

She was a dedicated Bering Air Village agent for 27 years. She would share with her customers flying with Bering Air, that they were "flying with a first class airline." And since then, she always kept her family and friends informed of the weather for their safety during travels throughout the region.

In her younger years she was a Sunday school teacher and loved singing gospels with her husband and daughter Bernice.

They provided a strong subsistence lifestyle for their family. This includes her many years of commercial fishing and even sometimes being named as "Top Boat" for that fishing season.

She enjoyed putting away fish and

picking berries with her family. In the springtime she, David, Irene and Sig would go out bird hunting. In her free time she would sew parkas, mukluks, hats, down blankets, and crochet.

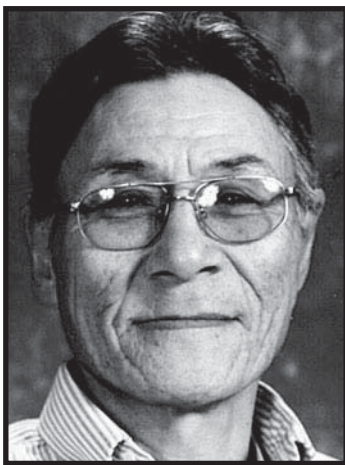
Her home was filled with many different plants demonstrating her green thumb in the family. She loved sharing her homemade breads and cranberry sauce and agutuk during family get togethers

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, David Amuktoolik, Sr., brother-in-law William Tyson, and many close family members and friends.

She is survived by her sisters and brothers Marie Tyson, Laura and husband Tonashay, Marie and husband Jon, David and companion Valerie Barber, Bernice and husband Charlie, Darla and husband Gary, Janet and husband Thomas, Eric and companion Maureen Aukon, and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

### John O. Okie Jr.

John O. Okie, Jr. was born on September 20, 1940 to John Sr. and



John O. Okie, Jr.

**The family of John Okie Jr.** offer our heartfelt thanks to NSHC Dr. Liu, nurses, inpatient staff, Julie Renwick, Edna Oliver, Karen Teesateskie, Michelle Gallineaux; Gloria Karmun, Mary Noyakuk, Fannie Woods and the nurses who prepared John for burial; to family and friends who visited John while he was in the hospital; to George Minix for caring for John at home as well as all those who checked in on him and cared for his needs; Dempsey Woods Sr., Andrew Kakoona, Tunney Walluk and Kirk Reynolds for making the box and cross; to Our Savior Lutheran Church; to Pastor Harvey Fiskeaux, to Kirk and Colleen Reynolds for use of their shop, to Outsiders; to Bering Air, Frontier Alaska and Alaska Airlines for offering bereavement fares for family members; Minnie Olanna, Fannie Nassuk, Ethel Karmun, and everyone who prepared food for the potluck; for all who cleaned up after the service especially Gloria Karmun and Betty Olanna; Debbie Redburn and Joelene Kacena, to Q-Trucking's Charlie Reader, McKenzie Oles, and Andrew Miller Jr. "Uncle John" is at rest next to his beloved Lucy Okie, his wish. Thank you.

*In losing memory of Thelma "Egoruk" Komok*



*We love and miss you mom! Forever in our hearts!*

*Love Pupik, Rhonda, Jason, Kyle, Dora and your Bee Bee, Johna*

Mary Okie in Teller. He went to be with our Lord on July 18, 2009 in Nome at Norton Sound Regional Hospital surrounded by family. John lived in Shishmaref, Brevig Mission and Nome during his life.

John and Lucy were married for 17 years. John was always kind to everyone, and treasured family, relatives and friends. He was proud to be a grandpa. He always had a smile for everyone.

He made his home open for anyone who needed a place to stay. He cherished his close friends and relatives. John will be greatly missed by all who were blessed to have known him.

He is survived by his sister Kassie Driggs, step-son James Bloomstrand; grandchildren Taylor Mary

Bloomstrand and Maude Adam; and Wesley and Victoria Seetot. John had numerous nieces and nephews and relatives who are too many to recognize from Shishmaref, Brevig Mission, Anchorage, Nome, and Kotzebue.

He was preceded in death by his wife Lucy Okie; parents John Sr. and Mary Okie; sisters Helen and Kenneth Kakoona, Idella Brown, Emma and Elliot Olanna, Rosie and Verne Eutuk; brothers David, Richard and Roy; brother-in-law Frederick Driggs, step-son Ronald Bloomstrand, niece Mary Vann; nephews Paul and Roy Kakoona; great-nephew Fredrick Perry Olanna; and great-nieces Mercedes Olanna and Della Marie Brown.

To all the people who helped us in our time of need on the passing of our loving Mother, Grandmother, and Great-Gramma **Lily Amuktoolik**. We would like to thank Bering Air, we don't know where we would be without them. Mike Owens, Diane Wongittlin, C.J. Chip Swanson, Pastor Harvey, Ron & Tula Huffman, Julie Renwick, Sharon Lock, Sister Olson, Josh & Shirley Bell, Nick & Kim Gray, Roy Agloinga, Lucie Trigg, Henry Titus, Bertha Jackson, Darlene Trigg, Bun Ledlow, Varlerie Barber, Gasly Ashenfelter, Lisa & Season Haugen, Dan Harrelson, Luanne Ashenfelter, Ruby Nassuk, Melanie Pitka, Mike Simon, Luke Smith, Yannita Ivanoff, Luke Jackson and Maggie Kowchee.

To those in Golovin, Harvey & Nina Miller, Martin Aukongak, Maggie Olson, Dale Aukongak, Annette Henry, Peter Olson, Duane Lincoln, Irene Aukongak, Wayne Henry, Sr., Chuck & Clarabelle Lewis,

To all that cooked for the potluck, also those that provided rides to Big Lake for the burial. Thanks to Peter Buck, Kirk Reynolds, and Jack Brown for beautiful music! To all the health aids in Golovin who were there for Mom whenever she called. To Rose for escorting Aunt Marie Tyson. Special thanks to Larry Eggart, a life-long friend to the family and David Tunley, for flying Mom home and to her favorite places. Most of all, thanks to you Mom, for all your love for us. We miss you!

*Thank you!*

Donny & Willow Olson, Carol Oliver, Kathy Punguk, Amanda Pasonen, Debbie Anungazuk, Golovin Native Corp., Chinik Eskimo Comm. and Golovin Fire Dept.

*In Loving Memory of Carol Ann Ahnangnatoguk*

**Thank you!**

The Ahnangnatoguk family sends a heart felt thanks to everyone who helped to lay Carol Ann Ahnangnatoguk

to rest. Our family appreciates all the prayers and words of comfort during the lost of our special daughter, mother, sister and dear friend Carol Ann. A very special thanks to Q-Trucking and Nome Joint Utilities for your time, manpower, equipment and quick response! Another special thank you to the following people for providing their time and assistance: Donald Ahnangnatoguk, John C. Wellert, Elton Olanna Jr., Travis Carlisle, Clifford "Husky" Tocktoo, Raymond Tocktoo, Wayne Walluk, Steve Walluk, Tunny Walluk, Brian James, Mitch Medlin, David Moore, Terry Komonaseak and Andy Miller.

## Church Services Directory

**Bible Baptist Church Service Schedule, 443-2144**  
Sunday School 10 a.m./Worship Hour 11 a.m.

**Community Baptist Church-SBC**  
108 West Third, 443-5448

**Small Group Bible Study** 10 a.m.  
**Sunday Morning Worship** 11 a.m.

Pastor Bruce Landry

**Community United Methodist**  
2nd Ave. West, 443-2865

**Sunday** 11 a.m. Worship  
**Tuesday** 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

**Thrift Shop** — Tuesday & Thursday 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

**Nome Covenant Church**

101 Bering St. 443-2565 • **Pastor Harvey**

**Sunday School** 9:45 a.m./**Sunday Worship** 11 a.m.

**Wednesday:** Fellowship Meal 5:30 p.m./Ladies' Bible Study, Mens' Fraternity & Children's Choir 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday:** Youth Group 7 p.m. (call 443-7218 for location)

**Friday:** Community Soup Kitchen 6 - 7 p.m.

**Our Savior Lutheran Church**

5th & Bering, 443-5295

Morning Worship 11 a.m.

**River of Life Assembly of God, 443-5333**

**Sunday School** 10 a.m.

**Sunday Worship Service** 11 a.m.

**Wednesday Night Service** 6:30 p.m.

**St. Joseph Catholic Church, 443-5527**

Corner of Steadman and Kings Place

**Mass Schedule: Saturday** 5:30 p.m./**Sunday** 10:30 a.m.

**Seventh-Day Adventist (Icy View), 443-5137**

**Saturday Sabbath School** 10 a.m.

**Saturday Morning Worship** 11 a.m.

**Nome Church of Nazarene**

3rd & Division, 443-2805

**Sunday:** Prayer Meeting 9:30 a.m./Sunday School 9:45 a.m./Worship Service 11 a.m.

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## Employment

**Kawerak Community Services Division –Recruitment Notice – 07/20/09 to close of business on 08/03/09.**

Division: Community Services  
Department: Community Planning & Development

**Job Title: Business Development Specialist**  
Position Status: Regular, Full Time  
Exempt Status: Non-Exempt  
Pay Scale Range: 12, 13, 14 (\$22.04 – 28.75)  
DOE

Reports to: Community Planning & Development Program Director

**Qualifications:**

1. Bachelors Degree in Economics, Business Administration, Marketing, Rural Development (Small Business Management) or related field from an accredited college; or an Associate Degree in a relevant field plus two years experience in business development and/or management, or community development. Work experience in business administration, business finance, community and economic development, e-commerce or related field may substitute for the degree requirement on a year for year basis.

2. Experience in business planning, financial management, and conducting organizing business training programs.

3. Must possess strong research, communication and organizational skills.

4. Must be proficient in computer applications such as Microsoft Word, Excel and Access, Publishing. Internet usage, on-line marketing, and knowledge of digital photography.

5. Must be dependable, self-motivated, and able to work with minimum supervision.

6. Must be able to work effectively with people from a variety of backgrounds.

7. Must be willing to travel extensively in rural Alaska.

Native Preference per Public Law 93-638

**Interested individuals may contact Human Resources with questions at 907-443-5231.**

**Applications can be accessed via Kawerak's website at [www.kawerak.org](http://www.kawerak.org) or by contacting Human Resources at 907-443-5231.**

**Applications may be faxed to Kawerak Human Resources at 907-443-4443 or sent via email to [personnel@kawerak.org](mailto:personnel@kawerak.org).**

7/23-30

**Kawerak Community Services Division – Tribal Affairs Dept–Recruitment Notice – 07/17/09 to close of business on 07/31/09.**

DEPARTMENT: Administration  
**JOB TITLE: Tribal Coordinator- for Chinik Eskimo Community**

**LOCATION: Golovin, Alaska**

**POSITION STATUS: Regular, Full Time**

**EXEMPT STATUS: Non-Exempt**

**PAY SCALE GRADE: 9-10-11 (\$18.45 – 24.08)DOE**

**REPORTS TO: Tribal Affairs Director**

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

1) High school diploma or G.E.D. equivalent.

2) Two years previous secretarial, administrative, or supervisory experience.

3) Must be able to type. Computer experience highly desirable.

4) Strong organizational, oral and written communication skills.

5) Must be able to work well with the public.

Native Preference per Public Law 93-638.

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**Human Resources at 907-443-5231. Applications may be faxed to Kawerak Human Resources at 907-443-4443 or sent via email to [personnel@kawerak.org](mailto:personnel@kawerak.org).**

7/23-30

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Heavy Equipment Operators, Mechanics, and Service Oilers**

Required Documents:

HS Transcripts & Diploma or GED test scores & Certificate

Birth certificate (proof of 18 years of age)

Valid AK Driver's license (Rural Alaskans without driver's license may contact our office)

Background Check (showing no DULs in the past 3 years)

Social security card

DD214 (for veterans)

\$30.00 non-refundable application fee

Letters of recommendation & certificates of training (optional)

Note: pre-indenture drug testing required

Applications will be available for pick up and turn in August 27 through September 14, 2009 from 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.- 4:00 p.m at: Alaska Operating Engineers Employers Training Trust

4001 Denali St, Suite B

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1-800-460-5044

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*The recruitment, selection, employment, and training of Apprentices during their apprenticeship shall be without discrimination because of age, disability, sex, marital status, changes in marital status, pregnancy or parenthood, race, color, religion, national origin.*

7/30; 8/6-13-20-27

**Kawerak Education, Employment & Training Division –Recruitment Notice – 07/27/09 to close of business on 08/10/09.**

DIVISION: Education, Employment and Training Division

PROGRAM: General Assistance

**JOB TITLE: Program Coordinator**

**POSITION STATUS: Regular, Full-Time**

**LOCATION: Nome, Alaska**

**EXEMPT STATUS: Non-Exempt**

**PAY SCALE GRADE: 9-10-11(\$18.45 – 24.08)**

**DOE**

**REPORTS TO: General Assistance Director**

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

1) High School Diploma or G.E.D. plus two years experience in a comparable position.

2) Must possess computer knowledge and skills in windows, Internet usage, excel and word.

3) Knowledge of general office procedures.

4) Facility in a Native Language of the Bering Straits region highly desirable.

5) Must be able to maintain client confidentiality.

Native Preference per Public Law 93-638.

**Interested individuals may contact Human Resources with questions at 907-443-5231.**

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7/30; 8/6

SALE— 6 " dredge, new pump and motor. Never used. Keene box, Proline floats \$5,000. Underwater communications system for sale. Desco brand mask and base station/ used 4 hours. New \$3,000 asking \$2,000. Action Mining Micron Wave table like new\$7,000 asking \$4,000 o.b.o. Call Dan 315 278-1803

FOR SALE —Case Wheel Loader; in Nome 1983 W24C, \$21,000 Call 907-771-2305 6/25 tfn

## Seawall

**7/20**Ryan Antogham, DOB: 10/16/76, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violation of Condition of Release.

**7/21** Harold Kiyuklook, DOB: 2/13/77, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Probation Violation and False Information.

**7/22** Rose Madden, DOB: 1/17/61, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Driving Under the Influence and Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance in the 6th Degree.

Katrina Toolie, DOB: 5/3/87, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Felony Probation Violation.

Noah Shoogukwruk, DOB: 2/24/84, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Probation Violation.

Sean Yi, DOB: 5/11/91, received a citation for Negligent Driving.

Bo Adams, DOB: 11/15/83, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Criminal Mischief 3rd Degree.

Colin Kulukhon-Lincoln, DOB: 1/14/84, received a citation for Failure to Register Vehicle.

A Nome juvenile received a citation for Curfew Violation.

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**7/23** Leo Kobuk, DOB: 10/2/56, received a citation for Open Container.

Walter Sookiayak, DOB: 11/9/52, received a citation for Open Container.

**7/24** Stanley Rookok, DOB: 7/10/77, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violation Conditions of Release.

Madeleine Okpealuk, DOB: 9/14/82, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violation of Conditions of Probation.

Lawrence Martin, DOB: 11/11/86, received a citation for an Open Container.

Anthony Sebwenwa, DOB: 4/15/70, received a citation for an Open Container.

Ina Rene Campbell, DOB: 9/4/63, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Driving Under the Influence and Refusal to Submit to a Chemical Test.

**7/25** A Nome juvenile received a citation for Minor Consuming Alcohol.

Scott Payenna, DOB: 7/20/88, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Driving Under the Influence.

Eileen Abruska, DOB: 5/12/78, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault on a Peace Officer.

Kevin Oozevaseuk, DOB: 2/22/77, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault 3.

Roland Lockwood, DOB: 4/24/90, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Disorderly Conduct.

Timothy Moore, DOB: 10/20/69, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault 4th Degree Domestic Violence.

**7/27** Raymond Larsen, DOB: 8/27/63, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Probation Violation.

During this reporting period we had three persons transported to the hospital for a Title 47, Protective Custody Hold.

## Legals

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE  
STATE OF ALASKA  
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME  
ORDER FOR HEARING, PUBLICATION  
AND POSTING**

In the Matter of a Change of Name for:  
**Elizabeth Kalerak aka Betty Murray  
aka Betty Segock**

Current name of Adult.

**Notice of Petition to Change Name**

A petition has been filed in the Superior Court (Case # **2NO-09-169CI**) requesting a name change from (current name) **Elizabeth Kalerak aka Betty Murray aka Betty Segock to Betty Segock.** A hearing on this request will be held on **August 14, 2009 at 4:00 pm at Nome Court-house, 113 Front Street PO Box 1110 Nome, AK 99762.**

7/9-16-23-30

**CITY OF NOME  
PUBLIC NOTICE**

**DISPOSAL OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY BY  
LAND USE PERMIT TO NOME SPORTMAN  
ASSOCIATION FOR SUNSET FIRING RANGE**

The City of Nome is considering disposal of municipal property in the form of a Land Use Permit to Nome Sportman Association for the purpose of providing hunter safety training for the Community of Nome. The property is a portion of City property located on Mile 9 of the Nome-Teller Highway described as Section 6, Township 11 South, Range 34 West and Section 1, Township 11 South, Range 35 West. Because this is a non-exclusive, revocable land use permit the estimated value is less than \$5,000. The disposal of said property will be by ordinance enacted by the Nome Common Council duly noticed by agenda and public notice. Further information may be obtained by contacting the office of the City Clerk.

7/9-16-23-30; 8/6

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
Bureau of Land Management  
F-14932-A, F-14932-C, F-14932-D, F-14932-E,  
and F-14932-F**

**Alaska Native Claims Selection**

**ACTION:** Notice of decision approving lands for conveyance

**SUMMARY:** As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that an appealable decision approving the surface estate in certain lands for conveyance pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act will be issued to Shaktolik Native Corporation. The lands are in the vicinity of Shak-

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## Real Estate

SALE—income/investment property—2 story duplex - appx 1900 sq ft (on two City lots) Close to Port of Nome and town on Seppala Drive Now being remodeled "AS is" fixer-upper price - \$195M (360) 891-4553 7/9-tfn

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**3br home with 1br guest house**

Greenhouse, shed, large lot

405 E Tobuk Alley - \$245,000

**4br/1ba, 7000sq ft lot**

404 East 5th Ave. - \$156,000

**2br/1.5ba w/garage and studio apartment**

803 E 3rd Avenue - \$259K

**FOX RIVER SUBDIVISION**

5 acre lots, 6 miles from Council \$20,000

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## Looking for a new best friend or an addition to the family?

Grubby says, “get over to the animal shelter and see which of my friends want to go home with you.” His friends are waiting for you, call to make an appointment today.

Adopt a pet and get a **FREE** bag of dog/cat food from Doctor Leedy and the *Nome Kennel Club*. Dog food, cat food, cat litter and other donations are always welcome at the Nome Animal Shelter!

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Grubby

## Trooper Beat

On July 19, at about 2:53 a.m., a juvenile female reported she was sexually assaulted approximately one year ago by an adult male. Alcohol was involved. Investigation is on going.

On July 19, at about 5:26 a.m., a 45-year old female reported she was assaulted at the Dexter Roadhouse by a 22-year old female. Alcohol was involved. Investigation is on going.

On July 20, at approximately 1:00 p.m., Andrew Ningealook, 30, of Shishmaref, was arrested for Sexual Abuse of A Minor II. Ningealook was remanded to AMCC.

On July 20, at about 4:10 p.m., Larry Lausten, 45, of Unalakleet was served a no bail warrant at AMCC in Nome where he was incarcerated on a separate charge. The warrant was for failure to remand or complete community work service, original charge Theft III.

On July 21, at about 10:00 a.m., Nome AST arrested Frank “Punchy” Lee, 35, of Teller, on a \$100,000 arrest warrant, original charges Murder I and Murder II.

On July 21, at about 3:05 p.m., Nome AST contacted a 17-year old male at a local airline after receiving an anonymous tip he was transporting alcohol to Elim. A 750-ml bottle of alcohol was seized and charges are pending for Alcohol Importation and Minor in Possession of Alcohol.

On July 21, at approximately 7:00 p.m. VPSO Lucas Stotts arrested Charlotte Sookiayak, 42, of Shaktolik, after the investigation revealed that

she was in violation of her conditions of release. Sookiayak was transported to AMCC.

On July 22, at approximately 4:00 p.m. VPSO Stotts received a report of a fire at a residence in Shaktolik. No further information is being released because of the ongoing investigation.

On July 22, at approximately 11:40 p.m., Tyre Ungott, 47, of Gambell, was arrested for DUI and Resisting Arrest. Ungott was transported to AMCC.

On July 23, at approximately 2:40 a.m., Kimberly Iyakitan, 42, of Gambell, was arrested For DUI and Probation Violation. Iyakitan was transported to AMCC.

On July 25, at 12:40 a.m., Elim VPSO Gerald Otto arrested David Nakarak, 53 of Elim, for Probation Violation. Investigation shows Nakarak consumed alcohol in violation of conditions of his probation. Nakarak was remanded to AMCC.

On July 25, at 1:10 a.m., AST received a report of an intoxicated driver in Stebbins. Larry Kobuk, 28 of Saint Michael, was subsequently arrested for Driving Under the Influence.

On July 25, at 10:35 a.m., Unalakleet AST arrested Peter Jackson, 23, of Unalakleet for Violation of Conditions of Release and a probation violation after he was observed intoxicated. Jackson was lodged at the Unalakleet Jail and later transported to Nome for arraignment.

## The Nome Convention & Visitors Bureau/Nome Chamber of Commerce Recruitment Notice

The Nome Convention & Visitors Bureau/Nome Chamber of Commerce is recruiting for the position of Tourism Director. This is a full time, year-round position responsible for the promotion of Nome and the Bering Straits Region as a visitor destination and the operation of the Visitors Center. We are looking for that one person to take us to that “Next Level.”

Qualifications:

1) Minimum of five years experience in a supervisory position involving administrative responsibilities

2) Experience in tourism marketing preferred

3) Knowledge of Alaska’s tourism industry and contact highly preferred.

4) Must have extensive knowledge of Nome and regions businesses, residents and the services they provide.

5) Good communication skill, knowledge of various Microsoft programs and the ability to manage a proactive website.

Salary: DOE

A detailed job description is available at the Nome Visitors Center or by emailing **[nomechamber2@gci.net](mailto:nomechamber2@gci.net)**.

Nome Chamber of Commerce is a EEO Employer.



• More Legals

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toolik, Alaska, and are located in:  
Lot 2, Tract 1, U.S. Survey No. 3779, Alaska.  
Containing 0.08 acres.  
Kateel River Meridian, Alaska  
T. 11 S., R. 11 W.,  
Secs. 1 to 4, inclusive;  
Secs. 11, 12, and 13;  
Secs. 19 to 28, inclusive.  
Containing approximately 9,541 acres.  
T. 14 S., R. 11 W.,  
Secs. 29 to 32, inclusive.  
Containing approximately 2,508 acres.  
T. 15 S., R. 11 W.,  
Secs. 6 and 7.  
Containing 1,227.47 acres.

T. 12 S., R. 12 W.,  
Secs. 5, 8, and 17.  
Containing 1,920 acres.  
T. 15 S., R. 12 W.,  
Secs. 1, 12, 13, 24, 25, and 36.  
Containing approximately 1,780 acres.  
T. 13 S., R. 13 W.,  
Secs. 5, 6, and 9.  
Containing approximately 148 acres.  
T. 15 S., R. 13 W.,  
Secs. 31 and 32.  
Containing 57 acres.  
Total Aggregating of Sec. 12(a) is approximately 17,181 acres.  
The subsurface estate in these lands will be conveyed to Bering Straits Native Corporation when the surface estate is conveyed to Shaktoolik Na-

tive Corporation.  
Notice of the decision was published in the Federal Register on **July 2, 2009**.  
DATES: The time limits for filing an appeal are:  
1. Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision shall have until **August 3, 2009** to file an appeal.  
2. Parties receiving service of the decision by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal.

Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR Part 4, Subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

ADDRESS: A copy of this decision may be obtained from:  
Bureau of Land Management  
Alaska State Office  
222 West Seventh Avenue, #13  
Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7504

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: The Bureau of Land Management by phone at **907-271-5960**, or by e-mail at **ak.blm.conveyance@ak.blm.gov**.  
/s/  
Eileen Ford  
Land Transfer Resolution Specialist  
Land Transfer Adjudication II Branch  
Copy furnished to:  
Public Information Center (954C)  
7/16-23-30; 8/6

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
Bureau of Land Management  
[F-93724]  
Alaska Native Claims Selection**  
ACTION: Notice of decision approving lands for conveyance  
SUMMARY: As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that an appealable decision approving the surface and subsurface estates for conveyance pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act will be issued to Elim Native Corporation. The lands are in the vicinity of Elim, Alaska, and are located in:  
Kateel River Meridian, Alaska  
T. 6 S., R. 15 W.,  
Sec. 10.  
Containing 2.45 acres.  
T. 6 S., R. 17 W.,  
Secs. 33 and 34.  
Containing 1,280 acres.  
T. 7 S., R. 17 W.,  
Secs. 4, 5, and 6;  
Secs. 8 and 9.  
Containing 3,162.46 acres.  
T. 8 S., R. 18 W.,  
Sec. 22.  
Containing 0.01 acre.  
Aggregating 4,444.92 acres.  
Notice of the decision was published in the Federal Register on July 30, 2009.  
DATES: The time limits for filing an appeal are:  
1. Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected

by the decision shall have until August 31, 2009 to file an appeal.  
2. Parties receiving service of the decision by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal.  
Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR Part 4, Subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.  
ADDRESSES: A copy of the decision may be obtained from:  
Bureau of Land Management  
Alaska State Office  
222 West Seventh Avenue, #13  
Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7504  
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: The Bureau of Land Management by phone at 907-271-5960, or by e-mail at **ak.blm.conveyance@ak.blm.gov**. Persons who use a telecommunication device (TTD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8330, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to contact the Bureau of Land Management.  
Jennifer L. Noe  
Land Law Examiner  
Land Transfer Adjudication II Branch  
Copy furnished to:  
Public Information Center (AK-954)  
7/30; 8/6-13-20



**Arctic ICANS —  
A nonprofit cancer  
survivor support group.**

**1-800-478-9355**

**Arctic ICANS next meeting**

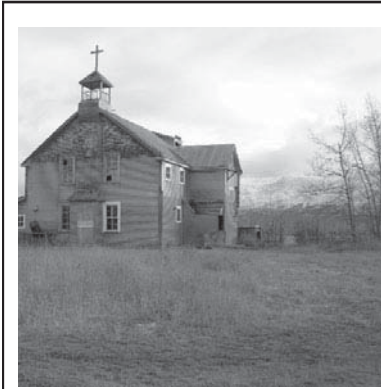
The Nome Cancer support group will meet at the XYZ Center on

**Thursday, Aug. 6 • 7:30 p.m.**

*Presentation: Angie Gorn, update on  
NSHC CAT scanner*

*Introduction: Carol Matthews, Adult  
Care Manager of NSHC*

For more information call 443-5726.



**General meeting**

Meeting to be held:  
**Thursday, July 30  
7 p.m.**  
**Polar Cafe**  
Public is welcome  
and encouraged to  
attend.

**Friends of  
Pilgrim Hot  
Springs**



Happy 1st, belated, Birth-day on July 25, to my beautiful Princess, Kiahvi Martha Chelise Kiyutelluk! Gams Mary also wishes a happy belated birthday to her 1st grandbaby! We love you, "Best!" From Momma Dolly.



Kiahvi, 1 year old princess

**Public Notice**

**CITY OF NOME**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

MOONLIGHT WELLS PERMIT

A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE CONDUCTED DURING THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE NOME COMMON COUNCIL TO SEEK COMMENTS ON THE FOLLOWING:

Approval of a Permit to be issued to Mitch Erickson for a surface gravel stockpiling and screening in the Moonlight Wells Protection Area.

A copy of the Permit is available at Nome City Hall.

**DATE:** Monday, August 10, 2009  
**TIME:** 7:30 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** City Council Chambers

7/23-30; 8/6

**CITY OF NOME**

**Public Notice**

**SURPLUS EQUIPMENT SALE BY SEALED BID**

Item #	Year	Make/Model	VIN Number
1	1999	Ford Expedition	1FMRU1863XLC32137
2	1992	Chevy Blazer	1GNDT13W7N2209673
3	1995	Ford Explorer	1FMDU34X8SUA99754
4	1990	Ford E150 Van	1FTDE14Y2LHB73890
5	1979	GMC Dump Truck	T49C19V617064 ***
6	1982	Ford Dump Truck	1FDYY90R8CVA05707 ***
7	1981	Chevy Stake Bed	1GB6D1A0BV1O4185

***NOTE: Bids less than \$7,500.00 will not be considered for dump trucks.

The dump trucks are on display in the gravel lot across the street from the Public Works Building ( 404 W. 4th Avenue)

The other vehicles are on display at the port pad just west of the Bonanza tank Farm ( at the end of Port Road).

All vehicles will be sold “as is”, with no warranty of any type, written or implied. Submit sealed bids to the City Clerk, Box 281, Nome AK 99762, no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 17, 2009. The bids will be opened at 11:00 a.m. on August 18th, 2009. Successful bidders must pay by certified check and remove the vehicles from municipal property within 10 days of notice of award.

7/30; 8/6-13

**Stebbins Native Corporation**

**Annual Meeting of Shareholders**

Notice of the 36th Annual Meeting of Shareholders as prescribed by the By-Laws of Stebbins Native Corporation, Article 11, Section 1. The Annual Meeting of the Shareholders shall be held on the first Friday of September of each year for the purpose of electing directors and for transacting such other business as may come before the meeting. The meeting will be held:

7 p.m. at the Stebbins Community Hall on September 4, 2009

Shareholders who are at least 18 years of age who want to run for one of four (4) seats are requested to send/submit a letter of intent to:

Stebbins Native Corporation  
PO Box 71110  
Stebbins, Alaska 99671

Shareholders may also submit their letter of intent to:  
fredj@hughes.net.

Deadline for intent to run must be received by SNC office by 5 p.m. on August 7, 2009.

Shareholders are encouraged to to email their current mailing addresses.

7/16-23-30



# City powerless against rotting carcasses

**By Tyler Rhodes**

Most of the calls Nome Animal Control Officer Amy Smithhisler receives revolve around dogs—whether they’re barking, biting or just running loose.

A call she received earlier this summer came as a departure—the subjects were still and silent. Virtually in Smithhisler’s backyard, a musher had come across a pile of rotting, putrid carcasses. Uncertain if they were dogs culled from someone’s lot, the musher called the animal control officer to investigate.

The pile of nearly a dozen skinned and decomposing animals were found on a trail located between the Nome-Teller Highway and the Center Creek Road. After receiving the call, Smithhisler traveled the trail which connects to the bike path next to the Nome-Teller Highway right by her house.

The pile was not difficult to find. Dumped right on the path next to the hollowed-out carcass of an airplane, the dead animals were a little more than a half mile in on the trail used by walkers and bikers. The trail is also frequented by mushers who will run their dogs with sleds in the winter and four-wheelers in snow-free conditions. “All kinds of people go up there,” Smithhisler said.

Smithhisler said she pushed the pile over to the side to at least get it off the trail. “It was just a little irritating,” she said. “Of all the places you could take them and no one would know, and you go and throw them next to a well-used trail.”

Smithhisler said she was fairly certain the carcasses were not dogs, but more likely foxes. She called

Alaska State Wildlife Trooper Brian Miller to report the find. Miller confirmed that the animals looked to primarily be foxes with perhaps some wolverine or lynx thrown in.

Miller said he received a couple calls on the matter and went out to investigate twice just to ensure it was the same pile of dead animals being reported. Miller said the dumping did not appear to constitute any illegal activity. “There’s no state law that it violates to put the carcasses specifically where they are,” Miller said. “I know in some specific areas there are some laws against dumping them on a roadway.”

Despite the path being a well-established two-track, Nome City Manager Josie Bahnke said the route does not appear as a dedicated roadway on any map. She also said she could find no item in the city code that applied to the dumping of carcasses. “We looked at a map and tried to approach it from a couple of different directions, but didn’t come up with anything—which is not to say we couldn’t in the future,” Bahnke said.

Nome’s ordinances on animals primarily relate to dogs and other pets. The ordinances governing health and safety deal largely with food and the businesses that sell it. There’s no mention in the code of littering whether it be a bag of garbage or a pile of skinned fur-bearers. The nuisance provisions in the code deal mainly with structures and physical property. “There’s no clear cut law on the books that deals with this,” Bahnke said.

The city does have rules limiting and regulating the trapping of ani-

mals within city limits. However, there is no evidence at the site that the animals were trapped there. Rather it appears that the animals which were likely trapped elsewhere and were just dumped on the trail after they were skinned.

Smithhisler said even without a law prohibiting the dumping of animal carcasses within city limits, it’s simply poor form to throw them where people and their pets or dog teams regularly travel. “All you have to do is throw them in a garbage bag

and throw them in your blue dumpster, and they would go to the landfill,” she said. “There’s hundreds of acres out there where you could dump them and no one would know.”



*Photo by Tyler Rhodes*

**PUTRID PILE—** The carcasses of approximately one dozen skinned foxes and other fur-bearers are seen littered along a trail popular with mushers and others in this July 13 photo.

### Pilgrim Hot Springs Clean-up Effort

Anyone who wants to volunteer can contact Tom at 907-322-4992 or just show up at the Pilgrim Host Springs between Saturday, July 25 and Sunday, August 2. Make a small part of our World cleaner.

### Public Notice

#### CITY OF NOME

0-09-07-01 An Ordinance Authorizing the Disposal of Municipal Property by Land Use Permit to Nome Sportman Association for Sunset Firing Range

This ordinances had first reading at the regular meeting of the Nome City Council on July 27, 2009 at 7:30 PM and was passed to second reading, public hearing and final passage at a regular meeting of the Council scheduled for August 10th at 7:30 PM in City Council Chambers of City Hall located at 102 Division Street. Copies of the ordinance are available in the office of the City Clerk.

7/30; 8/6

### Sealed Bid Sale

#### Individual Native Allotments

The Bureau of Indian Affairs is offering for sale, on behalf of the Native owners, the following tracts of land:

Item No.	Description	Minimum Acceptable Bid	No. of Acres
1	Barbara Joe, owner. St. Michael Townsite Lot, Lot 2, Block 15, Tract C, USS 5579.	\$15,000.00*	0.27
2	Patricia Sagoonick, owner. Lot 2, USS 10250, Alaska, situated on the right bank of the Bonanza River approximately 2 miles southwesterly from the village of Solomon, Alaska.	\$50,000.00*	39.98
3	Linda Anselm, owner. Situated 22 miles northeasterly of Unalakleet, F17247, USS 5454, lots 5 & 6. Accessible by boat.	\$229,000.00	149.00
4	Paul Washington, owner. Situated on the north westerly shore of St. Michael Bay, 1 mile south westerly of St. Michael. F16241, USS 12488, Lot 1. Accessible by vehicle.	\$250,000.00	159.96

*Deferred payment plan available; please ask Kawerak LMS staff for details.

**TITLE TO LAND SOLD AS A RESULT OF THIS ADVERTISEMENT WILL BE CONVEYED IN A FEE SIMPLE STATUS BY APPROVED DEED. TERMS AVAILABLE ARE CASH OR DEFERRED PAYMENT AS SPECIFIED.**

Sealed Bid Opening will be on **August 12, 2009 at 2 p.m.**

For a Bid Packet or for more information please contact:  
**Kawerak, Inc. Land Management Services, P.O. Box 948, Nome, Alaska 99762.**

AWARD WILL BE MADE TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER WHO MEETS OR EXCEEDS THE MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE BID, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE NATIVE OWNER. Instructions and further information are available at the above office or by phone, toll free within Alaska **1-800-443-4316**, direct **907-443-4326**. Terms of sale specified thereon.

6/25, 7/2-9-16-23-30, 8/6

### Stebbins Native Corporation Area Map

## NOTICE

Sport hunters, guides, pilots and shareholders of other Village Native Corporations and memberships of Native Villages (ie: St. Michael, Unalakleet, Kotlik, Emmonak, Alakanuk, Mt. Village and St. Mary's):

The Public is reminded that lands within the shaded areas on the map are predominately privately owned by Stebbins Native Corporation and it's shareholders. Within the Boundaries are also Native Allotment Lands.

Sport hunting by non-shareholders, guides and their clients, and hunting by aircraft, boats are not allowed on Corporation land, unless cleared and permitted by Stebbins Native Corporation Land Department.

Please contact the Stebbins Native Corporation for more details or to obtain permission to hunt in the area, call 907-934-3074.

Fred Pete Sr., Land Manager and Morris Coffey, COO





Photo by Denise Olin  
**BALANCED DIET**—Libby Steimel does a balancing act with her food at the Norton Sound Health Corporation picnic July 23.



Photo by Nikolai Ivanoff

**NOME GETS A STORM**—Rain pours on Nome as viewed from Anvil Mountain.

# Thunder and lightning give Nome a show

By Tyler Rhodes

The first couple of rumblings could have been mistaken for a jet overhead for Nomeites accustomed to hearing at least three or four of the big planes flying in and out of town each day. But by the fourth of fifth big bang it was unmistakable, Nome was hearing thunder.

On the warmest day of the year so far—just 1 degree short of 80—Nome experienced a lightning and thunder storm July 21. After several

hours of warm winds and sunshine, dark clouds and columns of rain raced across the tundra and hills surrounding Nome from roughly 9 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Accompanying the short storm bursts were flashes of lightning and the rumble of thunder.

On the heels of the storm, a thin layer of smoke drifted over the area and remained through the next day. The sun July 22, veiled by the smoky haze, appeared as a dull ruddy orb. By the evening the thunder and light-

ning were back for a second round. “For the second night in a row, Nome was greeted with a thunderous hello,” reads a statement from the National Weather Service. “Two strong bands of thunder and rain pelted the Gold Rush City starting at 8:30 p.m. with the thunder leaving at 10:02 p.m., and the rain quitting at 10:23 p.m. This is highly unusual for this area, but given the higher temperatures and instability in the atmosphere not unexpected.”

## Court

### Week ending 7/24 Civil

Shoogukwruk, Sadie M. vs. Shoogukwruk, Kenneth D.; DV: Both ExParte & Long Term In the Matter of: Adsuna, Jobeth; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear In the Matter of: Bergamaschi, Charles; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear In the Matter of: Booth, Dana; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear In the Matter of: Brown, Pauline; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear In the Matter of: Buffas, Lillian; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear In the Matter of: Castel, Suzanne; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear In the Matter of: Cavanaugh, David; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear In the Matter of: Hobbs, Nathaniel; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear In the Matter of: Katexac, Frank; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear In the Matter of: Kost, Allen; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear In the Matter of: Leedy, Derrick; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear In the Matter of: Nothstine, Sophie; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear In the Matter of: Olanna, Warren; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear In the Matter of: Olson, David; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear In the Matter of: Ozenna, Crystal; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear In the Matter of: Perrigo, Christina; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear In the Matter of: Perry, Randy; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear In the Matter of: Raymond, Katrina; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear In the Matter of: Scott, Pauline; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear In the Matter of: Siwooko, Harriette; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear In the Matter of: Tate-Gurno, Karen; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear In the Matter of: Thompson, Isaac; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear In the Matter of: Tiulana, Justin; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear In the Matter of: Warnke-Green, Bryce; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear In the Matter of: Williams, Darrel; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear

### Small Claims

No current claims filed

### Criminal

State of Alaska v. Harold Roy Kiyuklook (2/13/77); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109523799; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: Balance of sentence, remanded into custody.

State of Alaska v. John Walluk (4/21/89); Count 5: Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 6/22/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 1 (001), count 2 (002), count 3 (003), count 4 (004), count 6 (006); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC consecutive to revocation 2NO-07-765CR; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Florence Ahkinga (5/24/84); Disorderly Conduct; Date of offense: 5/13/09; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 3 days, 3 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for 6 months (date of Judgment: 7/17/09); Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer.

State of Alaska v. Cynthia Francine Albertson (6/17/78); Dismissal; Count I: Assault 4°; Filed by the DAs Office 7/20/09.

State of Alaska v. Michael Tucker (4/10/71); Dismissal; Count I: Assault 4°; Count II: Assault 4°; Filed by the DAs Office 7/24/09.

State of Alaska v. Roger Stalker (2/11/78); Notice of Dismissal—Count II; Charge 002: Misconduct Involving Controlled Substance 6°; Filed by the DAs Office 7/24/09.

State of Alaska v. Jobeth Adsuna (6/27/83); Drunken Person on Licensed Premises; Date of offense: 7/12/09; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 10 days, 9 days suspended; Unsuspended 1 day shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training

Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation UNTIL 1/12/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer.

State of Alaska v. Nicole Topkok (5/2/91); Minor Consuming or in Possession or Control of Alcoholic Beverage; Date of offense: 6/20/09; Fined \$400 with \$200 suspended; Shall pay \$200 to Nome Clerk of Court by 10/31/09; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 7/23/09); Shall not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages; Shall pay fine, as ordered.

State of Alaska v. Valerie Kakaruk (11/6/91); Minor Consuming or in Possession or Control of Alcoholic Beverage; Date of offense: 6/13/09; Fined \$400 with \$200 suspended; Shall pay \$200 to Nome Clerk of Court by 10/31/09; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 7/23/09); Shall not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages; Shall pay fine, as ordered.

State of Alaska v. Sidney Kulowiyl (6/9/91); Minor Consuming or in Possession or Control of Alcoholic Beverage; Date of offense: 6/6/09; Fined \$400 with \$200 suspended; Shall pay \$200 to Nome Clerk of Court by 10/31/09; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 7/23/09); Shall not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages; Shall pay fine, as ordered.

State of Alaska v. Daisy Weinard (5/9/90); 2NO-09-375CR Minor Consuming or in Possession or Control of Alcoholic Beverage; Date of offense: 6/22/09; Fined \$400 with \$200 suspended; Shall pay \$400 to Nome Clerk of Court by 10/31/09; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 7/23/09); Shall not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages; Shall pay fine, as ordered.

State of Alaska v. Daisy Weinard (5/9/90); 2NO-09-442CR Minor Consuming or in Possession or Control of Alcoholic Beverage; Date of offense: 7/5/09; Fined \$600 with \$200 suspended; Shall pay \$400 to Nome Clerk of Court by 10/31/09; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 7/23/09); Shall not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages; Shall pay fine, as ordered.

State of Alaska v. Michael J. Mayac (12/8/88); Habitual Minor Consuming or in Possession or Control of Alcoholic Beverage; Date of offense: 6/10/09; 20 days, 20 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 due within 10 days; Community Work: Complete 96 hours of community work service and submit proof of completion to the Nome Clerk of Court within 120 days; Driver's License or Permit: Revoked for 6 months, concurrent with any DMV administrative action; Shall surrender license/permit to court; Probation of 1 year (date of judgment: 7/23/09); Shall not consume inhalants, or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages; Shall surrender any license/permit, pay fine and surcharge, show proof of community work service, and report to jail as ordered; Shall submit to warrantless breath test at request of peace officer and may be arrested without a warrant for probation violation; Failure to comply with community work, evaluation, education or treatment requirements will result in an extra 6 months revocation of driver's license.

State of Alaska v. Larry R. Lausten (8/22/63); 4FA-02-3294CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 106900317; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: Defendant's 40 hours of Community Work Service due date is extended to 9/30/09; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Larry R. Lausten (8/22/63); 2UT-07-42CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109422765; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 10 days, remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Melinda Erickson (3/6/75); 2NO-09-254CR Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 5/9/09; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 60 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 7/22/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer.

State of Alaska v. Melinda Erickson (3/6/75); 2NO-09-437CR Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 7/19/09; Any appearance or performance bond is exoner-

ated; 30 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC and consecutive to the term in Case 2NO-09-254CR; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Kevin G. Washington (9/27/66); 2NO-08-189CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110825811; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: Balance of Time, remanded into custody.

State of Alaska v. Kevin Washington (9/27/66); 2NO-08-462CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110697381; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to 7/23/10; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Gary F. Evans, Jr. (7/11/79); Dismissal; Count I: Driving While License Canceled, Suspended, or Revoked; Filed by the DAs Office 7/22/09.

State of Alaska v. Noah Shoogukwruk (2/24/84); Disorderly Conduct; Date of offense: 7/18/09; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 3 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 3 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Nicholas William Tom (2/24/81); 2NO-07-457CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109422522; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to 3/1/10; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Nicholas William Tom (2/24/81); 2NO-07-634CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110825289; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 30 days, remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Ernest Apangalook (3/16/83); 2NO-09-255CR Count 1: Criminal Trespass 1°; Date of offense: 5/10/09; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: 2 (002); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 20 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 20 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Ernest Apangalook (3/16/83); 2NO-09-414CR Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 7/9/09; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: 2 (002); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC and consecutive to term in 2NO-09-255CR; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Reginald W. Lockwood (8/28/53); 2NO-08-516CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110126637; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, remanded into custody; The following seized items from case 2NO-09-334CR are forfeited to the State of Alaska: firearms.

State of Alaska v. Reginald Lockwood (8/28/53); 2NO-09-334CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Misconduct Involving Weapons 3°; Charge 002: Misconduct Involving Weapons 3°; Filed by the DAs Office 7/22/09.

State of Alaska v. Katrina Allison Toolie (5/3/87); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110127312; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer; Residence is subject to warrantless search for alcohol by any peace officer or probation officer upon reasonable suspicion; Shall serve the following jail term: 30 days, remanded into custody; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Harold Kiyuklook (2/13/77); False Information or Report; Date of offense: 7/21/09; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

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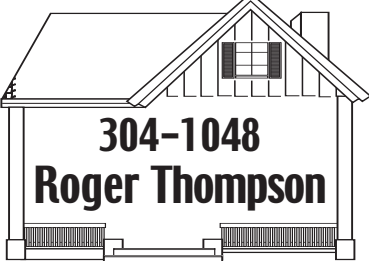


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KINGS OF THE MOUNTAIN—A herd of musk ox hold court on the top of a hill between Nome and Teller Aug. 3.

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## Communities to get \$1 million for energy funds

By Laurie McNicholas

The Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. board of directors established an energy fund of \$1 million for each member community July 31 during the final session of a four-day meeting in Nome.

The company represents 15 Bering Strait communities in the Western Alaska Community Development Program.

During a meeting in April in Unalakleet, the NSEDC board granted \$1 million to the Unalakleet Valley Electric Cooperative to supplement state funding for a wind farm. The cooperative had requested \$8.8 million from the Alaska Energy Authority's renewable energy fund, but was awarded only \$4 million.

At the April meeting, board member Don Stiles of Nome initially made a motion for NSEDC to donate \$1.3 million to UVEC's wind farm project. Several board members objected to the move, complaining that some of the company's member communities receive more benefits than do others.

Board Chairman Dan Harrelson of White Mountain told them that he and NSEDC's Chief Executive Officer Janis Ivanoff had discussed setting up a fund to provide \$1 million to each of NSEDC's member communities to help them address high energy costs. He also suggested amending Stiles' motion to reduce the UVEC

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## Council wants independent look at Rock Creek proposal

*Study of wastewater line to sewage lagoon approved*

By Laurie McNicholas

During its Aug. 10 meeting, the Nome Common Council unanimously approved a motion by Councilwoman Mary Knodel for an independent study of a proposal to pipe water from behind a tailings dam at the Rock Creek Mine to the city's sewage lagoon. The mine is closed, but is may resume operation in the future.

Knodel wants the council to work with an engineer independent of the mining company and

Nome Joint Utility System to resolve questions about the proposed project, including these: What will the wastewater actually do to the city's sewage ponds? Are the ponds big enough to accommodate the wastewater from the mine? Will the project cost or save money for the City? Is the current operations permit for the sewage lagoon adequate for the proposed wastewater project?

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**MAKING A RUN FOR IT**—Trenton Ellison, playing for Nome GCI, runs for third base in a softball game played against the Nome Eskimo Community team Aug. 6.

## Elementary, Nome-Beltz still struggling

*Superintendent Wehde says closer look at the numbers shows improvements*

By Tyler Rhodes

On their face, the results are stark. For the second year in a row, Nome's elementary and junior/senior high schools ranked at the bottom of the state's yearly assessment for school performance. In what the state

dubs "adequate yearly progress," or AYP, the two schools have worked their way to, and remained at, a level 5 ranking—the most severe on the scale of 1-5.

The AYP yardstick measures how students in the state's schools score on math, reading and writing tests given over three days each April. The percentage of students in grades 3-10 deemed proficient in the categories largely determines if a school is said to make AYP. Other items such as graduation rates, attendance and improvement over a previous year's results also factor into AYP.

Of the five entities that comprise the Nome Public School District, three missed the AYP mark. In addition to the elementary and junior/senior high schools, the Nome Youth Facility was also given a failing

grade. Superintendent Jon Wehde, however, believes the assessment of the youth facility was done in error since the failing grade appears to be based solely on its graduation rate.

For most of its students, the school is a temporary situation, serving youth remanded to the facility by courts or law enforcement. Once students are released from the facility, they normally return to their home school. "Quite frankly nearly all students that are with us in the Nome Youth Facility eventually matriculate back at their home school site," Wehde said. "It's a rarity they graduate from the facility."

Wehde said he has contacted the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development to see if a mistake was made. "I think we just have a glitch," Wehde said. "[Graduation]

is not a significant factor in regard to the education at the facility. I'm not sure where that came from."

The other two elements within the district, the Extensions Correspondence School and Anvil City Science Academy, both made the grade in terms of AYP. The Extensions program serves seven home-schooled students. The academy is the district's charter school serving students in fifth through eighth grades.

Anvil City was the bright spot in the district with 95 percent or more of its students scoring proficient in reading and writing, and 90 percent scoring proficient in math. "We saw a typical high performance by the Anvil City Science Academy. We are certainly proud of that," Wehde said. "It's very indicative of their past performances."

Even with the district's largest two schools at the bottom of the rankings, Wehde still sees glimmerings of improvement in the numbers. "I'm encouraged, but I'm definitely not satisfied," he said of the overall results. While the bottom line for the state may be whether a school makes or does not make AYP in all the given categories, the assessments provide the schools with more than just a pass/fail grade.

For Nome Elementary, scores in the language sections of the test improved enough for the school to make AYP in that category. The school scored 59 percent proficient in language in 2007-2008 and did not make AYP. Overall in the last school year, the school scored 61 percent

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# Sobocienski officially named Sitnasuak President and CEO

After leading Nome’s Native corporation in an interim status since this spring, Trudy Sobocienski has been officially named the president and chief executive officer of Sitnasuak Native Corp.

By moving into the president’s seat, Sobocienski is required to give up her seat on the Native corporation’s board of directors per a recently enacted rule barring employees from being board mem-

bers. To that end, Sitnasuak is soliciting applicants to fill the open position. The term held by Sobocienski expires in May 2011.

Sobocienski was appointed interim president and CEO after Robert Fagerstrom left the position. Neither Fagerstrom nor other company officials have said why the change in leadership occurred. Fagerstrom is also a former board member.

Sobocienski’s departure from the board does not change its leadership structure. Crystal Andersen-Booth remains board chair, Neal Foster is first vice chair, Wendell (Mike) Wassmann is second vice chair, Jeannie Yuman is treasurer and Janice Doherty is secretary. Other board members are Homer Hoogendorn, Andrew Miller Jr., Jacob Ahwinona, Helen Bell and Perry Mendenhall.

Sitnasuak is accepting letters of intent and filled-out nominee information questionnaires until Aug. 21. The questionnaire can be obtained at the corporation’s office next to Bonanza Express off Bering Street.



Photo by Peggy Fagerstrom  
**PULLING STRINGS**—Amy Adcox adjusts tomato vines at the Northwest Campus gardening class at the high school complex in late July.

Letters to the editor must be signed and include an address and phone number. Thank yous and political endorsements are considered ads.

## Editorial

### It’s Worse Than the Party Line

Last week the US Senate approved Sonia Sotomayor’s nomination to the Supreme Court. Alaska Senator Lisa Murkowski voted against Sotomayor’s appointment. Not only did she hold to party lines, but she also went around the bend with her explanation. Perhaps we could understand Murkowski’s reluctance to vote for a liberal, but her reasons sounded like she was channeling Sarah Palin. However, even Palin wouldn’t have been so venomous.

Murkowski went on a rant against East Coast people who were educated in East Coast liberal universities who just don’t understand Alaskans and our love of assault rifles. Let’s let that cool off a bit. Where does the Murkowski family live? Isn’t it Washington, D.C.? Isn’t that someplace east of the Mississippi River? Did she get a liberal education? Why do the Republicans always have to crank out half-cocked fears of gun legislation? Who are they trying to scare? Why such a diatribe against liberals in the name of Alaskans? Some Alaskans are proud of being raised on the East Coast, and some of us are proud of being educated at an East Coast university which is probably less liberal than a West Coast university. Yes, some Alaskans are liberals but more are moderates and a lot are even Democrats. However, the conservatives don’t seem to know the difference.

Senator Murkowski should know better than to take such a cheap shot in the name of Alaskans. This is a time when our nation can do without such divisive comments. The old party line routine is understandable for an old party line thinker, but the vindictiveness against East Coast liberals is strange. How do they differ from West Coast liberals? Such narrow-minded comments from an Alaska senator are quite disturbing. Maybe Senator Murkowski can fire her speechwriter, but she really needs to broaden her vision. — N.L.M. —

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## The Corner Office

### 2009 Arctic Economic Development Summit What does it take to start a business? By Jason Evans

These owners brought up the three most important items when starting a business. 1. Save money prior to starting your business. 2. Have enough savings to survive until your business can support your family. 3. Keep your accounting straight and pay your taxes. If you take these three steps, it does not matter what type of business you start, you will be more likely to succeed.

I recently moderated a panel of private business owner from across the arctic at the 2009 Arctic Economic Development Summit held in Point Hope last month. The conference is a joint production put on by the Northwest Arctic Borough and the North Slope Borough and goes for several days on topics ranging from Small Business to Resource Development to Partnering with the State and Federal Government. The theme of the conference was Two Regions, One People, No Boundaries.

A few of the business owners I worked with were FBX, the largest freight handler based in Kotzebue; Morris Trading, a 50-year-old grocery store in Noorvik, and Aarigaa Java, the northern most espresso drive through in the world based in Barrow.

Each person gave personal accounts of what it took to start, run and operate their businesses in rural Alaska. Most of them were nervous to talk to the crowd of 200 plus people filling the Point Hope school gym and the

hundreds more on the radio, but they had the crowd captivated with telling stories on the small details and nuances of running a business.

Olanan Rexford, the owner of Aarigaa Java talked about saving his Native Corporation and Alaska PFD dividends for several years as he planned to start his business. “We sacrificed for our future” he told the crowd. Rexford also added starting a business makes your prioritize what you do with your money.

Morris Trading Company was started more than 50 years ago by Minnie Morris and her husband. She said they wanted to start a small store by selling candy bars, but she added they had independent income from outside employment. They used all of the profits to grow the company for several years before using or depending on any of the profits. Now they are one of the largest village based stores in the Northwest region.

Marcy Fairbanks from FBX said “the most important parts of running a business is bookkeeping and paying your taxes”. Fairbanks said, “Taxes always need to be paid; you might bring cash in today and you must put it aside to pay taxes in the future.”

*The Corner Office is a column written by Jason Evans, a business and financial consultant. Mr. Evans has extensive expertise in business and finance. He was born and raised in Nome, Alaska and may be reached at jevans@financialalaska.com*

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F	08/14	04:19 a.m. LDT	0.6L	10:19 a.m. LDT	1.5H	05:59 p.m. LDT	0.2L		
Sa	08/15	12:39 a.m. LDT	1.0H	04:51 a.m. LDT	0.7L	10:49 a.m. LDT	1.5H	06:57 p.m. LDT	0.1L
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**YES VOTE**—Nome Sen. Donnie Olson takes a break during the Aug. 10 special joint session of the Alaska Legislature. Olson gave a “yes” vote to override former Gov. Sarah Palin’s veto which refused to accept \$28 million in federal energy stimulus funds.

# Legislature nixes Palin’s veto on energy funds

**By Diana Haecker**  
When the state legislature convened for a special session Aug. 10 at the Egan Center in Anchorage, the senators and representatives had to navigate a crowd of protesters loudly demanding a “no” vote.  
Protesters waved signs and took over the sidewalk in front of the Egan Center on Fifth Avenue, thumping “No” signs in the legislators’ faces. Some of them stopped to look at the signs that read, “WE the people say NO,” “Sovereignty yes, slush funds no,” “Do not sell us out for \$28 mil!” One man wore a T-shirt depicting former Gov. Sarah Palin and the words, “Sarah, we still love you.”  
Other legislators, visibly annoyed, walked by and into the building to the chorus of “Vote no, vote no, vote no.”

Demonstrators on the other side of the issue quietly held their signs up, showing support for “Energy funds AK jobs” or “Efficiency makes cents.”  
A few hours later, the House and Senate voted in a 45-14 vote to override former Palin’s veto to accept \$28.6 million in federal energy stimulus funds. It was a close affair, as the law requires a 75 percent vote to override a governor’s veto. The money is meant to weatherize homes and invest in energy-efficient projects. Palin rejected the funds in May on the grounds that they would come with strings attached. She asserted that these strings would allow the “feds” to dictate energy efficient building standards on Alaskan cities and communities. A third of the Senate and a third of the House representatives

spoke their minds, and did so mostly in favor of overriding the veto.  
The ensuing debate Aug. 10 centered on whether or not the strings are a myth or reality. Senator and resource committee co-chair Bill Wielechowski (D-Anchorage) said that in his travels around Alaska, he had heard pleas for help from Alaskans. Regarding the assertion that in return for the \$28.6 million, the state has to adopt or impose energy-efficient building standards, Wielechowski said that after seeking the Department of Energy’s clarification, the energy department sent a letter to Alaska legislators to confirm that Alaska does not have to “adopt, impose or enforce a statewide building

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### August 13 - August 19, 2009

EVENT	PLACE	TIME
<b>Thursday, August 13</b>		
<b>Northland Services - Anchorage deadline, see the ad on page 8 for more details.</b>		
<b>Triple Threat Basketball - contact Melissa or Niaomi at 443-2246 for more info.</b>		
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*Preschool Story Hour	Kegoayah Library	10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 6:30 p.m.
*Denali Kid Care/ Medicaid	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Swimming Lessons	Pool	4 p.m. - 5p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*SIDS Awareness Project	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Pilgrim Hot Spings meeting	Polar Cafe'	7 p.m.
*Beginning Baton with Jay	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
*Swing Dancing with Seiji	Nome Rec Center	7:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.

<b>Friday, August 14</b>		
<b>Alaska Logistics Voyage 9005 Seattle deadline, see the ad on page 10 for more details.</b>		
<b>Triple Threat Basketball - contact Melissa or Niaomi at 443-2246 for more info.</b>		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 4 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50
*Smoking Awareness Class	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Nutrition class	Prematernal Home	3 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Ruslan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Adult Drop-in Soccer	Nome Rec Center	8 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.

<b>Saturday, August 15</b>		
*UMW Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 8 p.m.
*Having Your Baby video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*STD- The Key to Prevention video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

<b>Sunday, August 16</b>		
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Winning Against FAS video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Teen Breast Feeding video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*AA: Big Book Study	HR Conf. Room, NSHC	6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

<b>Monday, August 17</b>		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Morning Laps	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 10 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.
*Feeding Your Child video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Beginning Yoga with Kari	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Baby's First Month video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
<b>City Surplus Equipment bids due</b>	<b>City Office</b>	<b>5 p.m. (see ad pg 13)</b>
*Tae Kwon Do with Ruslan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Drop-in Volleyball	Nome Rec Center	7:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*NCC Regular Meeting	Council chambers	7:30 p.m.
*AA Meeting "Big Book Study"	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.

<b>Tuesday, August 18</b>		
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*Preschool Story Hour	Kegoayah Library	10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	noon - 1 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	1 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Birth Control video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Contraception-Know Your Options vid.	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Water Aerobics with Liz	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*AA Teleconference: 1-800-914-3396	(CODE: 3534534#)	7 p.m.
*NPC Regular Meeting	Council Chambers	7 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
<b>Nome Joint Utility System reg mtg</b>	<b>Council Chambers</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
*Adult Drop-in Soccer	Nome Rec Center	8 p.m. - 10 p.m.

<b>Wednesday, August 19</b>		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Morning Laps	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*WIC Class	Prematernal Home	11 a.m.
*Rotary Club	Airport Pizza	noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 10 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.
*The First Year Lasts Forever video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Ruslan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Hello Central (also on Channel 98)	Nome Visitors Center	7:30 p.m.
*AA Meeting	BHS Bldg. 2nd floor	8 p.m.

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## • Test scores

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proficient. Despite being well under the state's bar, which is set at 77 percent for last year, the improvement was enough to pass under a provision the state calls "safe harbor."

That same provision allowed subsets of the school's population to make AYP in certain categories. Economically disadvantaged students, which account for the majority of the elementary school's population, scored proficient in language. Two years ago, that segment did not make AYP in language, with only 48 percent scoring proficient. In the most recent school year, 55 percent of the economically disadvantaged students scored proficient, allowing the district to make AYP under the safe harbor provision.

In the area of math, the elementary school overall remained relatively flat, dropping slightly from 55 percent scoring proficient two years ago to 54 percent last year. Overall, the school did not make AYP in that category. Again the school saw a jump in the scores of economically disadvantaged students—to 55 percent proficient from 48 percent before—earning it AYP for that segment due to the safe harbor provision. "I'm particularly encouraged at where the economically disadvantaged cohorts posted in each building, [Nome-Beltz and the elementary]," Wehde said.

Wehde expects the trend of improving scores to continue. "Over the last three years, we've been gathering up more of our marginal students and moving them across the line," he said. "That's where the majority of our Nome Elementary kids reside...they are near misses."

Wehde says the improvements are not happenstance. "We're working

proficient. Two years ago, through the safe harbor provision, it made the grade in math with 52 percent testing proficient. Last year only 51 percent scored proficient, causing the school to not meet AYP. In language, however, 58 percent scored proficient last year, marking a large enough improvement over the 56 percent from two years ago to grant the school safe harbor AYP.

The high school's graduation rate also showed an uptick with 71.4 percent receiving diplomas last year compared to 67 percent the year before.

While making AYP under the current guidelines has proved unattainable for Nome's two largest schools, the effort is made even more difficult each year as the standards become more stringent. Like running a race where the finish line keeps getting extended farther down the course, the percentage of students who must score proficient keeps getting increased over time.

At the dawning of the No Child Left Behind Act, 64 percent of students had to score proficient in language and nearly 55 percent had to do so in math. This school year, like last year, the numbers are 77 percent for language and 66 percent for math. For the 2010-2011 school year, the percentages jump to nearly 83 percent for language and 74 percent for math. By 2013, 100 percent of students are required to score proficient for a school to make AYP.

### Bering Strait schools see mixed results

With 15 schools in its widespread district, the Bering Strait School District experienced a variety of results from the state testing. Approximately half of the district's schools made the grade, while those that fell short trailed the state's standards at varying levels. Making AYP were the Anthony A.

gion not making AYP are by far no anomaly in the state. Of the state's 505 schools, 224 did not make the grade for 2008-2009. The list of schools not making AYP covers both urban and rural parts of the state.

### Goals and consequences

Each year that a school does not make AYP causes it to drop another rung in the level ranking until it hits level 5. With those levels comes consequences under the No Child Left Behind Act.

In the initial levels, the requirements call for developing and implementing a school improvement plan. Parents are notified of the school's ranking. As the schools drop deeper into the level system, the schools are required to offer parents the choice of another school or supplemental education services if another school is not available. Some of the consequences of hitting and remaining at level 5 sound nearly draconian. At their most severe, the rules can call for the removal and replacement of a school's teachers and the operation of the facility turned over to a management company or the state.

Nome Superintendent Wehde said such extreme measures are not feasible and unlikely in rural Alaska where staffing can be a challenge. "Am I expecting any overt consequences from the state, no," he said. "We're still functioning at a status where we're making changes in our infrastructure."

It is unknown currently what the state may ask of the area schools remaining at level five.

For Nome's schools, he said the state in past years has performed a "desk audit" process which has involved a thorough review of the improvement plans written for the elementary and junior/senior high schools as well as other areas of their operation. "They're going to compare where we came from, what kind of growth we've had, and then go down and see what we placed in our school improvement plans," he said.

Some districts have experienced more direct involvement from the state. "There are a handful of districts where the state has intervened and put a state specialist on site," Wehde said. "The state is there to support us and monitor us."

Coming on the heels of the report, Wehde said the district is entering the coming school year with a new philosophy. "We're going to make this the year of the individual," he said.

Wehde said that philosophy applies to a number of areas, be it students, parents or teachers. He said one of the benefits of the annual testing and the No Child Left Behind Act is that the district now has seven years of data on its students which can help target educational efforts to better serve each student. That work will fall on the teachers as well as parents, he said. "We have the ability now to coach parents critically with homework," he said.

As the new school year gets underway, Wehde said the schools will focus on the work which needs to be done to move the test scores more in line with where the state wants to see them. He also said that improvement will not come at the expense of the elements of school that round out a student's experience and make them want to come back each day. "There's a lot of work to do, but we want to do it in such a fashion that it doesn't extinguish the love of learning," he said.

*"We're working with students who are just missing by inches. We were missing by miles seven years ago."*

**— Superintendent Jon Wehde**

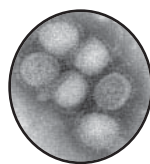
with students who are just missing by inches. We were missing by miles seven years ago," he said. "It's a reason to be encouraged. Now we know we're heading in the right direction. The programs made over the last few years are beginning to bear fruit." Wehde said those efforts include summer school and bringing on extra staff at the elementary school to target students who need more help.

Nome-Beltz Junior/Senior High saw a flip in areas where it was deemed

Andrews School in St. Michael, James C. Isabell School in Teller, Koyuk-Malemute School, Martin L. Olson School in Golovin, Shishmaref School, Unalakleet School and White Mountain School.

The schools in Elim, Brevig Mission, Diomedes, Gambell, Savoonga, Shaktoolik, Stebbins and Wales did not make AYP for the last school year. Of those, Elim, Gambell, Savoonga and Stebbins were at a level 5.

The schools in Nome and the re-



## Flu Season Preparedness

The City of Nome Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) has monitored the status of the swine flu (H1N1) influenza outbreak since April. At the start of the summer, the LEPC in cooperation with Norton Sound Health Corporation mailed brochures to every box holder in Nome and the Bering Straits Region. The information contained in these brochures is still up to date.

Since school will be starting in a few weeks, you may be wondering what you can do to help curtail the rapid spread of influenza during the upcoming flu season.

- **Wash your hands** frequently with warm water and soap for 15-30 seconds or use hand sanitizer.
- **Cover your mouth** and nose when you cough and sneeze, then wash your hands if your hands were used.
- **Stay at home** when you are sick, and keep your children at home if they are sick. Don't go to work or send your children to school or public areas when you or our children are sick.
- **Don't touch** your nose, mouth or eyes with your hands; if you do, wash your hands.
- **Avoid hugging**, shaking hands or kissing others if you or the other person is ill.
- **If you are ill** with flu-like symptoms, which include coughing, sneezing, body aches, fever, headaches and chills, contact your local health clinic for instructions and possibly an appointment.
- **Be prepared** for the flu season by following the guidelines provided in the brochure you received in May regarding H1N1. Additional brochures are available at City Hall and Public Health Nursing.

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## • Council

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According to a report published July 30 in *The Nome Nugget*, Alaska Gold Co. needs to dispose of more than 130 million gallons of treated tailings water currently stored in a large pond at the Rock Creek Mine several miles north of Nome. The company proposes to carry the water through a heat-traced and insulated pipeline over the tundra to the sewage lagoon. From there it would be piped to the Bering Sea.

### Mining permit approved

The council adopted a resolution to issue a permit to Mitch Erickson for the 2009 mining season. The permit allows Erickson or his agent, Lawrence Essad, to operate a gravel spoils pile removal operation within the Moonlight Wells Protection area from which Nome draws its drinking water.

"The permit application covers stockpiling and screening of gravels for a future commercial materials site," the permit reads. "This permit does not include processing gravels for ore and establishment of waste facilities, holding ponds, etc., as part of any ore extraction activities."

The Acting City Engineer, Bristol Environmental & Engineering Services, reviewed the application and prepared a draft Moonlight Wells Permit based upon Best Management Practices, the resolution states.

The permit stipulates the following BMP for depth of cuts for gravel spoils pile removal: "The proposed gravel removal activity is within 750 feet of the Moonlight Wells well house. The proposed gravel spoils pile removal work shall be conducted so that there is no excavation into natural ground, and that only the spoil piles on top will be removed. There should be close monitoring of the gravel removal activities; if the gravels extracted include natural ground—the removal excavation should stop..."

The draft permit was made available for public comment from July 20 to Aug. 6. The city received no written comments about the proposed permit, and the council received no comments at the public hearing prior to approving the permit.

Councilman Stan Andersen asked Erickson what materials he plans to remove from the site. Erickson said the materials are 200,000 yards of tailings piles from the Gold Rush era.

"The permit says you can't go through natural ground," Anderson noted.

"It's 100 percent mine tailings from previous years," Erickson replied. "No [natural] ground will be disturbed."

Knodel asked Public Works Director Bill Angus whether he had inspected the permit site. "Yes," Angus said. "There is no existing machinery or anything out there at all."

### Other council actions

Following a public hearing on an ordinance to issue a land use permit to the Nome Sportsman Association for the Sunset Firing Range, the council approved minor amendments

to the ordinance and then adopted it as amended. Erickson, Jeff Darling and Keith Conger made comments in favor of the ordinance during the public hearing. No one spoke in opposition to the permit.

The Sunset Firing Range contains about 43 acres and is located at mile 9 of the Nome-Teller Highway. The Nome Sportsman Association will use the range to provide hunter safety training for the community, and recreational and competitive shotgun, rifle, pistol and archery shooting activities.

The city agreed to allow the association non-exclusive use of the range for a two-year period from Aug. 11, 2009 through June 30, 2011 for a fee of \$1.

The council adopted a resolution designating water and sewer infrastructure improvements, specifically the replacement and expansion of the scialcore system in the east quadrant of Nome, as the community's No. 1 local state funding priority for 2010.

### Nome DVD wins Emmy

"There's No Place Like Nome," a DVD produced by the Nome Convention and Visitor's Bureau, won a 2009 Emmy Award for Cinematography, reports NCVB Director Mitch Erickson. He said the award was presented to Richard Cooper, producer and director of photography for the video, by the Northwest Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Science in June. Richard Beneville was casting and creative director for the video, and Erickson was one of the executive producers.

In a written report to City Manager Josie Bahnke and the council, Erickson noted a decline in tourism in interior Alaska and in Nome this summer.

"Locally, one hotel property stated they are down 20 percent from last year," he wrote. "Several birding tours either cancelled or combined packages, and the independents have cancelled due to the economy. One tour company reports business down by 25 percent. The majority of the business decline is family members not coming to Nome to visit relatives. We had anticipated seven cruise ships coming to Nome this summer. Two have since cancelled and the two cruise ships that have stopped in Nome, the *Spirit of Oceanus* and the *Clipper Odyssey*, sailed at occupancy levels of 72 percent and 64 percent, respectively. Total cruise passengers were around 312."

Erickson said the NVCB is advertising for a new tourism director with extensive knowledge of Nome and the Bering Strait region. "Our new website, [www.visitnomealaska.com](http://www.visitnomealaska.com), is now online but still undergoing some final edits, updates and modifications," he said.

### Upcoming election

Nome resident Tim Smith reminded council members that the Nome seat on the Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. board of directors will be up for election this October. Nome is one of NSEDC's 15 member communities.

Smith provided each council member with a copy of a judgment issued Dec. 6, 1994 by the state Superior Court, Second Judicial District at Nome in a civil case Smith brought against NSEDC. The judgment included three options from which voters chose the following method for selecting an NSEDC representative from their community: "2) Election at a regularly held municipal election by anyone residing in the community who is eligible to vote in a municipal election."

"Remember the problem with the 2006 election," Smith said. "It's important to clear up the rules well ahead of the 2009 election." He said the provisions in the 1994 court judgment for electing representatives of NSEDC's member communities still stand.

In the 2006 election for the NSEDC Nome representative, Adem Boeckmann garnered the most votes, followed by Louis Green Jr. Boeckmann, however, was disqualified because he resides outside Nome's municipal boundaries. Smith and Green are among those who believe the election should have been awarded to Green as the next highest vote-getter.

However, in a complex series of actions, the 2006 election for Nome's NSEDC board member was nullified. Nome's incumbent NSEDC board member Don Stiles, who had decided not to run in the 2006 election, continued to serve in that capacity while the company arranged for a second election. Stiles ran in the second election in February 2007 and defeated Green. Then the NSEDC board changed the company's bylaws to allow individuals who reside outside the municipal boundaries of a community to run in an election for that community's board seat.

Mayor Denise Michels told Smith Aug. 10 the city had received a letter with proposed changes from NSEDC's Chief Executive Officer Janis Ivanoff and had forwarded it to the city's attorney. "They did make bylaws changes," Michels said.

"Their bylaws don't control the election," Smith replied. "It's still under the court judgment."

City Clerk Sandy Sturgis-Babcock asked Smith to clarify a comment he made to her in an earlier conversation about the eligibility of a candidate and the eligibility of a voter. Smith

said the same rules apply to the election of NSEDC board members that apply to the election of Nome Joint Utility System board members.

Michels said a copy of the document Smith provided to council members will be faxed to the city's attorney for review.

All members of the council were present at the Monday meeting except for Neal Foster.

### Floodplain study meeting

A public meeting to review the City of Nome's floodplain study is scheduled Aug. 26 from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, according to Michael J. Riedy, floodplain management specialist for the Federal Emergency Management Agency. This will be the final Flood Insurance Community Coordination Officer meeting for the study.

Results of the new Flood Insurance Study and Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps, dated Oct. 31, 2008, will be presented. The study is the primary tool used under the National Flood Insurance Program and insurance industry to regulate floodplain development and rate flood insurance policies.

## Planners approve little Darling

By Sandra L. Medearis

City planners have given a preliminary nod to a small subdivision south of the Nome-Beltz school complex.

The bulk of Darling Creek Subdivision would lay west of Center Creek Road and north of Anvil Mountain Correctional Center. The land is owned by NovaGold Resources.

The subdivision qualifies for an abbreviated plat procedure, meaning after it has been surveyed and a final plat drawn up, it can go directly to City Hall for approval, without stopping at

the Nome Planning Commission table for approval. The action separates a 6.25-acre lot from remaining Parcel A-1 of more than 100 acres. The smaller piece, at 6.25 acres, lies across the road from the correctional center.

The panel waived the planning commission review at its Aug. 4 meeting, pending a percolation test and correction of typos on the documents. According to surveyor George Krier, the shortcut was legal because the subdivision met five requirements: lots five acres or larger, legal and physical

access to public street or highway for each lot, single lot subdivided into no more than four lots, does not require any street right-of-way issues, and does not require vacation of public land or variance from subdivision regulations. Krier attended by telephone.

A "percolation test" determines the rate of absorption by soil for a septic drain field onsite.

In other business, the commission decided to keep the same officers for another year. Irene Anderson was retained as chairwoman.



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**SPLISH SPLASH**—Members of the Nome-Beltz cross country team wash off after practice with a plunge into the chilly Bering Sea Aug. 8.



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grant from \$1.3 million to \$1 million.

NSEDC's 2008 budget does not include monies for the UVEC project, so Harrelson asked Ivanoff how the grant would be funded. She said the money would come from one of the company's escrow accounts.

On July 30 during a meeting of the full board, Harrelson said the executive committee had discussed a community energy fund proposal prepared by staff, adding that the funds could be used for a feasibility study, not just an alternative energy project. He said the committee had taken no action on the proposal and recommended that the full board review it.

Stiles asked that a resolution be drafted for consideration by the board during the July meeting to establish an energy fund of \$1 million for each community. The next day the board approved Stiles' motion to adopt the resolution based on the staff's proposal. Stiles thanked the board and staff for creating the community energy fund to offset high energy costs and help solve economic woes. "...I look forward to the energy problem being smashed," he added.

Golovin rock quarry study

The Golovin Native Corp. submitted a proposal to the NSEDC board requesting \$206,000 to conduct the first phase of a feasibility study for a rock quarry. Golovin board member Dean Peterson said development of the quarry would create jobs in the community. He introduced Peter Olson of GNC to the board, noting that Olson has worked on the proposed project since it began.

Olson said GNC had an engineer and geologist look at the proposed rock quarry in 2005 and hired an engineer from URS Corp. for a feasibility study in 2006. URS will conduct a full feasibility study and develop a business plan for the project, which will cost \$1.14 million before the first dirt is turned, he added.

Olson said GNC, which has contributed \$28,000 for the study, hopes to complete the first eight tasks for \$235,505. The rock at the proposed quarry site located 1.5 miles east of Golovin on land owned by GNC is of higher grade and harder than rock from Cape Nome, he said. Olson said Kawerak has told GNC it will contribute up to \$120,000 for the study.

Harrelson said Golovin and White Mountain

*“I see tenders and thousands and thousands of dollars for the southern communities and nothing for the northern communities.”*

– NSEDC Board Member Joe Garnie, Teller

hope to establish a wind turbine system between the two communities to provide energy to both of them. "A gravel source at Golovin would give us a good road to it," he added. "Golovin is threatened by global warming and a rock quarry would help [the community] build a wall."

"For erosion control, yes," Olson said.

Harvey Sookiayak of Shaktoolik made a motion to approve the GNC funding request, seconded by Fred Katcheak of Unalakleet.

"I appreciate their work on this," Stiles said. "I recognize it's out of [the budget] cycle." He said he is supporting the request, but he asked board members not to get into the habit of making funding requests outside the budget cycle.

"The timing is critical," Harrelson replied.

Stiles asked where funding for the request will come from in the budget.

"A budget amendment is needed," Ivanoff said.

The board unanimously approved the GNC funding request for \$206,000.

Port Clarence test fishery

Board members reviewed a proposal developed for a test fishery this summer in the Port Clarence and Teller areas by Charlie Lean, NSEDC's director of Fisheries Research and Development.

Ivanoff and Simon Kinneen, NSEDC's chief operating officer, emphasized that the proposed test fishery is a minor part of a feasibility study approved by the board at their April meeting to help residents of Brevig Mission, Little Diomedes, Teller and Wales be-

come Bering Sea fishermen.

Lean said he has ordered 15 sets of long line gear, part of which will be distributed among Teller and Brevig Mission fishermen to fish for halibut, cod and pollock. He suggested fishing from small boats near shore at Port Clarence and the entrance to Grantley Harbor. Lean said he is trying to arrange for a couple of charter trips for trainees farther out in the Bering Sea with experienced fishermen who own 30-foot boats.

"To catch halibut you need an Internet-connected buying station," he noted. "We have one at Savoonga and Unalakleet." He said it's not practical to go from Teller to Nome with the catch, so the test fishery needs to be a subsistence fishery.

Lean said he has budgeted \$37,000 to pay for long line gear, charter trips, \$100 for each fisherman to help with gas costs, and a global positioning system for each of them. Fishers who participate in the test fishery can keep the long line gear and the fish they catch in exchange for providing data on the location and species of fish harvested, he added.

"We live in an economically depressed area where two families together own a boat," said board member Joe Garnie of Teller. "One boat might take a trip in a day to a berry area. I doubt if they will give a boat to one or two individuals in the family to [use in a test fishery]. So I see it as a failure for lack of outboards and boats."

"It may be a better incentive to pay these guys to go to work," Harrelson said. "Will our insurance cover them on a charter boat? Will

wages attract good guys?"

"Yes, we have some guys who have fished in Nome," Garnie replied. "There are not enough boats to go around in the community."

Lean said a Nome fisherman has offered to bring his skiff to Teller to fish with local residents. "I chose the subsistence route to avoid legal problems," he noted. Lean explained that commercially harvested halibut must get to Nome for processing in the same boat in which it was caught.

"We are mostly interested in the halibut fishery," said board member Reggie Barr of Brevig Mission.

"We're between a rock and a hard spot," Garnie said. "I'm more than grateful, but we have no boats. I see megabucks poured into [NSEDC's processing] plants. I'm literally going to ask you for boats and motors.... I see tenders and thousands and thousands of dollars for the southern communities and nothing for the northern communities."

Stiles said the only thing to do is buy the boats. He said the boats should be longer than 18 feet, and he suggested buying 22-foot salmon skiffs.

"If we use them in the test fishery and then make them available through the loan program," Harrelson said. NSEDC provides a revolving loan program for fishermen to buy boats, motors, nets and other gear.

"We have two very nice trailers NSEDC gave Teller, and a loader," Garnie said, adding that the trailers and loader need minor repairs.

"We have an existing boat loan [program]," noted board member Charles Saccheus of Elim. "Why don't they go through the same process just like other fishing villages?"

"We want to be sure enough fish are there to pay off a loan," Harrelson said. "I'd hate to buy a \$30,000 boat and then find no fish."

Stiles made a motion to buy four vessels for the Port Clarence fishery at a cost of \$25,000 for each vessel. The motion was amended to add Lean's \$37,000 budget for the fishery, and the board approved the motion as amended for \$137,000.

"Do you need a budget amendment?" Sookiayak asked Lean. "Yes," Lean replied, adding that he is not sure how soon he can get the boats to Nome.

In answer to a question from Harrelson, Lean said the boats will be shared in the communities.

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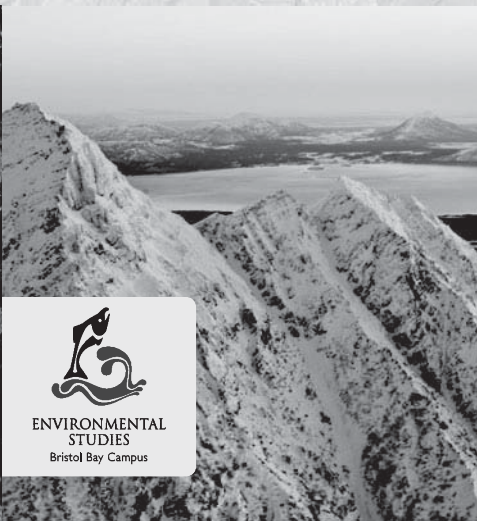
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## • Legislature

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code” to qualify for the energy stimulus money. All that is asked for in return is that the state promotes cities and communities to adopt their own energy efficiency codes. Wielechowski said that the only strings in his interpretation of the letter are “responsibility and accountability.”

“In fact, 92 percent of Alaskans already live in communities that have adopted international energy efficiency building codes,” Wielechowski said.

Rep. Bryce Edgmon (D-Dillingham) pointed out that the weatherization program is an immediate way to save on energy and that the stimulus money could supply “badly needed funds for the Renewable Energy Alaska Project.” Rep. Bill Thomas (R-Haines) added that nobody talks about federal highway funds that are spent in Alaska despite the fact that there are numerous strings attached to those.

Sen. Lyman Hoffman (D-Bethel) added that Alaskans live in the coldest state in the union and that “we should be setting the standards in weatherization.”

On the other side of the aisle, politicians still believe in the imposition of building standards and insisted that acceptance of the energy stimulus funds would authorize feds to tell Alaskans how to build homes and public facilities. Rep. Wes Keller (R-Wasilla) asserted that acceptance of the money is going to ride the state deep into trouble. “It’s a lot of money, but we don’t want to walk into it because it will cost the state more money to walk into codes that haven’t even been written yet,” Keller said.

North Pole Republican Sen. John Coghill prophesied, “We will see more building codes that follow this money to Alaska.” He added that the Department of Energy and the language in the stimulus bill itself are sending conflicting messages and that there would be way too much federal control already. “In fact, I will be turning up my nose on more federal money,” Coghill announced.

The most fiery opposition speech on the floor came from Bob Lynn (R-Anchorage), who said that he, too, could not make sense out of the conflicting messages “from our friends in Washington.” Lynn said with his “no” vote, he wants to send a message to U.S. Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi “to keep your hands off and leave it up to us to figure out how we do things in Alaska.”

Anchorage Democrat Les Gara expressed his frustration with the former administration under Palin and that he did not get any answers out of the governor’s office when asking for what specific strings Palin took

offense to. Gara said that he had wished for an informed discussion with the executive rather than the reverting to “generalities.”

“Every single statement out of the governor’s office was a generality about the governor not wanting the feds to tell Alaska what to do,” he said.

Gara said energy efficient building and the money saved is the “single least expensive way to reduce energy costs.” But then there were those who changed their minds. Anchorage Republican Mike Hawker said he had initially been an outspoken critic of the energy stimulus money. “But my opinion has evolved,” he said. Hawker said that his office did thorough research and demystified the myth that the state has to adopt or impose building codes. Another legislator referred to the letter out of DoE as being written by a low-level bureaucrat, but Hawker said that the letter went through the entire DoE legal review process and has been OK’d by the general legal counsel for the Department of Energy.

Sen. Bob Herron (D-Bethel) simply said that his constituents have urged a “yes” vote. “I guess we should thank Gov. Palin for this veto because it brought a high level of intensity to this debate,” Herron said. He added that a few hours earlier, as he walked into the building, he witnessed a woman with a big “No” sign pestering a legislator to vote “no.” “She didn’t know that he will vote no, but I appreciate her passion about it,” he said.

Finally, Sen. Lesil McGuire, an Anchorage Republican and co-chair of the Senate’s Resource Committee, said that she understands the Republicans’ fear and skepticism of government. “But, having that said, I also want to point out that we work in partnership with the feds,” McGuire said.

Nome Rep. Richard Foster was absent from the session for medical reasons. Sen. Donnie Olson (D-Nome) voted “yes.” “No” votes to the energy stimulus funds came from Reps. John Coghill (R-North Pole), Anna Fairclough (R-Eagle River), Craig Johnson (R-Anchorage), Wes Keller (R-Wasilla), Mike Kelly (R-Fairbanks), Bob Lynn (R-Anchorage), Mark Neuman (R-Wasilla), Bill Stoltze (R-Chugiak) and Alan Austermann (R-Kodiak), opposing the 30 yeas. In the Senate, Fred Dyson (R-Eagle River), Charlie Huggins (R-Wasilla), Gene Therriault (R-North Pole), Thomas Wagoner (R-Kenai) and Con Bunde (R-Anchorage) opposed the 15 “yes” votes.

Prior to the vote to override Palin’s veto, the Legislature voted to accept Craig E. Campbell as the



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**SIGN OF THE TIMES**—The Alaska Legislature’s joint session proved cause for sign-wavers of all stripes to pound the pavement along Fifth Avenue in Anchorage Aug. 10. While some argued for and against the stimulus funds that were the subject of the session, others used the opportunity to debate t

Lieutenant Governor.

Before Senate president Gary Stevens (R-Kodiak) and House speaker Mike Chenault (R-Kenai)

called in the session, U.S. Congressman Don Young and his daughter were honored by the Alaska legislators and presented with an Alaska

flag for Young’s late wife Lu Young. In a tear-choked voice Don Young said that Lu left him with the reminder to serve Alaska and Alaskans.

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**JUNIOR RANGER FUN**—Kylie Deering participates in a National Park Service Junior Ranger activity on Friday, July 31.

## Park Rangers bring love of plants and animals to children

By Anna Hahn

Junior Rangers and Tundra Tots are the focus point of Rachel Gabryszak, a student from Buffalo State in New York.

Originally her college major was going to center on social work — but when Gabryszak applied for an intern position with Nome's Park Ranger Service, her plans took a 180° turn.

Now she is changing her major to conservation work, all because of her one summer in Nome.

"It's glorious in Nome—it kind of pulls you in... Now I want to spend all of my time outside. I want to work outside and stay out," said Gabryszak.

The programs Junior Rangers and Tundra Tots provide sessions for young children who wish to learn about the environment and animals.

Gabryszak leads the two weekly sessions.

For Tundra Tots, the younger group, Gabryszak provides different craft projects, songs and education on how different animals eat and keep warm.

When it comes to Junior Rangers, the older kids, the crafts may take more time and the animal and plant learning is more in depth.

Gabryszak will return to Buffalo State on the Aug. 17 and says she would love to return to Nome in the future.

As for Tundra Tots and Junior Rangers, a different intern will take Gabryszak's place next summer and continue with the program's educational outreach and hands-on learning.

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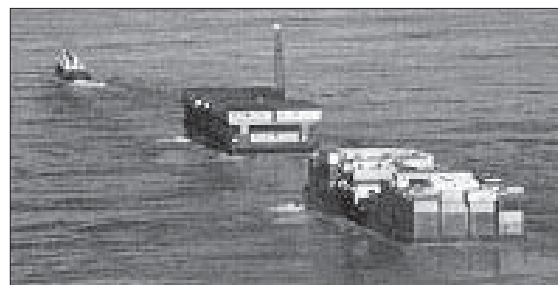


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**BAG OF BERRIES**—Girl Scouts member Bailey Schilbach braved the cold, overcast and windy weather to pick ripe salmonberries and blueberries on the tundra on Aug. 6th during Camp Jesse Bloom Extreme. Girl Scouts troop members, along with other girls from the community, traveled to the area about 5 miles outside of Kotzebue.

## Summertime in Nome and around the Sound!



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**GOT THE BLUES**—Lori Keller picks blueberries Aug. 2 near Cape Nome.



Photo by Keith Conger

**TRAFFIC JAM**—Mike, Sven and Stefan, three French world travelers, thought they would encounter little traffic on their backpacking trip along the Teller Highway. The trio found plenty of congestion on the road Aug. 6, however, in the form of a small herd of reindeer. They tried to get past the cluster several times before the animals reluctantly gave up the right-of-way.

## Someday they will go to Mars

By Nikki Polk

More than a dozen young Nomeites sent their gazes skyward Aug. 7, launching model rockets toward the stratosphere for DAWN's second annual rocket day. DAWN, Drugs Aren't Wanted in Nome, sponsored the follow-up event to last year's launch. With the help of Anvil City Science Academy teacher Todd Hindman, 16 participants built and launched their own rockets. The young rocketeers spent the first part of the day custom building each rocket.

After the glue dried, they put the engines in place and headed to the field east of the Nome Recreation Center. Some of the crafts soared 500 feet into the air. Some were taken by the wind when the chute deployed, and some went up and tumbled straight back down. After the launch, the rocketeers enjoyed ice cream sundaes and shared stories of their particular

rocket's fate.

DAWN sponsors other activities in Nome including free T-shirts during Red Ribbon Week

and the Halloween Happening.

The organization also supports other local youth activities with financial assistance.



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**READY FOR TAKEOFF**—John Wade, 9, shows excitement as he finishes building his rocket.



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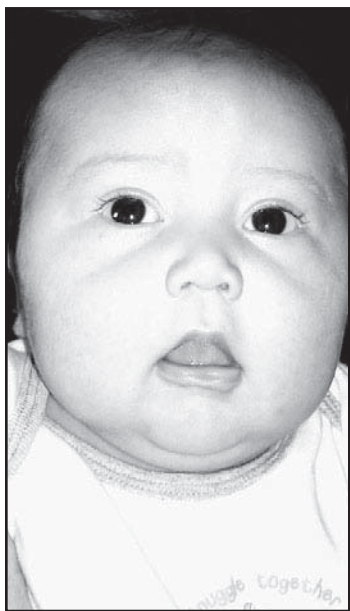
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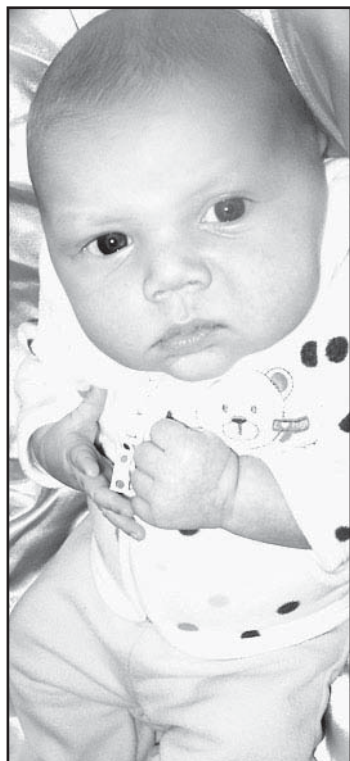
## New Arrivals

Heather D. Ongtowsruk and Daniel K. Angusuc of Nome announce the birth of their son **Kevin Riley Ongtowsruk** born May 6 at 11:52 p.m. He weighed 8 pounds, and was 20" in length. Siblings are Kiernan, 7, Owen, 3; and Patrick, 1. Maternal grandparents are Nora Brock of Nome and Warren Weyiouanna of Shishmaref. Paternal grandparents are Doris Angusuc and Dan Koonuk of Nome.



Kevin Riley Ongtowsruk

Kimberly R. Oxereok and Zachary R. Milligrock of Wales announce the birth of their daughter **Emily Sunny Oxereok** born July 31 at 6:38 p.m. She weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces, and was 20" in length. Siblings are Ernest, 8; Daniel, 6; and Jade, 4. Maternal grandparents are



Sawyer Earl David Ahjiinluq Niuqsiq Elliott

Clyde Oxereok of Wales. Paternal grandparents are the late Herbert Milligrock; and Roseleane Soolook of New Mexico.

Leeta Toshavik and Eric Elliott of Kenai announce the birth of their son **Sawyer Earl David Ahjiinluq Niuqsiq Elliott**, born July 12 at 6:11 a.m. He weighed 8 pounds, 3 ounces, and was 21.5 inches in length. Great maternal grandparents are Herbert and Lorena Paniptchuk of Unalakleet. Maternal grandparents are Glenda Toshavik and the late Earl Toshavik of Unalakleet. Paternal great-grandparents are Clay Gouge of Lavalette, West Virginia and Nancy Lewis of Milford, Delaware. Paternal grandparents are Bonnie Meadows of Nome, and Mike Meadows and Karen Bailey of Fairbanks.

## Nome man found dead in home

### No foul play suspected

A pair of visitors discovered a Nome resident dead in his home Saturday evening.

The discovery of Albert Kenneth Kowchee, 65, at 312 West 1st Ave. prompted the two acquaintances to call the Nome Police Department Aug. 8. Police say a subsequent investigation that lasted several hours revealed no indication of foul play. The results of the investigation were shared with the state Medical Examiner's Office, which, police say, determined no autopsy was necessary.

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# Saying it Sincerely

By Rev. David Elmore  
Community United Methodist Church  
For the Nome Ministerial Association  
Reference: John 6: 35, 41-51

In the 1985 film, *Back to the Future II*, Marty McFly and Dr. Emmett Brown travel ahead in time to 2015. In this movie we see a view of 2015 complete with flying cars and hoverboards – skateboards that hover rather than roll. When there, Marty sees his future family in ruins, and decides to buy a sports almanac and take it back with him to 1985 and make a fortune on betting on sports events. Now Doc Brown, eccentric though he may be, is no dummy and he catches wind of this and throws the almanac away, uttering the memorable line, “I didn’t invent the time machine to win at gambling, . . . I invented the time machine to travel through time.” Anyway, Biff, Marty’s nemesis, gets wind of this, steals the time machine and takes the almanac back to 1954 and alters history, building a fortune from betting on sports and making the idyllic community of Hill Valley a gambling Mecca.

When Marty and Doc Brown returned from the future, they brought a new reality back with them. A reality created by Biff bringing that almanac back to 1955 and using it to acquire great wealth such that he came to control Hill Valley. Marty and Doc Brown longed for things to return to the idyllic community that Hill Valley was before Biff changed things by sneaking that Almanac

back.

There are parallels here with John’s understanding of Eternal Life. The Hebrew understanding of eternal life was that it was “life of the age which is to come.” We understand that to be the life when Jesus returns, or the life in the Kingdom of God. Now, we understand that when Jesus walked among us, the Kingdom of God has come near to us. But, we know that it is not complete. We still have suffering and evil in the world. There are too many Biffs in this world who seek to get rich at the expense of others. But, Jesus teaches us that He is the bread of life, and through trusting him, through eating the bread and drinking the cup, through resting and praying at Jesus’ feet, we may experience eternal life, or life with God. Just as God fed the Hebrews in the Desert as they were leaving slavery in Egypt by providing manna, God still provides for us as we seek the Christ, who reconciles us with God that we may have eternal life. Now, the relation to back to the future is this: Christ’s coming kingdom is both a present and future reality. Much like Marty tried to bring that almanac back, and just as Biff did, when we become part of Christ’s body, the church, we begin to experience that future reality as a present reality. But as we live out this new reality of God’s Reign, or eternal life, we are changed and we become more concerned about the least of these more than we do ourselves.

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 <b>AQUARIUS</b> January 20–February 18	Numbers surround you, Aquarius. Take the hint and find out what you can do to improve your bottom line. A mix-up in communication makes for a hectic week at work.	 <b>TAURUS</b> April 20–May 20	Whew, Taurus. You complete an assignment in record time! Invite everyone over for dinner and celebrate your success. Greetings from afar make you happy.	 <b>LEO</b> July 23–August 22	Unbelievable, Leo. Just when you thought everything was going well, you get a big swift kick in the pants. Get up, dust yourself off and start over.	 <b>SCORPIO</b> October 23–November 21	Color plays a big role in your life this week, Scorpio. Yellow inspires, blue soothes, red excites and so forth. Small miracles flood your home.
 <b>PISCES</b> February 19–March 20	You’ve got it, Pisces, but there’s no need for you to flaunt it. Go about things quietly, and all of the right people will notice. A chain of events at home leads to a major cleanup.	 <b>GEMINI</b> May 21–June 21	Wow, Gemini. You pull one over on a friend, and they are absolutely delighted with the results. Give yourself a pat on the back. A break in your schedule gives you time to reflect.	 <b>VIRGO</b> August 23–September 22	Please, Virgo. You cannot go on ignoring a problem at home. Confront it and resolve it before it gets out of hand. Your love life heats up with a mini vacation.	 <b>SAGITTARIUS</b> November 22–December 21	Snooze, Sagittarius, and you’ll lose. Keep up the pace and vow not to be outdone. An auto problem looks worse than it is. You won’t have to shell out big bucks for this one.

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HS Transcripts & Diploma or GED test scores & Certificate  
Birth certificate (proof of 18 years of age)  
Valid AK Driver's license (Rural Alaskans without driver's license may contact our office)  
Background Check (showing no DULs in the past 3 years)  
Social security card  
DD214 (for veterans)  
\$30.00 non-refundable application fee  
Letters of recommendation & certificates of training (optional)  
Note: pre-indenture drug testing required  
Applications will be available for pick up and turn in August 27 through September 14, 2009 from 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at: Alaska Operating Engineers Employers Training Trust  
4001 Denali St, Suite B  
Anchorage, AK 99503  
1-800-460-5044  
[www.aoeett.org](http://www.aoeett.org)  
*The recruitment, selection, employment, and training of Apprentices during their apprenticeship shall be without discrimination because of age, disability, sex, marital status, changes in marital status, pregnancy or parenthood, race, color, religion, national origin.*  
7/30; 8/6-13-20-27

**POSITION OPENING**  
**NOME ESKIMO COMMUNITY**  
**IS RECRUITING FOR THE POSITION OF:**  
**Carpenter II-Temporary**  
STATUS: Temporary, Seasonal  
SALARY \$22.43 – \$26.00/hr. DOE  
OPEN UNTIL FILLED  
FOR A JOB DESCRIPTION AND APPLICATION CONTACT: Linda Kimoktoak, Executive Assistant @ NOME ESKIMO COMMUNITY  
P.O. BOX 1090  
NOME, AK 99762  
PHONE: (907) 443-2246  
FAX: (907) 443-3539  
[nomeeskimo@gci.net](mailto:nomeeskimo@gci.net)  
[www.necalaska.org](http://www.necalaska.org)  
8/6-13

**Kawerak Inc. Recruitment Notice – 08/10/09 to close of business on 08/24/09.**  
DIVISION: Children and Family Services  
**JOB TITLE: Tribal Family Coordinator**  
POSITION STATUS: Regular Part-Time  
LOCATION: Unalakleet, Alaska  
EXEMPT STATUS: Non-exempt  
PAY SCALE GRADE: 9-10-11-12 (\$18.45 – 25.55)DOE  
REPORTS TO: Children & Family Services Program Director  
QUALIFICATIONS:  
1) High School Diploma or GED equivalent plus

six (6) months experience in the human services field.  
2) Must possess basic computer knowledge and skills in Windows, Internet usage, Microsoft Excel and Word software.  
3) Must possess strong oral and written communication, organizing and record keeping skills.  
4) Must possess strong work ethics.  
5) Must be able to maintain client confidentiality.  
6) Must be willing to travel.  
7) No prior convictions of child abuse, family violence or other convictions that would affect the performance of the position requirements.  
8) Subject to random drug testing.  
Native Preference per Public Law 93-638  
Native Preference per Public Law 93-638.  
*Interested individuals may contact Human Resources with questions at 907-443-5231. Applications can be accessed via Kawerak's web-site at [www.kawerak.org](http://www.kawerak.org) or by contacting Human Resources at 907-443-5231. Applications may be faxed to Kawerak Human Resources at 907-443-4443 or sent via email to [personnel@kawerak.org](mailto:personnel@kawerak.org).*  
8/13-20

DIVISION: NATURAL RESOURCES  
DEPARTMENT: Land Management Services  
**JOB TITLE: Program Director**  
POSITION STATUS: Regular Full Time  
LOCATION: Nome, Alaska  
EXEMPT STATUS: Non-Exempt  
PAY SCALE GRADE: 14-15-16-17(\$24.80 - 34.33)DOE  
REPORTS TO: Vice President, Natural Resources  
QUALIFICATIONS:  
1) Four year degree from an accredited college in land management or related field. Management experience in field of land management or realty services may be substituted for degree requirement on a year for year basis.  
2) Minimum two years of supervisory and program implementation and management experience.  
3) Knowledge of laws, regulations, statutes, practices, policies and court decisions pertaining to all types of land transactions and uses; including sales, acquisitions, exchanges, rights-of-way, leasing, permits, oil, gas leasing and monitoring of same.  
4) Must possess basic computer skills in Windows, Microsoft Word and Internet usage. Knowledge and skills in Excel preferred.  
5) Must be willing to travel extensively in rural Alaska.  
6) Must have strong oral and written communication skills and organizational and budgeting skills.  
Native Preference per Public Law 93-638.  
*Interested individuals may contact Human Resources with questions at 907-443-5231. Applications can be accessed via Kawerak's web-site at [www.kawerak.org](http://www.kawerak.org) or by contacting Human Resources at 907-443-5231. Applications may be faxed to Kawerak Human Resources at 907-443-4443 or sent via email to [personnel@kawerak.org](mailto:personnel@kawerak.org).*  
8/13-20

FOR SALE —Case Wheel Loader; in Nome 1983 W24C, \$21,000 Call 907-771-2305 6/25 tfn

**Wanted to Rent**  
Moving to Nome and am looking for a house or first floor apartment to rent.  
The family includes our 4 well-loved dogs. Please contact: Paul Whipple at 434-1178.  
8/6-13

## Seawall

**8/3**  
Thomas Koyuk, DOB: 9/6/52, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Failure to Register as a Sex Offender.  
Geoffrey Milligrock, DOB: 4/29/84, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault in the 4th Degree.  
**8/4**  
Cynthia Albertson, DOB: 6/17/78, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Driving Under the Influence, Refusal to Submit to Chemical Testing, and Driving While License is Suspended or Revoked.  
**8/5**  
Grace Olanna, DOB: 9/16/62, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault on a Peace Officer.  
Harry Goldsberry, DOB: 1/18/79, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault in the 4th Degree, DV, Criminal Trespass, and Disorderly Conduct.  
**8/6**  
Bo Adams, DOB: 11/15/83, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violation of Conditions of Release.  
**8/8**  
Cerene Seppilu, DOB: 9/28/78, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violation of Conditions of Release.  
Deilah Johnson, DOB: 1/14/89, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Habitual Minor Consuming Alcohol.  
Ada Peterson, DOB: 2/9/90, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Habitual Minor Consuming Alcohol.  
Bryce Wanke-Green, DOB: 3/2/89, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Criminal Misdemeanor in the 5th Degree, Improper Use of Evidence of Registration or Certificate of Title, and Motor Insurance Required.  
During this reporting period we had nine persons transported to the hospital for a Title 47, Protective Custody Hold.

## Trooper Beat

On August 4, Unalakleet AST received a report that John Elachik, 32, of St. Michael was violating his conditions of release by not being with his third party custodians. Investigation revealed that Elachik was not with his 24-hour sight and sound third party custodians. On August 5, Elachik was arrested and after arraignment transported to AMCC. The custodians Lorraine Tom, Bernie Joe and Victor Joe will be summonsed into court for Violating Custodial Duties.

On August 5, at about 11:00 a.m., Nome AST received several calls from Teller reporting Matthew Bell and two other individuals were intoxicated and driving around Teller in a red SUV with two tires on the roof. One of the callers reported the vehicle was headed to Nome. On August 5, at about 1:10 p.m., Nome AST contacted Matthew Bell, 36, of Teller, driving a red GMC with two tires on the roof, in the Nome area. Bell was arrested for Driving Under the Influence and transported to AMCC and booked on \$1,000 bail.

On August 7, VPSO Lucas Stotts in Shaktoolik received a report of a domestic assault, his investigation is continuing and a report will be sent to the DAO at the conclusion of his investigation.



**Did you get that million dollar shot?**

Sorry, no prizes awarded, but we will publish your name. You will be a published photographer! Send your photos (in jpeg format) to [photos@nomenugget.com](mailto:photos@nomenugget.com) or mail to your negs or photo print to **The Nome Nugget Pouch 610 Nome, AK 99762.** (Please give us a brief description of who, what, when and where your photo was taken.) If you have questions call **(907) 443-5235.**

## Real Estate

SALE—income/Investment property—2 story duplex - appx 1900 sq ft (on two City lots) Close to Port of Nome and town on Seppala Drive Now being remodeled "AS is" fixer-upper price - \$195M (360) 891-4553 7/9-tfn

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205 E 3rd Avenue - \$165,000  
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410 4th Avenue - \$290,000  
**3br HOME WITH 1br GUEST HOUSE**  
Greenhouse, shed, large lot 405 E Tobuk Alley - \$245,000  
**CHEAPI 4br/1ba, 7000sq ft lot**  
404 East 5th Ave. - \$156,000  
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Grubby says, “get over to the animal shelter and see which of my friends want to go home with you.” His friends are waiting for you, call to make an appointment today.



Adopt a pet and get a **FREE** bag of dog/cat food from Doctor Leedy and the *Nome Kennel Club*. Dog food, cat food, cat litter and other donations are always welcome at the Nome Animal Shelter!

Nome Animal Control & Adopt-A-Pet • 443.5212 or 443.5262

### NOTICE OF TRANSFER APPLICATION

Stanley Sobocienski, d/b/a Bering Sea Saloon located at 309 Front Street, Nome, Alaska is applying for transfer of a beverage dispensary license (A.S.04.11.080 (1)) to Columbus Sobocienski and Trudy Sobocienski d/b/a Bering Sea Saloon located at 309 Front Street, Nome, Alaska.

Interested persons should submit written comment to their local governing body, the applicant and to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board at 5848 E. Tudor Rd. Anchorage AK 99507

8/13-20-27



Photo by Laurie McNicholas

**CELEBRATION—** Rev. Ross Tozzi, pastor of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Nome says Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes church at Pilgrim Hot Springs Aug. 1.

## Friends of Pilgrim Hot Springs form nonprofit corporation

By Laurie McNicholas

The Friends of Pilgrim Hot Springs filed articles of incorporation as a nonprofit corporation with the State of Alaska on July 31 following a brief meeting. The organization aims to preserve historical sites at Pilgrim Hot Springs. Gary

Longley, Sr. is the registered agent of the corporation, and he will serve as one of its initial directors, along with Nancy McGuire and Louie Green, Sr.

Longley recently obtained a copy

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Obituaries

**Tommy Johnson**  
2/14/24-7/30/09

Tommy (Thomas John) Johnson died July 30 at age 85 at the assisted living home, All About Care, in Anchorage. Tommy was born on Valentine’s Day, February 14, 1924 in Kinak, in the Kuskokwim area to John and Paniony Johnson. Celebration of Life is planned for August 28, starting at 2:30 p.m. at the Nome Rec. Center

Tommy’s father John came to Alaska from Trondhiem, Norway in 1882, and became a U.S. citizen in 1892. During the Klondike Gold Rush, John earned the nickname “Klondike”. Everybody called him that, as Tommy’s bother Dan recalls. John settled in Bristol Bay to fish. Tommy’s Mother, Paniony was from

Nelson Island. Tommy was their third son. Paniony died after the birth of Tommy’s younger brother Andrew. John did his best to fish and raise his four sons. John had an 80 head reindeer herd and built sailboats. In the mid 1920s a sailboat was all folks could use to fish in Bristol Bay; motor boats were outlawed. John placed his four boys in the Moravian Children’s Home in Kwethluk near Bethel when John became too sick. He died from stomach cancer in Seward.

At 16 years of age Tommy left the orphanage with a limited education and total knowledge of the Bible. In 1939 he became a deck hand on the ship *Moravian* that carried freight around Alaska. That same year he was hired as a laborer and helped build the hospital in Dillingham. He would fish every summer on Bristol Bay out of Clarks Point. He was drafted in 1942 and served in the U.S. Army in the Aleutian Islands. Morris & Knudson hired him in 1946 and he became a member of The International Union of Operating Engineers, LOCAL 302. He worked in Fairbanks and around Alaska until 1955 when he moved to Nome with the White Alice project.

He married Myrtle Fagerstrom Chambers on Feb. 11, 1956 in Anchorage with his brother Dan and wife Goldie as witnesses. They had two sons, “Echo” in 1956 and Jack in 1959. He also helped raise Myrtle’s four children, Fritz, Lynn, Ann and Jo.

Tommy joined the Nome Volunteer Fire Department in 1957, served many years and continued to actively support the volunteers after he retired. Through the years he served on the Nome Joint Utility Board,

Nome City Council, Bering Straits Native Corp. Board, Bering Straits Credit Union Board, and the Alaska State Commission for Human Rights.

He was made an agent for Operating Engineers Local 302 in 1976. He was a Field Representative for the Local 302 in the areas of Nome, Yukon, Bethel, Kotzebue, Lisburne and the North Slope.

His son “Echo” was nicknamed because he was an exact reflection of Tommy. From birth he was Tommy’s double. Echo died in a hunting accident in 1972.

Grandson Carl Putman called Tommy “Dad”. Carl would go to Tommy over the years to help him through tough times. He especially remembers telling Tommy about the passing of his other Grandpa. Tommy asked him if he was “OK” very kindly and caring.

Every summer for more than fifty

years Tommy would commercial fish out of Clark’s Point, in Bristol Bay. The name of his boats were “Echo”, “Echo II”, “Jackie II” and finally “Solid Gold”, which he took to Nome and converted to a crab boat. Often his boat would have the best catch of the season. His sons and wife were members of his crew.

He had hands-on training as a laborer, carpenter and heavy-duty mechanic. He learned fast and what he learned he taught others. Alaska Commissioner of Labor Click Bishop states that “Tommy was an advocate for pushing local hire in Nome and Alaska. He was a champion for teaching the young people hunting, fishing and working.”

Senator Ted Stevens was his lawyer in Fairbanks in the early 1950s and remained a close friend Tommy’s whole life. Senator Stevens would visit him in the assisted living home in Anchorage.

Mike Friborg, Operator’s Union worked closely with Tommy for many years.

Tommy is survived by his wife of 53 years, Myrtle Johnson of Anchorage, his brother and sister-in-law Dan and Goldie Johnson of Kenai, brother Andy “Klondike” Johnson of Anchorage, his son and his wife Jack and Carol Johnson of Nome, stepchildren: Fritz and Judi Chambers of California, Lynn Chambers of Anchorage, Ann and Gene Matthews of Utah, Jo Putman of Nome, Special Grandson Carl Putman of Nome, brother-in-law Jerry and Rose Fagerstrom of Minnesota, sisters-in-law Maggie Olson of Golovin and Doris Lincoln of Kotzebue, many more grandchildren and great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Tommy was preceded in death by his father John (Klondike) Johnson

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Tommy Johnson

Legals

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
Bureau of Land Management  
[F-93724]  
Alaska Native Claims Selection  
ACTION: Notice of decision approving lands for conveyance  
SUMMARY: As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that an appealable decision approving the surface and subsurface estates for conveyance pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act will be issued to Elim Native Corporation. The lands are in the vicinity of Elim, Alaska, and are located in: Kateel River Meridian, Alaska  
T. 6 S., R. 15 W.,  
Sec. 10.  
Containing 2.45 acres.  
T. 6 S., R. 17 W.,  
Secs. 33 and 34.  
Containing 1,280 acres.  
T. 7 S., R. 17 W.,  
Secs. 4, 5, and 6;  
Secs. 8 and 9.  
Containing 3,162.46 acres.  
T. 8 S., R. 18 W.,  
Sec. 22.  
Containing 0.01 acre.  
Aggregating 4,444.92 acres.  
Notice of the decision was published in the Federal Register on July 30, 2009.  
DATES: The time limits for filing an appeal are:  
1. Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision shall have until August 31, 2009 to file an appeal.  
2. Parties receiving service of the decision by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal.  
Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR Part 4, Subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their

rights.  
ADDRESSES: A copy of the decision may be obtained from:  
Bureau of Land Management  
Alaska State Office  
222 West Seventh Avenue, #13  
Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7504  
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:  
The Bureau of Land Management by phone at 907-271-5960, or by e-mail at ak.blm.conveyance@ak.blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunication device (TTD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8330, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to contact the Bureau of Land Management.  
Jennifer L. Noe  
Land Law Examiner  
Land Transfer Adjudication II Branch  
Copy furnished to:  
Public Information Center (AK-954)  
7/30; 8/6-13-20

NOTICE OF SALE  
Trustee, Alaska Trustee, LLC will sell realty for cash to the highest bidder at at the Main entrance to the Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street on September 25, 2009, at 10:00 AM with other sales that may be conducted. Proceeds will apply to the Deed of Trust naming Steve C. Brock and Nora J. Ongtowsruk, Trustor, Steve Brock, Record Owner, recorded on November 15, 2006 under Reception No. 2006-001800-0, Nome Recording District, Second Judicial District, Alaska, describing: Lot 3A, Block 73A, TOWNSITE OF NOME, according to the replat filed April 29, 1981 as Plat Number 81-7, Records of Cape Nome Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska, a/k/a 905 E. 5th Avenue, Nome, AK 99762. \$119,998.73 is due, plus interest, advances, etc. Go to alaskatruster.com or usa-foreclosure.com for status.  
8/6-13-20-27

CITY OF NOME Public Notice

SURPLUS EQUIPMENT SALE BY SEALED BID

Item #	Year	Make/Model	VIN Number
1	1999	Ford Expedition	1FMRU1863XLC32137
2	1992	Chevy Blazer	1GNDT13W7N2209673
3	1995	Ford Explorer	1FMDU34X8SUA99754
4	1990	Ford E150 Van	1FTDE14Y2LHB73890
5	1979	GMC Dump Truck	T49C19V617064 ***
6	1982	Ford Dump Truck	1FDYY90R8CVA05707 ***
7	1981	Chevy Stake Bed	1GB6D1A0BV1O4185

***NOTE: Bids less than \$7,500.00 will not be considered for dump trucks.

The dump trucks are on display in the gravel lot across the street from the Public Works Building ( 404 W. 4th Avenue)

The other vehicles are on display at the port pad just west of the Bonanza tank Farm ( at the end of Port Road).

All vehicles will be sold “as is”, with no warranty of any type, written or implied. Submit sealed bids to the City Clerk, Box 281, Nome AK 99762, no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 17, 2009. The bids will be opened at 11:00 a.m. on August 18th, 2009. Successful bidders must pay by certified check and remove the vehicles from municipal property within 10 days of notice of award.

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Vacant Board of Directors Seat



Sitnasuak Native Corporation has a vacant Board of Directors seat whose term expires in May of 2011. If you are interested in this position, please stop by the SNC office (next to Bonanza Express) and pick up a Nominee Information Questionnaire. The packet (including both the completed Questionnaire and a Letter of Intent) is due no later than **Friday, August 21, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.** for more information please call 387-1200.

8/13, 20

CITY OF NOME

DISPOSAL OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY BY LAND USE PERMIT TO SITNASUAK NATIVE CORPORATION

The City of Nome is considering disposal of municipal property by land use permit to Sitnasuak Native Corporation for the purpose of furthering the development of local trade or industry, specifically, historical and cultural preservation. The property is located at the South West corner of Anvil City Square, a portion of Block 52A, Lot 1A. The estimated value of the property for the entire 50 year period is estimated at less than \$25,000. The disposal of said property will be by ordinance enacted by the Nome City Council duly noticed by agenda and public notice. Further information may be obtained by contacting the office of the City Clerk.

8/13-20-27; 9/4



## • More Obituaries

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in 1936 in Seward; mother Paniony Johnson from Nelson Island in 1926; brother John Johnson born 1919 died in 1942 of TB; son Thomas John Johnson, Jr. called 'Echo' in 1972.

### Walter Savok Outwater, Jr.

Anchorage resident Walter "Boysa" Savok Outwater Jr., 51, died July 24, from stomach and colon cancer at the Alaska Native Medical Center. Many family members provided support and encouraged him during his battle. During that time, he stated "I am ready to go."

A funeral service was held at noon August 6 at the Anchorage Friends Church. It began with a viewing and then a potluck.

Boysa was born in Koyuk on March 1, 1958, to Walter Emuk, Sr. and Ruth Keenock Outwater.

He loved the outdoors during all seasons. He was an avid crack-shot hunter and shared his catch unsparingly. Boating, mentoring and ice fishing were his joys. Boysa's great love for the outdoors led him to supply furs for clothing and hunting gear. He would often say, "My dad taught me everything I know."

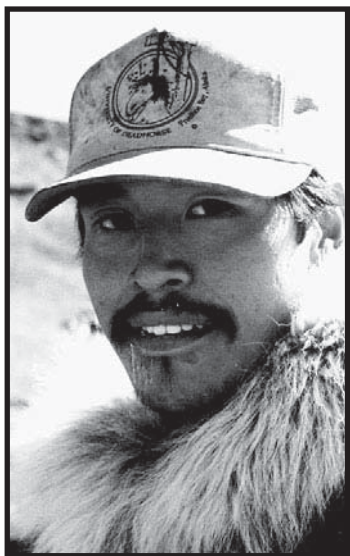
His travels included the Yukon River, Norton Sound, Kotzebue Sound, Chugach Mountains and Cook Inlet, often encountering many dangerous situations. Living a subsistence lifestyle, he stated, "I eat the best of everything."

At age 17, Boysa was the youngest journeyman heavy equipment operator in the state, which took him throughout rural Alaska. He said, "You can take a level to all of my work." In between seasonal jobs, he attended the University of Alaska Fairbanks, where he received academic awards for his writings.

He could talk for hours about current events and the history of Alaska.

His family wrote: "Boysa spent many hours studying the Bible throughout his life, first with his parents, then on his own. At age 12 he interpreted in writing the entire book of Ecclesiastes to his own understanding. Recently he sought the meanings of several Books of the Bible, concentrating heavily on some. He also enjoyed singing with the Church Choir. Praise the Lord! We miss you already Boysa, thanks for loving us all. Love, your family."

Boysa is survived by his sisters and their husbands; Theresa Pierce, Loretta and Skip Cox, Evelyn's husband Robert MacNeven, Clara and Tom Varieur, Peggy and Tim Turner; Martha and partner Rahn Parker; brother Richard and Sandy Outwater; and many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.



Walter "Boysa" Savok Outwater Jr.



Photo by Laurie McNicholas

**HISTORIC MISSION—** Mary Honsberger of NomeTours Pilgrim Hot Springs with Tom Buzek, business administrator for the Catholic Diocese of Fairbanks on Aug. 1. In the background is Our lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. Buzek and several volunteers spent a week painting the inside walls of the church and cleaning other buildings on the site. The former mission was developed as an orphanage and boarding school following the 1918 Influenza Pandemic and operated until the early 1940s. It was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1977.

## • Friends of Pilgrim Hot Springs

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of the right-of-way grant for the Pilgrim Hot Springs road issued April 4, 1985 by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management to the Alaska Dept. of Transportation.

The document describes the right-of-way as a road from mile 53.4 of the Nome-Taylor Road to Pilgrim Hot Springs. The road is 60 feet wide (30 feet centerline) and approximately 7.5 miles long containing approximately 55 acres. The

right-of-way document says the road is necessary to facilitate development of Pilgrim Hot Springs.

"This right-of-way grant is for 20 years, with the right of renewal, unless it is relinquished, abandoned, terminated, or otherwise modified pursuant to the terms and conditions of this grant or of any applicable Federal law or regulation," the document states.

The BLM right-of-way grant for the road to the DOT expired in 2005. The Friends of Pilgrim Hot Springs

are seeking to have it renewed. Members of the organization plan to hold a meeting in September when Tom Buzek, business administrator for the Catholic Diocese of Fairbanks is in Nome. The diocese owns Pilgrim Hot Springs.

Buzek spent a week at Pilgrim Hot Springs in late July, painting the inside of the church and cleaning other structures on the grounds with the help of Louie Green, Sr. and several volunteers.

## Court

### Week ending 8/7 Civil

Swann, Mary Analisa vs. Pennini JR., Steven Allen; DV: Both ExParte & Long Term Davis, Kaitlan vs. Davis, Johnnee; DV: Both ExParte & Long Term Johnson, Stephanie M. vs. Lopez, Gabino B.; Petition for Custody - Superior Court Sockpick, Roy vs. Sockpick, Helen M.; DV: Both ExParte & Long Term CRI LLC vs. Panipchuk, Stanton O.; Debt - District Court

### Small Claims

Barnes, Irvin et al vs. Lewis, Michael; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Deft. Cert Mail

### Criminal

State of Alaska v. Kenneth Smith (11/22/87); 2NO-09-377CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault Fourth Degree; Filed by the DAs Office 8/5/09.  
State of Alaska v. Kenneth Smith (11/22/87); 2NO-09-482CR Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 8/1/09; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 60 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.  
State of Alaska v. Roger Stalker (2/11/78); Judgment of Acquittal on Counts **Count 1:** Felony DUI; Date of offense: 11/20/08; Defendant came before the court for a jury trial on 7/21/09, with counsel, Public Defender Agency, and the DA present; the jury has returned a verdict of NOT GUILTY; IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the defendant is acquitted and discharged and that any appearance or performance bond executed on behalf of the defendant is exonerated, and any cash or other security posted as bail be refunded or released to depositors; Defendant was charged with: 002 Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance in the Sixth Degree; Conditions of Release are vacated—not on bail.  
State of Alaska v. Stanley Rookok (7/10/77); 2NO-09-382CR Count 1: Assault 4th; DV; Date of offense: 6/29/09; Partial Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 180 days, 135 days suspended; Unsuspended 45 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 8/4/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not contact directly or indirectly lone Oitillian without consent; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in his residence; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol.  
State of Alaska v. Stanley Rookok (7/10/77); 2NO-09-455CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Violating Conditions of Release; Filed by the DAs Office 8/4/09.  
State of Alaska v. Camille Droman (10/14/66); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Indecent Exposure Second Degree; Filed by the DAs office 8/4/09.  
State of Alaska v. Jessica Oozeva (10/5/91); 2NO-09-111CR Minor Consuming or in Possession or Control of Alcoholic Beverage; Date of offense: 2/26/09; Fined \$500 with \$200 suspended; Shall pay \$300 to Nome Clerk of Court, or show proof of

completing 100 hours of community work service, by 1/15/10; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 8/3/09); Shall not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages; Shall pay fine or show proof of community work service, as ordered.

State of Alaska v. Jessica Oozeva (10/5/91); 2NO-09-246CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Minor Consuming Alcohol; Filed by the DAs office 8/3/09.

State of Alaska v. Frank Anderson (1/23/59); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110698794; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to 8/3/10; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 30 days, shall report to AMCC by 10/1/09; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Tyre Ungott (4/3/62); Corrected Judgment Count 001: DUI; Date of offense: not provided; 30 days, 27 days suspended; Fine: \$1,500 with \$0 suspended; \$1,500 due 01/01/10; Police Training Surcharge: \$150, \$100 suspended; \$50 payable AGs Office, Anchorage; Cost of Imprisonment: \$330, \$0 suspended; \$330 payable to AGs Collection Unit, Anchorage; Complete Substance Abuse Treatment Assessment: other: NSBHS by 8/31/09; *Obey Driver's License Directives: Driver's license revoked for 90 days; Use an Ignition Interlock Device: After privilege to drive regained us IID as directed in IID Information Sheet (CR-483) "for 12 months; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 7/24/09); Obey all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Commit no jailable offenses; Do not possess or consume alcohol for a period of 1 year from date of judgment (date of judgment: 7/24/09).

State of Alaska v. Raymond Larsen (8/27/63); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109520901; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to 8/3/10; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 30 days, shall report to AMCC by 9/15/09; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Ryan Sipary (1/18/83); Criminal Trespass 1st; Date of offense: 3/18/09; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 60 days, 60 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 8/3/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not return to the residence of Leman and Ursula Nashalook without consent.  
State of Alaska v. George Penetac (2/12/61); Assault 4th; DV; Date of offense: 6/6/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 90 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Andrew Weyiouanna (3/16/83); Importation of Alcohol; Date of offense: 5/10/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 27 days suspended; Unsuspended 3 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC by 9/30/09; Fine: \$1,500 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$1,500 fine through Nome Trial Courts by 11/30/09; Forfeit alcohol to State; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 8/4/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of

law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol in any dry or damp community; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer in such community; Person and baggage are subject to warrantless search at any airport or en route to (by any means) a dry/damp community; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation.

State of Alaska v. Leroy Martin (8/19/90); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Minor Consuming Alcohol; Filed by the DAs Office 8/6/09.

State of Alaska v. Louise Martin (3/8/84); 2NO-06-998CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109522377; Defendant refusing probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, consecutive to 2NO-08-643CR; Consecutive to the revocation in Case No. 2NO-08-643CR; Remanded into custody.

State of Alaska v. Louise Martin (3/8/84); 2NO-08-643CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110698452; Defendant refusing probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, consecutive to 2NO-06-998CR; Consecutive to the revocation in Case No. 2NO-08-643CR; Remanded into custody.

State of Alaska v. Clark Okpealuk (1/30/88); Theft 4th; Date of offense: 7/7/09; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; Suspended Imposition of Sentence; Imposition of sentence is suspended; Defendant placed on probation subject to the terms, orders and conditions listed below; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 8/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; Other: Not return to A.C. Store in Nome.

State of Alaska v. Kevin Oozevaseuk (2/22/77); Dismissal by Court; Count 1: Assault 3rd; Count 2: Assault 3rd; Date of offenses: 7/25/09; Minute Order; On this date (8/5/09) in open court this case was dismissed without prejudice by the Court for failure of the complaint to proceed with Preliminary Hearing, per Criminal Rule 5.5.1.; Accordingly, it is ordered that as to said charge(s) defendant be released from custody, any bond executed on behalf of the defendant be exonerated, and any cash or other security posted as bail be refunded to the depositor.

State of Alaska v. Matthew Ray Bell (12/24/72); DUI; Date of offense: 8/5/09; 30 days, 27 days suspended; Report on/before 8/21/09 to AMCC; Fine: \$1,500 with \$0 suspended; \$1,500 due 6/1/10; Police Training Surcharge: \$75, \$0 suspended; \$50 payable AGs Office, Anchorage; Cost of Imprisonment: \$330, \$0 suspended; \$330 payable to AGs Collection Unit, Anchorage; Complete Substance Abuse Treatment Assessment: other: NSBHS or another (ASAP) by 9/10/09; Complete screening, evaluation and recommended program; Obey Driver's License Directives: Driver's license revoked for 90 days; Concurrent with DMV action; Use an Ignition Interlock Device: Use of IID will be deducted from fine if you file proof of payment before fine due date; After privilege to drive or obtaining a limited license is regained use IID as directed in IID Information Sheet (CR-483) for 12 months during probation period; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 8/6/09); Obey all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Commit no jailable offenses; Do not possess or consume alcohol for a period of 1 year from date of judgment (date of judgment: 8/6/09).

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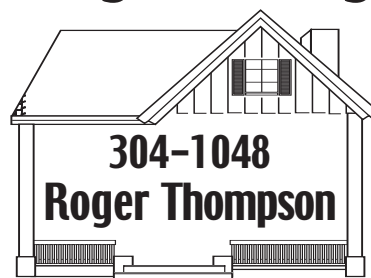
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# Nome Public Schools

## School Starts August 25, 2009

### Supply list

#### Nome Elementary School 2009-2010 Class Supply List

Each Nome Elementary School student should bring these items on the first day of school. These are the requested supplies for the 2009-2010 school year.

##### Kindergarten

- 1 Box Kleenex
- 1 Box Crackers/Snack per month
- 1 Backpack (please label with child's name)

##### 1st Grade

- 2 Boxes Kleenex
- 2 Large Pink Erasers
- 2 Glue Sticks
- 1 Box Crackers/Snack per month

##### 2nd Grade

- 2 Boxes Kleenex
- 2 Large Pink Erasers
- 1 Box of 24 Crayons
- 2 Glue Sticks
- 1 Bottle of White Glue
- 1 Water Bottle
- 1 Box Crackers/Snack per month

##### 3rd Grade

- 1 Box Kleenex (monthly)

- 1 Box of #2 Pencils
- 1 Box of 12 Colored Pencils
- 2 Glue Sticks
- 1 Box 24 Crayons
- 1 Bottle of White Glue
- 1 Pair of Scissors
- 1 Ruler
- 1 Box Crackers/Snack per month

##### 4th Grade

- 1 Box Kleenex
- 1 Box of 12 #2 Pencils
- 2 Pocket Folders
- 1 Box of 12 Colored Pencils
- 12 Pencil Top Erasers

- 2 Containers of Cleaning Wipes
- 1 Box Crackers/Snacks per month

##### 5th Grade

- 2 Boxes Kleenex
- 1 Box of 12 Colored Pencils
- 1 Box of Crackers/Snack per month

##### 6th Grade

- 2 Boxes Kleenex
- 1 Box of 12 #2 Pencils
- 1 Box of 12 Colored Pencils
- 1 Ruler
- 4 Two-Pocket Folders
- 2 Highlighters
- 1 Box Crackers/Snack per month

### Free & reduced lunch

Alaska Income Eligibility Guidelines for Free & Reduced Price Meals  
Effective from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010

Family Size	FREE MEALS			REDUCED PRICED MEALS		
	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
1	17,589	1,466	339	25,031	2,086	482
2	23,673	1,973	456	33,689	2,808	648
3	29,757	2,480	573	42,347	3,529	815
4	35,841	2,987	690	51,005	4,251	981
5	41,925	3,494	807	59,663	4,972	1,148
6	48,009	4,001	924	68,321	5,684	1,314
7	54,093	4,508	1,041	76,979	6,415	1,481
8	60,177	5,015	1,158	85,637	7,138	1,647
For each additional person	6,084	507	117	8,658	722	167

#### NOME PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT PUBLIC RELEASE FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS

The Nome Public School District provides free and reduced price meals to students under the National School Lunch Program. The program will become effective August 25, 2009.

Students from families whose income is at or below the guidelines shown are eligible for free or reduced price meals. To be considered for benefits, a lunch application or a Direct Certification Notification from Public Assistance must be submitted to the school office. Students who are identified as migrant, homeless or runaway are categorically eligible and do not need to fill out an application. Note: Medicaid and Denali Kid Care case numbers do not qualify for eligibility.

Application forms, application instructions and a letter to parents/guardians will be available by August 17, 2009 at the schools for early pick up and will also be sent home with each student on the first day of school.

To apply for free or reduced price meal benefits, households should fill out one application per family or complete the Direct Certification Notification from Public Assistance and return it to the school.

Students qualifying for meal benefits at the close of the

2008-2009 school year may continue to receive benefits for up to 30 operating days at the start of the 2009-2010 school year while a new application is being processed. All other students must bring their own lunch or lunch money in order to be served through the lunch program. Lunch prices are \$3.00 at the Elementary School and \$3.50 at the Jr./Sr. High School.

Please allow a period of up to 10 working days to process your application.

The Nome Public School District uses the information provided on the application for the purpose of determining meal benefits for the National School Lunch Program. The Title I Grant Program, the E-Rate Program, and other grant programs use lunch eligibility to determine funding. Submitting a completed application will assist Nome Public Schools in obtaining these funds for our schools.

For additional information, call the Nome Public Schools district office at (907) 443-2231.

In the operation of the child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, gender, color, national origin, age or disability. If you believe you have been discriminated against, write immediately to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, DC 20250.

### General information

**Kindergarten Students ONLY** will be on a rolling start for the first week. The first day of classes for kindergarten students will be Tuesday, September 1, 2009. During the week of August 24, 2009 parents will be contacted by your child's teacher for an appointment for family interviews to be scheduled. It is important that the child and the parent attend these meetings.

**Registration for Nome Elementary School:** The Nome Elementary School secretaries will be ready for parents to register their children starting on August 10, 2009. If your child attended school at NES last year, you do not need to fill out registration information. Call 443-5299 for more information on registering your child for the elementary school.

**Nome Elementary School Hours:**  
Grades K-3, 8 a.m. — 2 p.m.

Grades 4-6, 8 a.m. — 2:30 p.m.

#### Jr. High School Hours:

9:05 a.m. — 3:50 p.m.

**First Day:** Jr. High students report to the RC at 9:05 a.m.

#### Sr. High School Hours:

8:25 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.

**First Day:** Sr. High students report to the Gym at 8:25 a.m.

#### Anvil City Science Academy:

9:05 a.m. — 3:50 p.m.

**First Day:** Students enrolled in the academy, report to the Anvil City Science Academy classrooms located on the Nome Beltz Campus at 9:05 a.m. Students should ride the Jr. High School Bus to school.

#### School Age Entrance/Immunizations:

Students who have not been immunized or exempted from immunization, will be excluded from school until they are immunized or exempt, as ordered by Alaska State Law. For a child to attend school, they must have reached age five (5) before September 1, 2009. For information on early admission to Kindergarten, please call the school principal.

**School & Community photographs** are tentatively scheduled for the end of September, by local photographer Hugh Thomas.

#### Senior High Activity/Athletic Eligibility and Activity Fee:

**Scholastic Eligibility:** In addition to ASAA eligibility requirements the following Nome-Beltz eligibility requirements have been established. Students must maintain a 2.0 Grade-Point-Average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale in order to participate in games, contests, productions, or scheduled travel. A student who falls below a 2.0 GPA on his/her quarterly report card or for their cumulative GPA, will be ineligible for the entire following

quarter. That student will not be allowed to participate in games, contests, productions and scheduled travel during a period of ineligibility, but may continue to practice at the coach's/sponsor's discretion. Any student with two F's on their report card will be ineligible for the following quarter regardless of GPA. Grade checks must be completed on the same schedule as Prearranged Absence Forms for each week in season. (Further details are available in the Student Parent Handbook.)

**Student Activity Fee:** Students at Nome-Beltz must pay an activity fee of \$50 (fifty dollars) per extra/co-curricular activity. The activity fee will be paid in the main office. No student will be permitted to participate until the fee is paid in full. Students who are unable to pay the \$50 fee should speak to their individual coach or sponsor.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend the following beginning of the year event at the Nome Elementary School: **Staff Inservice** - Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday August 18-20, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily.

### School bus information

PICK UP	APPROXIMATE	BUS #1 (RED)	BUS #2 (GREEN)	BUS #3 (BLUE)
GRADE LEVEL	TIME	STOP #	STOP #	STOP #
Elementary	7:35 AM	2, 3, 4, 5	7a, 7, 8, 9, 10,	23, 22, 21, 20, 19,
Grades K-6	TO 7:45 AM	& 6	11 & 12	18, 17, 16 & 15
Senior High	7:55 AM	2, 3, 4, 5,	12, 11, 10,	14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19,
Grades 9-12	TO 8:05 AM	6 & 7	9 & 8	20, 21 & 22
Junior High/ACSA	8:35 AM	2, 3, 4, 5,	12, 11, 10, 9 & 8	17, 16, 15, 14, 18,
Grades 7 & 8	TO 8:50 AM	6, & 7		19, 20, 21 & 22

Pick up and delivery times are approximate. Students must dress according to weather conditions. A colored sheet of paper will be taped to the bus window near the door to help primary level students locate the correct bus.

DELIVERY	APPROXIMATE	BUS #1 (RED)	BUS #2 (GREEN)	BUS #3 (BLUE)
GRADE LEVEL	TIME	STOP #	STOP #	STOP #3
Elementary	2:00 PM	26, 25, 6, 5, 4,	12, 11, 10, 9, 8,	15, 16, 17, 18, 19
Grades K-3	TO 2:20 PM	3 & 2	7 & 7a	20, 21, 22, 24 & 23
Elementary	2:30 PM	12, 11, 10, 9,		15, 16, 17, 18,
Grade 4-6	TO 2:50 PM	8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3 & 2		19, 20, 21, 22, 24 & 23
				14 for K-3 after school programs
Senior High	3:00 PM	7, 6, 5, 4,	8, 9, 10, 11,	22, 21, 20, 19, 18, 17,
Grades 9-12	TO 3:20 PM	3 & 2	12 & 13	16, 15 & 14
Junior High/ACSA	4:00 PM	7, 6, 5, 4,	8, 9, 10, 11,	22, 21, 20, 19, 18, 17,
Grades 7 & 8	TO 4:20 PM	3 & 2	12 & 13	16, 15 & 14

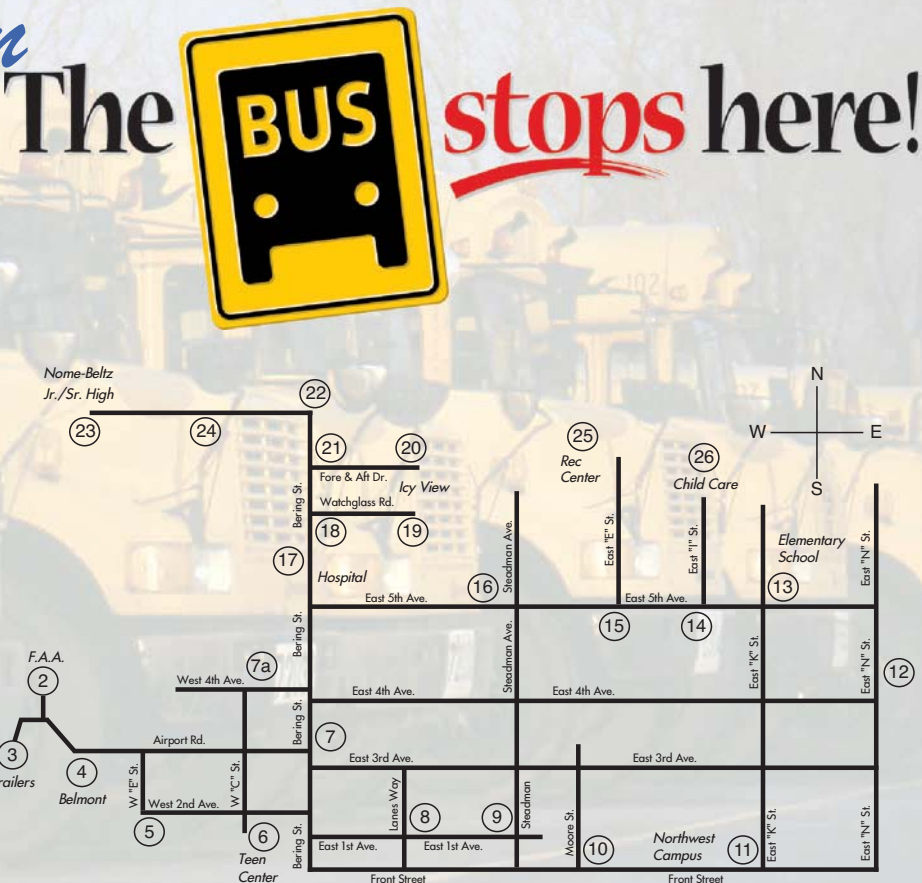






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## Back to flu

*Swine flu is here and expected to spread with school's start*

By Tyler Rhodes

It was only a matter of time. The H1N1 flu, more commonly known by its initial moniker of "swine flu," has made its appearance in the Norton Sound region. "We've been expecting it for a long time," said Norton Sound Health Corp. Director of Public Nursing Chris Kilby. "The fact that it hadn't happened until now was more of a surprise." Kilby said the hospital is not identifying where the confirmed cases of flu were found, but noted that it has likely spread region-wide by now with cases numbering in the dozens. "Now that H1N1 is here, we would expect to see a surge," she said. That surge is likely to come as the region's children head back to school, gathering in confined spaces. "The state is saying expect a surge in cases once school starts," Kilby said. "It's normal to have a surge in respiratory illness once school starts." With that in mind, both the schools and the hospital are preparing to deal with the possibility of increased absences in the classroom and more patients in the waiting room. Both organizations are planning public awareness campaigns on how to avoid getting the flu and what to do if they or a family member do catch it. In the midst of all this preparation, Kilby noted that while people should

be aware of the flu and how to avoid and deal with it, it should not be a cause for panic. "The best thing you can do right now is prevention, not panic," she said. Kilby said all the H1N1 flu cases in the region have been relatively mild. "The severity is essentially identical to the seasonal flu," she said. "We have not seen an increase in hospitalizations or death rates over the seasonal flu." In fact, Kilby said, it may be hard for those who contact the new strain to know whether or not they have the seasonal flu or the H1N1. The symptoms of the H1N1 flu include fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. Some who have had the flu experienced vomiting, nausea or diarrhea, although Kilby said those symptoms are not as common. She also said it is possible to have both the H1N1 and seasonal flu at the same time. Nome Public Schools started its efforts to inform while students were still enjoying their last week of freedom. Teachers were given a presentation by Nome's Local Emergency Planning Committee Chair Tom Vaden on the flu and prevention measures during their in-service Aug. 18. Public Health Director Kilby said members of her staff have been and will continue to visit schools in the Bering Strait School Dis-

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Photo by Tyler Rhodes

**PAINTED AND PRETTY**—Allison Komonaseak, 7, sports an ornate face painting done by visiting artist Chu Chu Flores during Nome Eskimo Community's Wellness Festival potluck and celebration Aug. 12 at the Nome Recreation Center. For more photos from the celebration see page 8.



Photo by Tyler Rhodes

## Softball season summed up under the sun

**A HEROIC EFFORT**—Uly Hall, playing for the league champion BOT Hustlers, comes up with the ball after a diving catch at Friday night's championship game against Polaris Bar. BOT came up with victories in two back-to-back must-win games to take the title. For more softball photos, see page 9.

## Seeking silvers

ADF&G report

The commercial catch of coho (silver) salmon in Norton Sound totaled nearly 52,000 fish as the run approached its midpoint on Aug. 14, according to preliminary figures released by Jim Menard, area manager for Norton Sound and Kotzebue for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. Commercial fishermen in the Unalakleet subdistrict have caught the bulk of the harvest—37,650 silvers. Commercial fishing is open for two 48-hour periods a week in the Unalakleet, Shaktoolik, Moses Point and Golovin subdistricts. Last week commercial fishing was open for one 48-hour period in the Norton Bay subdistrict. The Norton Sound silver salmon run is average to above average, except in the Nome Subdistrict, where the run is well below average, Menard reports.

"The marine waters of the Nome subdistrict are open to subsistence fishing seven days a week," he said. "The fresh waters subsistence areas are open to subsistence gillnet fishing

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Letters

Dear Editor,

Fair and open elections are the foundation of our form of government but elections have always been a problem for NSEDC. This week, NSEDC, as it did in 2006, will launch an election for its board of directors inconsistent with the rules governing NSEDC director elections.

The pattern of election abuse was established when NSEDC was transformed from an association whose membership was composed of individual local fishermen dedicated to developing a king salmon hatchery at Elim hot springs into an Anchorage based CDQ corporation whose only members are its 15 directors; in business with its partners in Seattle and Japan to convert tons of pollock into millions of dollars and in the process, kill and waste salmon as incidental bycatch.

During the summer of 1992, when the CDQ program first came along, NSEDC experienced an unlawful strong-arm takeover and all but one of the existing board of directors was replaced. The people who were NSEDC members prior to the takeover were no longer recognized

as members. Members of the Nome Fishermen’s Association, a Nome City Council member and I began questioning NSEDC management and State of Alaska and federal CDQ program oversight about how the re-organized NSEDC would function; particularly how someone could join as a member and how a person could be elected to its board of directors. The answer was that they couldn’t, NSEDC no longer admitted members and it did not hold director elections. NSEDC managers later testified under oath that they did not know how board members were chosen.

It is no walk in the park to battle an organization that has millions of dollars and teams of lawyers to fight their battles for them, but NSEDC was so far in the wrong that the court could not let them continue as they were. Under the supervision of the court, NSEDC agreed to reorganize from the ground up and put the questions of membership and director elections to a vote of the Norton Sound residents who are the rightful owners of the CDQ program. The judge memorialized that agreement as a December 6, 1994 judgment and order.

NSEDC was ordered to hold open director elections in each of the 15 Norton Sound communities and allow residents to vote on methods for conducting future board of director elections. Ironically, NSEDC

management pushed for and got the municipal election option that they now want to throw out and replace with something that can only be described as nebulous.

In 2006, Congress slipped a dirty little rider into the Coast Guard Reauthorization Act that removed the state and federal oversight that had kept CDQ group spending more or less in line and consistent with the goals and objectives of the CDQ program. That opened the door to another strong-arm takeover and most of NSEDC’s upper management was replaced. Associated with this takeover were more changes in the makeup of the board of directors inconsistent with the court’s judgment and the NSEDC bylaws.

On October 3, 2006 NSEDC held an election for one member to represent Nome on the NSEDC board using rules it later decided were, “not consistent with established corporate policy and practices with respect to voter and candidate eligibility.” Although there were four qualified candidates on the ballot, NSEDC chose to void the entire election and four months later held another one that did not follow the procedures laid out in the judgment, municipal election ordinances, Title 29 of the Alaska Statutes or its own bylaws and elected Don Stiles, who was not even on the ballot in the October 3 election.

If the people controlling NSEDC

had not gotten the person they wanted the second time, they could have voided that election too and done it as many times as necessary until they elected someone they liked. This year NSEDC is proposing to use a new and confusing election method created by its bylaws committee without the involvement or informed consent of community members.

Nome’s municipal election code and Title 29 of the Alaska Statutes cover nearly every possible contingency and fully define what needs to be done to have fair and open elections. What NSEDC is proposing has none of that. If there is another questioned vote, the rules will have to be made up after the fact by NSEDC as they were in 2006.

I am disappointed in the NSEDC board and in their legal counsel. I believe what NSEDC is trying to do is unethical, violates their contractual agreement, the court’s judgment and the Magnusson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act which states that the communities have the right to select their own CDQ group directors without self-serving meddling by CDQ group management.

I was hoping for a fair and uncontested NSEDC election for a change. Apparently we won’t be getting that.

Tim Smith,  
Nome, AK

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Editorial

Let’s Annex ‘em

Thy say they want to use our sewage lagoons. They say they'll pay for the privilege, just like the rest of Nome's property taxpayers and renters pay for using the sewer system. Oh, wait a minute, these guys don't live in Nome. They live outside the city limits and want to drain a big tailings waste pond into the City of Nome's sewage lagoons. The Rock Creek Mine does not pay a lick of property tax to the City of Nome. It's not inside the city limits. Why is Nome Joint Utility system even considering this proposal? Why take on the liabilities? What's wrong with this picture?

At least our city council had the good sense through Councilwoman Mary Knodel to ask for an independent study on the proposal. This was clouded by Councilman Gerald Brown's insistence that the independent study not be done by any outfit that had environmental tendencies. Did Brown ever complain that the folks who did prior environmental studies for the city were also in the employ of Nova Gold? It's hard to know whom to trust. One would hope that university research would be unbiased but even our own University of Alaska is funded by big mining outfits. Should independent studies take politics into their findings?

The general public is in danger of being bamboozled by snake oil salesmen. How can we avoid flimflam? The citizens of Nome need to make it their business to pay attention to science and act accordingly. We have a lot to lose if we don't stand up for financial and environmental accountability. If we can't hold Rock Creek Mine environmentally accountable let's make them financially accountable. Let's expand our city limits to take in the property of the Rock Creek Mine and its eight-mile proposed pipeline to Nome's sewage lagoon.

— N.L.M. —

Brevig Man hangs self in local hotel

At 7:55 a.m. Aug. 15 the Nome Police Department received a 911 call that Daniel E. Tocktoo, staying at the Nugget Inn had hanged himself. The Nome police and EMS personnel from the Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department responded.

Tocktoo, 20, was from Brevig Mission and had been released from the Seaside Center on Aug. 12.

Earlier in the Morning in Aug 15 he had reportedly been in an argument with his companions/roommates, locked himself in the bathroom and hanged himself with

a makeshift ligature. His companions forced their way into the bathroom and attempted to perform CPR until the police and EMS arrived.

Tocktoo was transported to Norton Sound Hospital but was unable to be revived.

An autopsy was performed at the direction of the State Medical Examiner's Office. Alcohol is believed to have been involved. The next of kin were notified and investigation continues.

Nome Norton Sound Tide Predictions (High & Low Waters) — August 20 - 26, 2009									
Day	Date	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height
Th	08/20	06:19 a.m. LDT	1.2H	10:37 a.m. LDT	0.9L	04:41 p.m. LDT	1.6H	11:55 p.m. LDT	-0.3L
F	08/21	06:57 a.m. LDT	1.3H	11:50 a.m. LDT	0.8L	05:49 p.m. LDT	1.5H		
Sa	08/22	12:41 a.m. LDT	-0.2L	07:33 a.m. LDT	1.4H	12:56 p.m. LDT	0.6L	06:53 p.m. LDT	1.5H
Su	08/23	01:25 a.m. LDT	-0.2L	08:07 a.m. LDT	1.5H	01:57 p.m. LDT	0.5L	07:55 p.m. LDT	1.4H
M	08/24	02:07 a.m. LDT	0.0L	08:42 a.m. LDT	1.5H	02:53 p.m. LDT	0.3L	08:57 p.m. LDT	1.3H
Tu	08/25	02:49 a.m. LDT	0.2L	09:17 a.m. LDT	1.5H	03:47 p.m. LDT	0.2L	09:59 p.m. LDT	1.3H
W	08/26	03:31 a.m. LDT	0.4L	09:53 a.m. LDT	1.5H	04:40 p.m. LDT	0.2L	11:04 p.m. LDT	1.2H
Daily variations in sea level due to local meteorological conditions cannot be predicted and may significantly effect the observed tides in this area. All times are listed in Local Standard Time (LST) or Local Daylight Time (LDT) when applicable. All heights are in feet referenced to Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW).									

Weather Statistics			
Sunrise	08/20/09 07:07 a.m.	High Temp	63° 8/12/09
	08/26/09 07:26 a.m.	Low Temp	36° 8/16/09
		Peak Wind	26 mph, NE, 8/17/09
Sunset	08/20/09 11:00 p.m.	Precip. to Date	9.42"
	08/26/09 10:39 p.m.	Normal	8.69"
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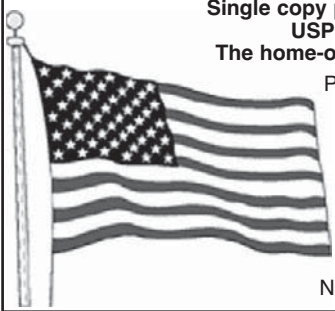
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State news briefs

Compiled by Diana Haecker  
Army Corps reissues permit for Kensington gold mine

Last Friday the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said it issued a permit to Idaho-based Coeur Alaska to dispose of mine tailings in Lower Slate Lake. The Kensington Gold mine is situated near Juneau and is currently under construction. The Corps' modified permit extends the time limit for construction work until July 2014.

After a long battle through the courts – local environmental groups fought against the plan to dump mine tailings into the lake – the Supreme Court decided that it would not violate the Clean Water Act. The Environmental Protection Agency had objected to Coeur Alaska's plans and had sent a letter to the Corps asking it to consider alternative solutions.

The Corps then initiated a review and last Friday said it considered more than 8,500 public comments before authorizing the modification of the permit, originally issued in 2005. Governor Sean Parnell as well as Alaska Senators Lisa Murkowski and Mark Begich came out with statements applauding the Corps' decision.

"The Corps made the right call," Governor Parnell said. "They recognized that this project has been approved through the right processes, and there's no reason for further delay." Parnell and the Senators argue that Kensington is a major gold project with estimates of 1.5 million ounces of gold and the promise to provide approximately 200 jobs. The mine has been under construction since 2005.

"This is a decision that's both good for the environment and Southeast's struggling economy," Lisa Murkowski said. "Kensington will provide hundreds of badly needed jobs and tax revenue while having a minimal affect on the environment."

The Southeast Alaska Conservation Council maintained the opposite, saying that the Supreme Court set a dangerous precedent, allowing a toxic slurry of water, chemicals and solid waste from the ore processing mill into an Alaskan lake in the Tongass National Forest. "Concerned

citizens across the nation fear this ruling will open the door for the nation's lakes and streams to be used as mine tailings dumps," a SEACC statement said.



EPA seeks public input on Clean Water enforcement action plan

Trying to gauge the public's opinion on how sharp EPA's teeth should be in enforcing national water protection laws, the EPA has launched an online discussion forum to receive public comments. Until August 28, Americans are encouraged to address any concerns about EPA's efforts to protect the water in their communities. An EPA statement says that the forum is part of a larger agency effort to improve the performance and enhance public transparency of state and federal Clean Water Act enforcement programs. In a memo issued on July 2, Administrator Lisa Jackson called for stronger enforcement performance at federal and state levels and a transformation of EPA's water quality and compliance information systems.

Governor Parnell urges declaration of federal fisheries disaster for Yukon chinook

Governor Sean Parnell last week called on the U.S. Secretary of Commerce to declare a fishery disaster due to poor returns of chinook salmon on the Yukon River this summer. The Magnuson-Stevens Act authorizes federal assistance through the National Marine Fisheries Service when the Secretary of Commerce determines there is a commercial fishery failure due to a fishery resource disaster. State analysis show that the decline in the Yukon chinook

fishery meets the standards in federal law as well as National Marine Fisheries Service policy for disaster declarations and criteria.

Commercial fishing is the only identified industry in the lower Yukon region that brings new money into the economy. On the entire river, more than 800 Alaska permit holders are directly affected, along with crewmen, processing employees, and those who provide support services. The Association of Village Council Presidents and the Alaska Federation of Natives also had made requests to declare a fishery disaster.

Increased ocean acidification puts crab, salmon at risk

UAF researchers found that Alaska's oceans are becoming increasingly acidic, potentially damaging Alaska's king crab and salmon fisheries. Chemical oceanographer Jeremy Mathis analyzed seawater samples collected from the depths of the Gulf of Alaska and found them more acidic than expected. Mathis concluded that ocean acidification is likely more severe and is happening more rapidly in Alaska than in tropical waters. The results also matched his recent findings in the Chukchi and Bering Seas.

Often referred to as the sister problem to climate change, ocean acidification is a term to describe increasing acidity in the world's oceans. The ocean absorbs carbon dioxide from the air. As the ocean absorbs more carbon dioxide, seawater becomes more acidic. Researchers say the ocean contains minerals that organisms like oysters and crabs use to build their shells. Ocean acidification makes it more difficult to build shells and the water can even become acidic enough to break down existing shells.

Another organism that could be affected by ocean acidification is the tiny pteropod, also known as a sea butterfly or swimming sea snail. The pteropod is at the base of the food chain and makes up nearly half of the pink salmon's diet. A 10 percent decrease in the population of pteropods could mean a 20 percent decrease in an adult salmon's body weight.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

August 20 - August 26, 2009

EVENT	PLACE	TIME
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Thursday, August 20

Alaska Logistics Voyage 9005 departs Seward see ad on page 9 for more details		
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*Preschool Story Hour	Kegoyah Library	10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 6:30 p.m.
*Denali Kid Care Medicaid	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Swimming Lessons	Pool	4 p.m. - 5p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Your Baby's Hearing Test video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
Port Commission Work Session		
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Anvil Mt Challenge		
*Beginning Baton with Jay	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
*Swing Dancing with Seiji	Nome Rec Center	7:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.

Friday, August 21

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 4 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50
*WIC Program, Expect the Best video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Nutrition class	Prematernal Home	3 p.m.
Sitnasuak Native Corp Seat		
Questionnaire and Letter of Intent due		
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Ruslan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Adult Drop-in Soccer	Nome Rec Center	8 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.

Saturday, August 22

*UMW Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 8 p.m.
*Making a Difference: A Woman's	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
Guide to Prenatal Care video		
*Open Swim	Pool	3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Safety Starts at Home video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, August 23

*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Pregnant, Single & Prepared video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Having Your Baby video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*AA: Big Book Study	HR Conf. Room, NSHC	6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Monday, August 24

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Morning Laps	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 10 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.
*Stages of Labor video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Beginning Yoga with Kari	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Ruslan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Drop-in Volleyball	Nome Rec Center	7:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Nome Common Council reg mtg		
*AA Meeting "Big Book Study"		
	Council Chambers	7:30 p.m.
	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.

Tuesday, August 25

School Starts!

*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*Preschool Story Hour	Kegoyah Library	10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	noon - 1 p.m.
*Through the Healing Circle...video	Nome Rec Center	1 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Welcome to the World: 3 Birth Stories vid	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Water Aerobics with Liz	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*AA Teleconference: 1-800-914-3396	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	(CODE: 3534534#)	7 p.m.
*Adult Drop-in Soccer	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
	Nome Rec Center	8 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Wednesday, August 26

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Morning Laps	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Dental class	Prematernal Home	11 a.m.
*Rotary Club	Airport Pizza	noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 10 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.
*You and Your Baby Lamaze video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
FEMA Public Mtg floodplain study		
*Open Gym	Council Chambers	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Two Week Sale ends		
*Tae Kwon Do with Ruslan	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Hello Central (also on Channel 98)	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. see ad pg 4
	Nome Visitors Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
		7:30 p.m.

Business/place of interest hours of operation:		
XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Tu - F)
Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m. (everyday)
Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	10 a.m. - 5 p.m. (M - F)
Library Hours	Kegoyah Library	noon - 8 p.m. (M - Th)
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Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	noon - 6 p.m. (F - Sa)
Note: Bolded items indicate a recent change in hours		
		1 p.m. - 8 p.m. (M - Th & Sa)

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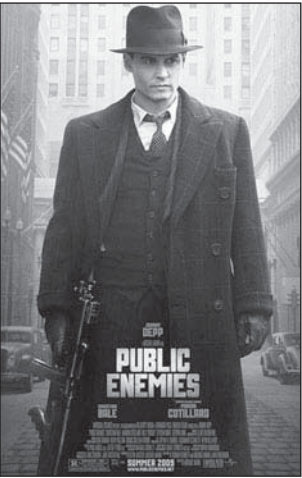
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# Native contracts face increased scrutiny

By Diana Haecker

Almost equally as controversial as the current debate around health care reform, the recent investigation focused on a Small Business Administration program giving preferences to Alaska Native-owned businesses spurred outrage among Alaskan Native corporations and elected Alaskan officials.

Democratic Missouri Sen. Claire McCaskill, chairwoman of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs subcommittee on contracting oversight, called for an investigation of the so-called 8(a) contracting preferences. McCaskill said these preferences are "driving the competitive process in the wrong direction." McCaskill held a hearing July 16 to listen to testimony from small business administrators, Alaska senators, Native leaders and two businesses claiming disadvantage due to the Alaska Native corporations' preference in the Small Business Administration's program.

The 8(a) program gives preference to minority-owned businesses, women-owned, veteran-owned or and historically disadvantaged businesses in landing federal contracts. Under a provision instituted in 1986, Alaska Native corporations, along with economically disadvantaged Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations, were given a preference that eliminates a bidding process—so-called sole source contracts, where the government only negotiates with one company—and has no cap on the amount of a federal contract.

Other small businesses can participate under the 8(a) program, but their no-bid contracts are limited up to \$3.5 million for services and \$5.5 million for manufacturing. Alaska Native corporations are exempt from the cap. This allowed ANC's to enter into lucrative government contracts; the intent being that these contracts would create an economic upswing for impoverished Alaskan communities. The ANC's success landing these 8(a) contracts spurred McCaskill to investigate the program.

According to a review by the Small Business Administration's inspector general, federal spending on ANC 8(a) contracts rose more than 1,300 percent in the past 10 years. The report says that ANC's landed federal contracts worth \$265 million in the year 2000 and that that number increased to \$3.9 billion in 2008. The inspector general also found that federal agencies prefer these sole-source awards because they take less time to process and to manage than competitive awards. In short, things get done faster.

In late July, McCaskill again sent shock waves through ANC's corner offices when she introduced and then scrapped an amendment to the Defense Authorization Bill that would have limited Native corporations' ability to obtain no-bid federal defense contracts under the Small Business Administration's 8(a) Business Development Program. The Department of Defense uses \$5 billion worth

of services from ANC's, followed by the Department of the Interior with \$1 billion and the Department of Homeland Security with \$980 million.

Alaska Sen. Mark Begich's spokeswoman Julie Hasquet told *The Nome Nugget* that at Begich's request McCaskill dropped the amendment and signaled to work with the Alaska delegation, Native corporations and the Small Business Administration on an overhaul of the SBA 8(a) program.

McCaskill said in her opening remarks of the July 16 hearing that critics have identified these preferences as a vehicle for avoiding competition and passing work to large, non-Native contractors. McCaskill quoted from a preliminary report gathered by her staff, which itself came under fire as AFN president Julie Kitka and Sen. Lisa Murkowski spent most of their testimony putting the report's numbers in the historic context of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971 as well as reminding the committee about the special government-to-government relationship the United States has with Native tribes.

A bone of contention was the part of the subcommittee's investigation that revealed that most contracts with Alaska Native corporations are performed outside Alaska. McCaskill's staff analysis says that between 2000 and 2008, only \$5 billion, or 21 percent, of all contract dollars awarded to ANC's were performed in the state of Alaska. The rest was spent in Virginia, Maryland, Florida and California.

McCaskill alleged that Alaska Native corporations may also be passing work through to their subcontractors and that they employ relatively few of their shareholders, relying heavily on non-Native managers.

McCaskill also criticized that ANC's receive a disproportionate share of 8(a) contracts as ANC's rake in 18 percent of all federal contract dollars under the program. "Nobody begrudges giving small, disadvantaged businesses a chance to win federal contracts," said McCaskill in her opening statement. "But the Alaska Native corporations have used their special preferences to bust the door down."

Sarah Lukin with the Native American Contractor's Association countered, saying that only 0.8 percent of 8(a) contracts are awarded to Native corporations. "The problems in government contracting are systemic and should not be visited on the Native 8(a) or the other small and disadvantaged business programs. Native 8(a)s do not take business from other 8(a)s, but we offer real competition to the large contractors and real value to the taxpayer," Lukin, an Alutiiq of Port Lions, said.

McCaskill had in May requested financial information from 20 regional and village corporations, including Bering Straits Native Corp. and NANA. A University of Alaska Institute of Social and Economic Research report prepared at the request of Sen. Begich supports the social and economic importance of 8(a) subsidiaries,

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especially to rural ANC's. The report says that there are 176 ANC 8(a) contractors in Alaska and that McCaskill's request for information was addressed to 20 ANC's and focused on those that are large and high-profile. "The vast majority of ANC 8(a)s however—more than 80 percent—are village corporations working relatively small contracts, hiring local people and sharing the economic benefits with local shareholders in small, remote villages. They are teaching the next generation about American entrepreneurial values and opportunities," reads the report.

McCaskill said that although the numbers of 8(a) contracts are impressive, only a fraction of the profits seep to the shareholder base. "If we take a hard look at the numbers, only about \$615 a year in money, scholarships and other benefits goes back to each member of the Alaska Native

community," she said. She added that over the past three weeks, she has witnessed a very vocal and well-financed lobby outspoken in support of the 8(a) program preferences. "But our responsibility is to look out for the taxpayers—not the Alaska Native corporations and their profit margins, other federal contractors, or any other influential special interests," she said.

Gail Schubert, vice president with the Bering Strait Native Corp., told *The Nome Nugget* that the 8(a) program is very important to BSNC and that its profits indeed do trickle down to the shareholder. "A significant portion that comes out of the 8(a) government contracting was used to increase our contributions to the Bering Straits Foundation. We've been able to increase our dividends and to hire and train shareholders," she said.

The three-hour long hearing in-

cluded testimony from federal SBA auditors and administrators, Department of Defense officials, AFN president Kitka, director of the Native American Contractor's Association, director of the National Congress of American Indians and two business people testifying against the Native Alaskan 8(a) preference.

One Small Business Administration official said that "ANC participation in the 8(a) program has undeniably benefited Alaska Natives and tribes and that this may be limiting the ability of non-ANC-owned companies to secure 8(a) contracts." But Debra Ritt with the SBA also identified problems saying that a very small number of ANC participants received a disproportionate share of the 8(a) pie. "The procurement advantages that ANC-owned companies enjoy, and their ability to get access to capital and credit through their parent companies, may be working to disadvantage other 8(a) participants," she said.

Joseph Jordan, also with the Small Business Administration said that in recent years, SBA's inspector general, the Government Accountability Office and Congress have identified a number of management challenges with the ANC program, in particular. "While we may differ over our analysis of a few of the details, we all agree on the overarching need for greater oversight to ensure the program operates in accordance with its

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# One dead, one charged in Stebbins fight

17-year-old Zachary Pete arrived to find older brother pummeled, allegedly retaliated with log

**By Tyler Rhodes**

A 26-year-old man from Kotlik is dead and a teenager from Stebbins is facing manslaughter charges following a fight in Stebbins Aug. 15.

Zachary Alexander Pete, 17, is being held in the Anvil Mountain Correctional Center on \$25,000 bail after allegedly striking Richard Yunak in the head with a large piece of wood and kicking him during a fight last Saturday. Yunak was pronounced dead of his injuries that evening in Stebbins.

According to the criminal complaint filed against Pete, Yunak and Pete's older brother, Louis Pete, 26, were involved in a fight when the younger Pete arrived. The complaint states that another party, Carolyn Kirk, saw the fight

and witnessed Yunak punch and knock Louis Pete to the ground.

The younger Pete said he came running when he heard his brother's voice involved in an altercation, according to the complaint. After seeing his brother on the ground with his face beaten up and bleeding, Zachary Pete said he thought his brother may be dead and was trying to protect him, the complaint states. Zachary Pete allegedly said he was knocked down by Yunak before running to the beach and grabbing a piece of wood.

When Pete arrived back at the scene of the fight, Ignatius Matthias Jr. was holding Yunak, according to the complaint. Pete allegedly struck Yunak twice near the face with the

wood, knocking him to the ground. The complaint states Pete then kicked Yunak a couple of times while he was on the ground.

The on-call health aide in Stebbins at the time, Stacie Matthias, responded to the scene to find both the elder Pete and Yunak on the ground. According to the complaint, the health aide found Yunak to have a weak pulse and low respirations before he stopped breathing all together. She performed CPR at the scene and continued so at the village clinic before Yunak was pronounced dead. The complaint said an exam of Yunak showed he suffered a severe injury to the right side of his neck with significant swelling and discoloration.

According to Alaska State Troopers, Louis

Pete was flown to Anchorage for treatment of severe head injuries. Troopers reported that he was in stable condition.

Zachary Pete was arraigned in Nome before Magistrate Bradley Gater on Aug. 16. He was appointed a public defender at that time. Aside from a few curfew violations in Stebbins, a state records check showed no criminal history for Pete.

State statutes defines manslaughter as someone who "intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly caused the death of another person under circumstances not amounting to murder in the first or second degree."

A preliminary hearing in the matter is set for Aug. 26 at 1:30 p.m.

## • Contracts

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intended purpose of promoting opportunities for ANC firms free of waste, fraud and abuse," Jordan said.

However, Alaska Sens. Murkowski and Begich defended the validity of the program for Alaskan Natives. Murkowski said in her testimony that she believes that the Indian 8(a) preferences are achieving important economic development objectives and are well worth preserving as a matter of federal Indian policy. "This senator does not believe that these contracting preferences undermine the integrity of all federal contracting," she said. "While the dollar value of some individual contracts may be substantial, taken together all of the contracting under this preference accounts something on the order of 1 percent of the total federal contract pie. And I am deeply concerned by the suggestion that a victory for the Indians is a defeat for businesses enjoying preferences through other socioeconomic classifications."

Murkowski went on to say that Alaska Native corporations have fully committed their tribes and business enterprises to meet the 8(a) opportunities. "Our Native leaders have entered into contracts, hired people, created systems and focused all of their energies on learning this business. Now that same federal government threatens to pull the rug out from under them," she said. "I fear that we are moving down the road to

breaking yet another promise to the Indians. If we are not careful policy changes prompted by this subcommittee's inquiry will go down in history as another of the ill-conceived policies that we in the Congress are later forced to apologize for."

Begich commented in a prepared statement saying that while he supports the ANC preference, he recognizes the 8(a) program is not perfect and he agrees with recommendations that the SBA needs to clarify its procedures and fully staff its oversight mission. "I look forward to working with this subcommittee and the Congress to ensure that this program continues to work properly and effectively for Alaska Native corporations and all Americans," Begich said.

Rep. Don Young was not invited to testify, but submitted a written testimony expressing his dismay. "I am surprised and disappointed that this Senate committee denied me the professional courtesy usually extended to fellow members of Congress," Young said.

Young asserted that the program's success has given Alaska Natives a degree of economic and social self-determination, something that has long been the goal of federal Indian policy. "Much of what is being reported on Alaska Native corporations is incorrect and misrepresented and is based on lack of research and lack of proper information; that's incredibly unfortunate," he said in his statement. "I consistently fail to see why our Congress is seeking to punish a successful program that is working ex-

actly as intended. Congress' decision to allow Alaska Native participation was the correct one, and we are beginning to see the payoff now."

### Other businesses object

However, the other side of the coin was presented via two business people testifying how hard it is to compete with ANCs. Mark Lumer representing Cirrus Technology Inc., a small business located in Huntsville, Ala., said he was formerly a contracting official with the Department of the Army. "The first observation I want to make is that as a contracting officer for 25 years, the unlimited sole source authority for ANCs was a very useful tool to get contracts awarded quickly under the Competition in Contracting Act," Lumer said.

He is not in favor of having that tool completely eliminated, but as a small business representative, he said that it is incredibly difficult to compete with ANCs under the current rules. He said his business would not even compete for any procurement if there were a history of ANC involvement or where there is the likelihood that an ANC will go after the job directly.

Another business woman from New York said that her business lost a follow-up contract to a job they've been locally working on at the Army station Fort Drum to two Alaskan Native corporations, Chugach and Alutiiq, on a

sole-source, no-bid basis. "We were given various reasons why this decision had been made, ranging from there not being enough time to procure this contract using traditional contracting methods to the unbelievable argument that this sole-source contract would lead to the most potential for involvement by local companies," she said.

Taking a more philosophical stance on the importance of the special relationship and treaties between Indian and Alaska tribes with the federal government, AFN president Kitka said in her testimony that it would not be fair or just to separate the economic treatment of Alaska Natives from the settlement of aboriginal claims. She asserted that the root in the discussion is the integrity of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act—which cleared the way for the building of the trans-Alaska oil pipeline as Alaska Natives extinguished all claims to the land in exchange for 44 million acres of land and millions in cash. "ANCSA is the foundation of much of the Alaska Natives economic and legal relationship with the federal government, but it is much more than that. It embodies most of our economic and relational agreements with the federal government, agreements for which our people relinquished valid legal claims to lands and resources in Alaska, our homeland," Kitka said.

She went on to say that Alaskan Na-

tives then had to take a tough stand as they were all about keeping land, culture and Native lifestyle intact as the primary objective of ANCSA. The creations of Native corporations and the mandate to be profitable weren't on their minds, back then. However, she said, the Native corporations have come a long way, evolving and fulfilling their mandates. She said that the greatest benefit of ANCs' participation in the 8(a) program is the capacity building. "We are both contributing to the U.S. economic recovery and building our capacity to help more. We are involved in nation-building work, which benefits all Americans," Kitka said.

In response to the July 16 hearing, Sen. Murkowski asked for a hearing on the matter in front of the Indian Affairs Committee. Murkowski called the July hearing a "hostile environment" for ANCs. Also, several ANCs including NANA, Chenega Corp., Alutiiq, Chugach Alaska and Koniag joined Lower 48 Native American tribes and contractors associations in a coalition called "Native 8(a) works." Their stated purpose is to fight "misrepresentations of their government contracting work." The group asserts that Native 8 (a) businesses have helped create more 31,000 good-paying jobs, help to fund college educations and provide economic support and opportunities to Native people.



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## • Salmon

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from 6 p.m. Monday until 6 p.m. Wednesday, and from 6 p.m. Thursday until 6 p.m. Saturday. Subsistence hook-and-line fishing is open seven days a week. Subsistence catch limits are listed on the back of the permit for each area.

"The silver passage at the Nome and Snake [river] weirs has been very poor," Menard continued. "Aerial surveys have shown silvers moving into the lower reaches of other rivers, but few silvers have moved into the Nome and Snake rivers. Water levels have been very low, and rainy weather bringing increasing water levels would likely help to improve escapement counts at the weirs. The department will determine late [this] week if fishing restrictions are necessary until silver escapements improve in the subdistrict."

### Red king crab harvest

Commercial fishermen harvested 185,515 pounds of red king crab through Aug. 14, with 157,360 pounds of quota remaining in the Norton Sound open access fishery, Menard reports. "The catch is well below recent years for this date, and the trend line indicates the quota will not be caught until September," he noted. "There are 20 vessels still crabbing and 22 vessels have made deliveries this year."

Menard prepared the following report on commercial catches and escapement numbers for salmon species for each of the six subdistricts in the Norton Sound district and for the Port Clarence and Kotzebue districts.

### Unalakleet subdistrict

Preliminary commercial catches to date are 18,094 chums, 11,761 pinks, 41 sockeyes and 37,650 silvers. As in recent years, silver catches are tracking well above average.

The Unalakleet River Test Fish catches through Aug. 14 were 135 kings, 1,476 chums, 1,034 pinks, 19 sockeyes and 835 silvers. The silver catch is 20

percent above the recent five-year average and 45 percent above the recent 10-year average. In the recent record silvers runs, the midpoint for the five-year average from 2004-2008 was Aug. 14, but the 10-year average is Aug. 18 at the test net. This is an ADF&G project with assistance from Norton Sound Economic Development Corp.

The North River Tower escapement goals are: Kings, 1,200-2,600; chums, no goal established; pinks, 25,000; silvers, 550-1,100 (aerial survey goal). Cumulative counts through Aug. 14 are 2,346 kings, 8,898 chums, 189,198 pinks and 6,672 silvers. Silvers are tracking 20 percent below the recent five-year average, but 10 percent above the 10-year average. The average historical midpoint at the tower is Aug. 12. This is a cooperative project of ADF&G and NSEDC.

### Shaktoolik subdistrict

Preliminary commercial catches to date are 10,537 chums, 5,234 pinks, 27 sockeyes, and 7,051 silvers. Silver catches have been above average.

### Norton Bay subdistrict

Preliminary commercial catches to date are 1,860 chums, 555 pinks and 1,720 silvers. No comparisons can be made with previous years because this year is only the second year in the last 10 years that commercial salmon fishing has occurred.

### Moses Point (Elim) subdistrict

Preliminary commercial catches to date are 260 chums, 11 pinks and 3,963 silvers. The cumulative silver catch is well above average.

The Kwiniuk River Tower escapement goals are: Kings, 300-550; chums, 11,500-23,000; pinks, 8,400; and silvers, 650-1,300 (aerial survey goal). Cumulative counts through Aug. 14 are 444 kings, 8,709 chums, 42,861 pinks and 2,757 silvers.

Silver counts at the tower rank sixth in the nine years of counting by this date. The average historical first quarter point is Aug. 10 and the average historical midpoint is Aug. 20. This is an

ADF&G project with assistance from NSEDC.

### Golovin subdistrict

Preliminary commercial catches to date are 42 chums and 1,568 silvers. The cumulative silver catch is well above average.

The Niukluk River Tower escapement goals are: Pinks, 10,500; chums, minimum of 30,000; kings, minimum of 100 (combined Fish River and Boston Creek aerial survey); and silvers, 2,400-6,100. Cumulative counts through Aug. 14 are 210 kings, 15,759 chums, 24,042 pinks and 1,797 silvers.

The silver count is tracking average with the recent five-year average and is 25 percent above the 10-year average. The average historical first quarter point is Aug. 13 and the average historical midpoint is Aug. 21. This is an ADF&G project with assistance from NSEDC.

### Nome subdistrict

The Eldorado River Weir escapement goal for chums is 6,000-9,200. The last day of counting was Aug. 3. Cumulative counts are 31 kings, 4,943 chums, 1,119 pinks and two silvers. This is a cooperative project between NSEDC and ADF&G.

The Nome River Weir escapement goals are: Chums, 2,900-4,300; and pinks, 3,150 (odd-numbered year). Cumulative counts through Aug. 14 are eight kings, 1,296 chums, 16,129 pinks, 61 sockeyes and 39 silvers.

To date the silver counts have been very low, with this year's count ranking 14th out of 17 years of counts. The average historical first quarter point is Aug. 18 and the average historical midpoint is Aug. 28. This is an ADF&G project with assistance from NSEDC.

The Snake River Weir escapement goal is 1,600-2,500 chums. Cumulative counts through Aug. 13 are four kings, 837 chums, 739 pinks and seven silvers. The silver count for this date is the second worst in 15 years of counting at the project. The average historical first quarter point is Aug. 21

and the average midpoint is Aug. 27. This is a cooperative project between NSEDC and ADF&G.

### Port Clarence district

All salmon net fishing remains closed on the Pilgrim and Kuzitrin Rivers. Hook-and-line is the only legal subsistence gear to harvest salmon in the Pilgrim and Kuzitrin Rivers. Sport fish bag limits are in effect for subsistence hook-and-line fishing.

The Pilgrim River Weir escapement goal (aerial survey at Salmon Lake and Grand Central tributary to Salmon Lake) is 4,000-8,000 sockeye. Cumulative counts through Aug. 13 are 42 kings, 4,121 chums, 464 pinks, 933 sockeyes and 11 silvers.

All counts are the lowest since the weir began operations in 2003.

All salmon passage, except for chum and silvers, is probably at the 99 percent point. The average historical third quarter point for chum salmon is Aug. 12. The average historical first quarter point for silvers is Aug. 18. Historically, silver passage at the weir has only been in the hundreds each year, as the Pilgrim River does not get a large silver run. The weir is a cooperative NSEDC/ADF&G project.

### Kotzebue district

Commercial fishing is open from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. from Monday to Saturday. The buyer can shorten the period for their fleet if necessary. Catches and the catch per unit of effort were above average last week. The buyer shortened fishing periods to four hours a day last week. The preliminary harvest total through Aug. 15 was 141,168 chums for 52 permit holders. The catch is on track for a forecasted harvest range of 150,000 to 200,000 chums in 2009.

The Kobuk River Test Fish is an ADF&G project. The catch through Aug. 14 was 814 chums and 430 sheefish. The cumulative chum index is 797 points and has fallen behind most years, but is above the 600 index points necessary for commercial fishing to continue. Historically, the midpoint of the chum catches is the first week of August. The cumulative sheefish index is 455 points, or average.

## • Flu

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trict to provide information for its teachers, staff and communities as a whole.

Superintendent Jon Wehde said the district plans to send information home to parents on the first day of school Aug. 25, detailing the district's policies and plans for handling the flu. Wehde said extra attention will be paid to good hygiene practices this fall, including the importance of hand washing and the correct way to cover coughs and sneezes. He said the schools will have plenty of anti-bacterial soap available and will likely increase the frequency of "shock cleanings" conducted on the facilities. "We may have to do shock cleaning on a daily basis versus bi-weekly, which is the case now," Wehde said.

Wehde also said the district is looking at how to manage if a large number of staff were sidelined all at once with the flu. Closing the schools so far does not appear to be a card that is on the table. Several schools on the east coast shut down last spring in response to a number of their students contacting the flu. Kilby said school closures don't appear to be particularly effective in stemming the spread of the flu. Often in lieu of gathering together at school, the students will continue to congregate elsewhere, which still provides the flu the chance to spread.

Wehde did say, however, that in addition to the emphasis on good hygiene, school officials will be keeping a more watchful eye out for students who appear sick. "It's not uncommon for a school secretary to make a call if a student appears sick. Half the time the kids

stays and half the time the kid goes home," he said. "We may have to up our rigor to ask a student to go home or that they stay at home. It's a whole new level of awareness and concern."

Teachers are not the only ones who should be reminding students of good hygiene or deciding if a child is too sick to come to school. "Parents should be reviewing with their children ways to stop the spread of germs," Kilby said. "The other thing we want to stress to parents is to make sure they're not sending sick children to school."

Kilby said the hospital is planning to send out information region-wide in the coming weeks to inform the public as the flu season hits. She said Norton Sound Health Corp. is also developing a telephone line to be staffed 24 hours a day to answer questions and provide advice regarding the flu. She said the "flu line" could help callers determine if they should seek further medical attention. Kilby said the number will be available to the region's villages as well as in Nome.

Kilby said a flu shot for the H1N1 is currently undergoing clinical trials at the federal level and may be available in Nome by late October. She expects the shot for the seasonal flu to be available in the region earlier, in September rather than October. Kilby said if more people get the seasonal flu shot it will better help identify the number of H1N1 cases in the area.

When the H1N1 flu shot does become available in the region, Kilby said it will initially be distributed to high-risk groups. Those in that group include pregnant women, children 5-years-old and younger, and those with

immune system deficiencies or other chronic health problems. She also noted that health care providers will get the shot, "because if your health care providers get sick, they can't take care of the rest of us," she said. Kilby said after those initial groups are covered, remaining flu shots for H1N1 may be distributed to other groups.

Shots for both types of flu should be available by the annual health fair slated for Oct. 23-24 this year.

Anti-viral medication is also available for those who have already contacted the H1N1 flu. Like the vaccine, the anti-viral medication will be restricted in its availability to high-risk

groups since there is not enough in the region to cover the entire population. Kilby noted that the medication does not cure the flu, but only reduces its severity. "It's not a cure-all," she said.

Anti-viral medications will be available in villages as well as in Nome when needed, she said.

Like the schools, Kilby said the hospital is also looking at contingency plans if the number of flu cases coming through the doors overwhelms the system. One such measure could be converting part of the facility, such as the public health office, into a flu clinic.

Kilby said the hospital is recommending that people take care of rou-

tine medical needs now in the case that flu cases do swamp the system. Those who wait could face long wait times or delays in scheduling appointments.

What kind of toll, if any, the H1N1 flu will take on area communities is still just conjecture at this point. The most productive actions people can take, Kilby said, is to simply adopt and abide by practices. Those include frequent hand washing with soap or sanitizer, and covering coughs and sneezes. Kilby also recommended keeping personal contact to a minimum, a practice known as "social distancing."

"So wave at your neighbor instead of shaking hands," she said.

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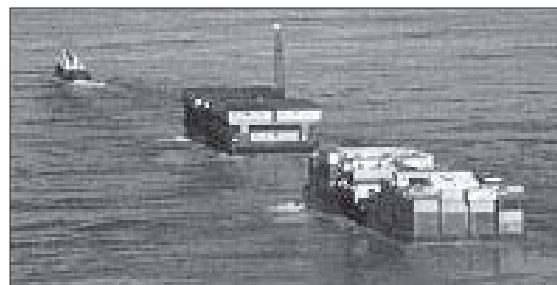
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# Unalakleet's mushing mayor to make Iditarod debut

*Middy Johnson wins Seppala Heritage Grant*

By Tyler Rhodes

When Unalakleet's William "Middy" Johnson leads his dogs to the starting line in Willow next March, he will do so as a rookie Iditarod musher.

While it will be the first time Johnson, 43, runs the course that finishes under Nome's burl arch, it will be far from the first brush he has had with the storied race. The Unalakleet mayor's ties to the Iditarod run deep in his blood.

In addition to having two brothers who have run the race, Johnson's grandfather, Henry Ivanoff, participated in the 1925 serum run to deliver antitoxin to Nome to stave off a potential diphtheria epidemic. The Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race, in part, commemorates that life-saving relay.

It's more than fitting, then, that Johnson is the recipient of this year's Seppala Heritage Grant. The \$10,000 award is given to rookie mushers who show a commitment to working with dogs and display strong character traits. The namesake of the grant, Leonhard Seppala, was the most famous musher of his time—and the man to whom Ivanoff handed the serum during the frigid 1925 relay. "He exemplifies what the grant is intended for—a rural musher with the desire to run the Iditarod," said Laura Samuelson, a Nome resident who is also a member of the grant's selection committee.

For years Johnson has helped with the Iditarod, whether it's been breaking trail, organizing checkpoints or making sure the arriving mushers have somewhere to stay once they hit Unalakleet. He has dog handled for his brother, Paul, during his Iditarod run. Now, after running the Kobuk 440 and the Two Rivers 200 last winter as qualifier races, Johnson is ready to finally see the Iditarod from the runners.

Receiving the Seppala Heritage Grant will go a long way toward bringing another rural Alaska musher into the race. "I've been very fortunate to get the grant. I'm sure there were a lot of good grant applications out there," Johnson said. "It is such a huge expense. It goes two times as far for me perhaps as for somebody on the road system. I'm really appreciative of it."

The initial \$40,000 commitment for the grants was made by Maya Ramsey, Seppala's granddaughter. The first four recipients of the grant were Jon Korda, Warren Palfrey, Nome's Melissa Owens and Wade Marrs. The funds for Johnson's grant came from 2008 All Alaska Sweepstakes winner Mitch Seavey donating \$10,000 of his \$100,000 prize. Samuelson said as of now, there are no funds lined up for new grants to be awarded.

Once the backbone of winter transportation in Alaska, the use of sled dogs has all but disappeared in many rural villages, as the snowmachine has become the primary mode of transport on snow and ice. Likewise, the number of rural mushers racing the Iditarod has dwindled as the number of kennels in the bush shrinks and

the cost to run the race balloons.

While \$10,000 is a sizeable award, Johnson said it won't cover even half his cost to run the race. Johnson figures he will spend upward of \$35,000 on the effort. Kibble for the dogs, alone, cost \$80 a bag landed in Unalakleet, he said. "The expense of everything here is so high," he said.

Nevertheless, Johnson hopes his running the race will help inspire others to keep the traditions alive. "I think it will be good for the region. It's been great to see Melissa [Owens] go, and Joe Garnie and others," Johnson said. "Hopefully this will keep the spirit of mushing going in the villages."

Outside of the costs, and perhaps reduced access to veterinary care, Johnson does not see living in rural Alaska as an obstacle to being competitive in the Iditarod or other big races. On the contrary, he thinks the Norton Sound coast provides him with ideal practice grounds. "I've got some of the best training conditions out here. I've got hills. I've got flats. I've got wind. And I've got the coast," he said.

As for how that training will play out in the 2010 Iditarod, Johnson said he would be pleased with a finish in the top half of the pack. "I'd like to do as well as I can for what I've put into the dogs, as far as training goes," he said. "The top half would be a significant thing for me."

Johnson said his desire to run the Iditarod comes from many corners. He simply loves to run dogs. He watches the race come through his town each year. His brothers have run the Iditarod. He also wants to send a message. "I want to go out and maybe show that, hey, we can be competitive, that we [as rural Alaskans] can do these things too," he said. "Maybe it will be an inspiration for somebody else that you don't have to be from a big city or have a big sponsor, and that you can accomplish a feat like running the Iditarod."

That feat for Johnson is by no means a done deal. The Unalakleet mayor knows he has his work cut out for him. "I've got a lot of work left to do," he said. "That's the biggest part of it, between the first part of September when I start training and the start. The hardest part will be mid-season."

As for the actual race, Johnson said he's had to answer the question of whether his dogs will want to stop once they reach Unalakleet, despite still having a few hundred miles of trail to run. "If they're mentally tough, I shouldn't have a problem," he said. "I can sneak out of here in the dark. I've got a couple things I've got planned to try and take care of the issue. Maybe it's a different stop on the trail to camp out. Maybe a mix of running check point to check point like Lance Mackey, he's no stranger to blowing through check points."

For Johnson, himself, he figures he can keep on pushing through after he makes a stop at home. "It will be nice to visit [Unalakleet], though. I see these people 345 days of the year," he said.



Photo courtesy of Aaron Burmeister

**WAITING FOR THE SNOW**—Former Nomeite and Iditarod musher Aaron Burmeister (left) visits with Middy Johnson and his lead dog, Sporty, at Johnson's kennel in Unalakleet. With the help of a \$10,000 Seppala Heritage Grant, Johnson will run the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog race for the first time this winter.

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**HAKA (above)**—Ma'o Tosi, leader of the Alaska Pride Club, gives a yell along with Andrea Irrigoo, 13, while they perform a war chant, or haka, at the Nome Eskimo Community 2009 Wellness Festival at the Nome Recreation Center Aug. 12.

**SPLAT (right)**—Christian Leckband lets Mike Hajdukovich have it with a whipped cream pie at the festival Aug. 12. The pie, and the opportunity to throw it at the visiting basketball coach, were auctioned off to raise funds for the Nome Food Bank.

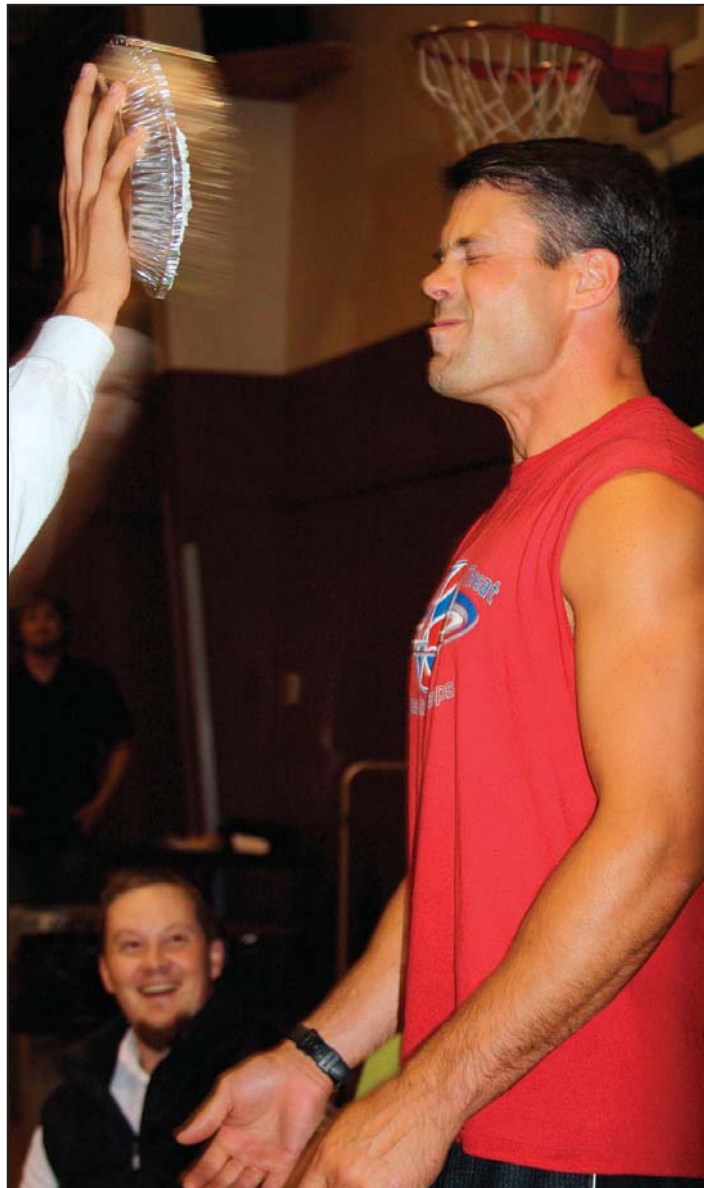


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## NEC wraps up Wellness Festival with song, dance and dinner

After two full days of conferences, meetings and presentations, participants in Nome Eskimo Community's Wellness Festival were able to let their hair down and have some fun at the Nome Recreation Center during a large potluck and potluck Aug. 12.

The evening was punctuated with perform-

ances by local artists and guests. Visitors from Ma'o Tosi's Alaska Pride Club wowed the audience with breakdancing, poetry, musical performances, raps and face-painting. Tosi and his club were brought up to the festival by NEC to provide workshops on engaging youth to participate in programs and keep on track to stay

in school and move on to higher education.

Also in town for the event was the Matt Lewis band, whose upbeat tunes got the crowd dancing in the Rec Center. The band also gave workshops for adults and youth, and performed at a local restaurant last Tuesday.

Local acts also grabbed the stage at the

potluck celebration. The King Island Dancers, Sarah Hanson with three of her guitar students, and Arlo Hannigan were all slated to perform for the crowd.

The evening also featured a huge spread of food. Fish, stews, burgers and salads were just a few of the offerings gobbled up by the crowd.



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**SMOKE SIGNALS (above, right)**—The red smoke makes the location of the joint Air National Guard and Coast Guard mock rescue easy to find near Middle Beach in Nome Sunday.

**SHOW AND TELL (above, left)**—Nome residents get a close look at the Air National Guard Pavehawk helicopter on the beach Sunday.

**HOVERING (above)**—A Coast Guard Jayhawk positions itself for a rescue during a drill above the Bering Sea in Nome.j1

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**NICE CATCH** (above)—Polaris Bar's Chip Leeper catches a fly ball on the run Friday night. Polaris wound up taking second in the tournament.

**EYE ON THE BALL** (left)—Josie Bahnke stays focused as she swings at a pitch Friday night during the final game of the season. Her team, Q-Trucking, wound up taking runner-up honors.

**INCOMING** (lower left)—Richelle Horner fields a grounder for the victorious Breakers team Friday night at the Nome softball fields.



## Underdogs win in do-or-die softball finals

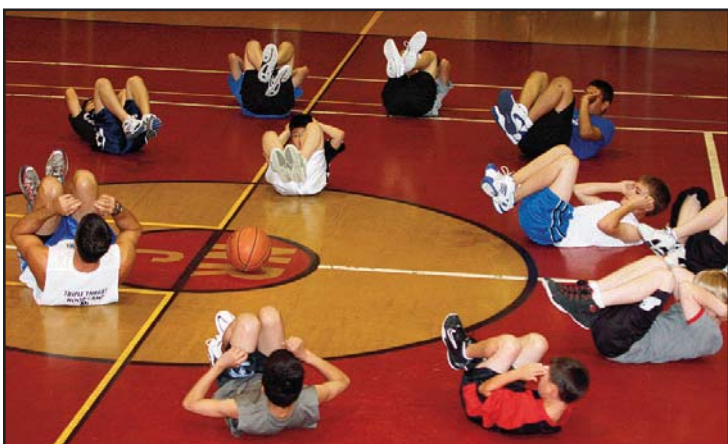
Friday proved to be the night of the underdog during the season championships at Nome's softball fields.

Facing the uphill battle of needing to win two games in a row to take the title, the Breakers Bar "Ball Breakers" on the women's side and the Board of Trade "Hustlers" for the men outplayed the top-seeded teams to take home the titles.

On the men's side, BOT beat out the perennial favorites, the Polaris Bar, in a couple of heavy-hit-

ting games. In game one, the Hustlers stayed alive with a 13-9 win. In the second match, a grueling slug-fest, BOT racked up 31 runs to Polaris' 29.

On the women's side of the fields, the Ball Breakers steamrolled their way to a 16-4 win over Q-Trucking's "Mother Truckers" in the first do-or-die game. Breakers kept that prowess at the plate alive in the second game, winning the title after a 21-10 victory.



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**WARMING UP** (above)—Younger participants in the Triple Threat Basketball Camp execute a set of sit-ups with coach Mike Hajdukovich Aug. 13 at the Nome Recreation Center.

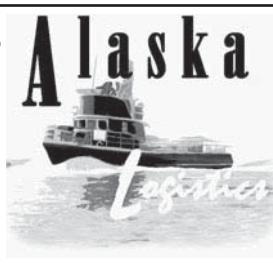
**JUMPING JEREMY** (right)—Jeremy Head works on his slam dunks after a scrimmage Aug. 13 during the Triple Threat Basketball Camp.



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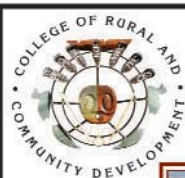
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Obituaries

Steven Lee Attatayuk

Steven Lee Attatayuk was born March 11, 1941 at Brevig Mission, Alaska to the late Helen (Ningeu-look) and Gordon Attatayuk. He died August 3, 2009 due to natural



Steven Lee Attatayuk

causes. Steven was a very kind, gentle, humble, caring and loving brother, uncle, great uncle, cousin and friend. Steven always had a smile, chuckle and a little bit of humor for everyone.

As a young man, Steven went to Nome School, worked at Lomen's as a freight handler, was deployed with his older brother Clifford to fight a fire near Wasilla, dug trenches near gold mines in the Nome area, carved ivory and shoveled sidewalks for various entities. He also enjoyed camping, fishing, and crabbing. Steven's favorite past times include reading newspapers, watching TV and he was usually on top of the local, state and world current events. Just years prior to his death, he'd enjoy urban shopping excursions, outings and drives to nearby and far away subsistence gathering sites with his various host families in Anchorage.

Steven is survived by his sisters: Elsie Ahnangnatoguk (children: Gordon of Kotzebue and Mary of Nome); Margaret and spouse Peter Noyakuk (child: Pauline); Mina and spouse Thomas Swann (children:

Janalee at Virginia, Carissa and Lois at Washington, Mary, Sara, Vanessa, Darla, Jessica and Joshua) all of Nome, and Mary and spouse Ed Kloos (children: Paul and Eddie) of South Dakota; aunts: Etta Tocktoo of Anchorage and Lily Adam of Brevig Mission and many cousins, nieces, nephews, grand nieces and grand nephews.

Steven was preceded in death by his loving late parents Helen (Ningeulook) and Gordon Attatayuk; brothers: Clifford, Steven 1st, Roger and Herman Attatayuk; sisters: Elsie 1st, Pauline and Bessie Attatayuk; nieces: Carol (Ahnangnatoguk) Outwater and nephew: Paul Noyakuk and numerous cousins, aunts and uncles.

Steven will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Clarence Katchatag

Clarence Katchatag was born on April 01, 1928 in Unalakleet to Joseph and Helga Katchatag. Clarence attended school up to 8th grade with one of his best buddies

Wilfred Ryan, whom he enjoyed going out in the country with. He would always talk about their hunting trips and how they loved to cook and eat their fresh catch over an open fire.

He joined the Army National Guard for 19 years where he met one of his good buddies Oscar Treveno and he was also on the Alaska Territorial Guard and in the Korean War.

On May 25, 1953 he married Mary Takak of Shaktoolik in Unalakleet; together they had nine children including Morris whom they adopted and raised as their own.

After moving to Shaktoolik, he became a friend with Lynn Takak Sr., who visited him early in the morning for fresh cups of coffee and to reminisce.

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A family member entrusts you with a secret. Guard it with your life, Gemini. Your need for speed takes a nasty turn on a home repair. Slow down and do it right.

**VIRGO**  
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Oh, Virgo. Your way is not necessarily the best. Admit that fact and accept the idea of another. An encounter with a foe goes more smoothly than expected.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
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LOCATION: Nome, Alaska  
EXEMPT STATUS: Non-exempt  
PAY SCALE GRADE: 12-13-14 (\$22.04 – \$28.75)DOE

REPORTS TO: Tribal Affairs Director

#### QUALIFICATIONS:

1. AA degree in Business or related field. Two (2) years comparable work experience in accounting, or related field, may substitute for the degree requirement on a year for year basis.
2. Strong background in accounting/bookkeeping required.
3. Must possess basic computer knowledge and skills in Internet usage, Word, Excel, Quick Books and Windows.
4. Experience in PL 93-638 Contracts preferred.
5. Working knowledge of the legal environment of contracts, grants and memoranda of agreement is highly recommended.
6. Must have good organizational skills, be self-motivated, creative, dependable and able to work with minimum supervision.
7. Must possess strong written and oral communication skills.
8. Ability to work in a complex technical, legal and administrative environment and with people with varying levels of formal education and training.
9. Ability to work effectively with people from a variety of backgrounds.

10. Must be willing to travel extensively. Native preference per Public Law 93-638. 8/20-27

#### Kawerak Children & Family Services Division –Recruitment Notice – The application deadline is close of business on August 26th, 2009.

DIVISION: CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES  
DEPARTMENT: Children and Family Services  
**JOB TITLE: Children and Family Services Program Director**

**POSITION STATUS: Regular, Full Time**  
**LOCATION: Nome, Alaska**  
EXEMPT STATUS: Non-exempt  
PAY SCALE GRADE: 14-15-16-17 (\$24.80 – 34.33)DOE

REPORTS TO: VP Children and Family Services

#### QUALIFICATIONS:

- 1) Bachelor's degree in the field of social work, psychology, counseling or related field preferred; work experience may substitute for education on a year for year basis.
  - 2) At least one year experience in child protective services, working knowledge of ICWA and state and tribal court proceedings preferred.
  - 3) Excellent written and oral communication skills required. Must possess basic computer knowledge and skills in Windows, Internet, Microsoft Excel and Word, Power Point and Publisher.
  - 4) Experience in cross-cultural and rural settings preferred.
  - 5) Must pass child protective services and criminal history and background check.
  - 6) Must keep client confidentiality.
  - 7) Must be willing to travel in the Bering Strait Region, the State of Alaska and occasionally throughout the United States.
- Native Preference per Public Law 93-638  
**Interested individuals may contact Human Resources with questions at 907-443-5231. Applications can be accessed via Kawerak's website at [www.kawerak.org](http://www.kawerak.org) or by contacting Human Resources at 907-443-5231. Applications may be faxed to Kawerak Human Resources at 907-443-4443 or sent via email to [personnel@kawerak.org](mailto:personnel@kawerak.org). 8/20**

#### NOTICE OF APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITY CONSTRUCTION DRIVER APPRENTICE

The Alaska Teamsters Construction/Maintenance/Pipeline Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee will have *application request forms* at the Teamsters Training Center beginning **July 31, 2009**. Applications will then be sent upon receipt of the request form beginning **August 31, 2009**. *Apprenticeship Applications* will be accepted from **August 31, 2009 thru September 11, 2009** and must be received at the Teamster Training Center 1749 Ship Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99501 (907) 278-3674 in person or mail by 4:00 PM **September 11, 2009 (faxes or emails will not be accepted)**. Minimum qualifications: age 18 to apply, age 19 upon date of indenture, high school diploma or GED, must meet USDOT drug, alcohol and medical requirements, must have an Alaska class "D" driver license for at least one year and provide a motor vehicle 10 year driving history report. The "Construction Driver Apprenticeship Program" requires four periods of 600 hours of on-the-job training (2400 Hours total) and a minimum of 144 hours of related training per year. Apprentice "Earn while they Learn" and are paid hourly while working on a job site or project. It is the JATC's intent to build the Construction Driver Apprenticeship applicant pool. Recruitment, selection, employment and training shall meet the EEOC requirements of Title 29 CFR, Part 30. 8/6 and 8/20

#### POSITION OPENING NOME ESKIMO COMMUNITY IS RECRUITING FOR THE POSITION OF: 2 Lead Tutors

STATUS: Seasonal, September – May, Part-time, Mon-Wed  
SALARY \$22.78/hr. DOE  
CLOSING DATE: UNTIL FILLED  
FOR A JOB DESCRIPTION AND APPLICATION CONTACT: Linda Kimoktoak, Executive Assistant @ NOME ESKIMO COMMUNITY  
P.O. BOX 1090  
200 W 5th Ave  
NOME, AK 99762  
PHONE: (907) 443-2246  
FAX: (907) 443-3539  
[nomeeskimo@gci.net](mailto:nomeeskimo@gci.net)  
[www.necalaska.org](http://www.necalaska.org)  
8/20-27

#### POSITION OPENING NOME ESKIMO COMMUNITY IS RECRUITING FOR THE POSITION OF: Student Mentor

STATUS: Seasonal, September – May, Part-time, Mon-Wed  
SALARY \$15.00/hr. DOE  
CLOSING DATE: UNTIL FILLED  
FOR A JOB DESCRIPTION AND APPLICATION CONTACT: Linda Kimoktoak, Executive Assistant @ NOME ESKIMO COMMUNITY  
P.O. BOX 1090  
200 W 5th Ave  
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8/20-27

#### POSITION OPENING NOME ESKIMO COMMUNITY IS RECRUITING FOR THE POSITION OF: 4 Elementary Tutors

**4 High School Tutors**  
STATUS: Seasonal, Part-time, Mon-Wed, September through May  
SALARY \$21.48/per hour/DOE  
CLOSING DATE: UNTIL FILLED  
FOR A JOB DESCRIPTION AND APPLICATION CONTACT: Linda Kimoktoak, Executive Assistant @ NOME ESKIMO COMMUNITY  
P.O. BOX 1090  
200 W 5th Ave  
NOME, AK 99762  
PHONE: (907) 443-2246  
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[www.necalaska.org](http://www.necalaska.org)  
8/20-27

FOR SALE —Case Wheel Loader; in Nome 1983 W24C, \$21,000 Call 907-771-2305 6/25 tfn

WANTED TO BUY-NORTON SOUND SALMON PERMIT. Call Marilyn @ (907)624-3580 or George @ (907)317-8115. 8/20

## Seawall

8/10  
Colin Kulukhon-Lincoln, DOB: 1/14/84, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault in the 4th Degree Domestic Violence.

8/11  
Jimmy Weyiouanna, DOB: 8/17/67, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.

Anita Soolook, DOB: 9/22/68, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violation Conditions of Release.

Justine Ahnngnatoguk, DOB: 5/24/75, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.

Nancy Iyapana, DOB: 2/6/88, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault in the 4th Degree Domestic Violence.

Rose Madden, DOB: 1/17/61, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violating Conditions of Release.

Cynthia Madsen, DOB: 4/12/80, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.

8/12  
Doreen Lockwood, DOB: 8/10/75, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violating Conditions of Release.

8/13  
Derek Moses, DOB: 8/8/89, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault in the Fourth Degree Domestic Violence and Interfering with a Report of Domestic Violence.

8/14  
Jessica Olin, DOB: 7/23/85, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault in the Fourth Degree, Domestic Violence, and Disorderly Conduct.

A Nome male received a citation for Curfew Violation.

Charles Bergamaschi, DOB: 1/11/55, was arrested and booked into AMCC for a Bench Warrant.

8/15  
Marie Pushruk, DOB: 8/11/90, received a citation for Minor Consuming Alcohol.

A Saint Michael juvenile was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault in the 3rd Degree.

Roger Stalker, DOB: 2/11/78, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree.

8/16  
Kevin Oozevaseuk, DOB: 2/22/77, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Criminal Trespass in the 2nd Degree.

Charlie Tall, DOB: 5/24/85, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.

During this reporting period we had seven persons transported to the hospital for a Title 47, Protective Custody Hold.

## Trooper Beat

On August 9, at about 1:20 p.m., a resident of one of the villages in the Nome patrol area reported he'd just taken a gun away from a 23-year old male who walked into a neighbor's home with the gun and racked a around into the chamber. The 23-year old male was taken into protective custody and transported to Nome for a behavioral health evaluation. Charges pending for Assault III and Criminal Trespass I.

On August 10, at 8:30 a.m., AST received a report of a burglary at the Gambell Native Store. Several items including cigarettes and cold medicine were stolen; however, the value of the items has not been determined. Other items of significant value may be missing from the store. Investigation continues.

On August 10, at 8:30 a.m., AST received a report of a burglary in Gambell. Investigation shows the Gambell IRA bingo building was broken into. The door to the business was damaged due to forced entry. It is unknown at this time if items were stolen from the business. Investigation continues.

On August 11, at 11:56 a.m., AST received a report of a theft in Gambell. Investigation shows a four wheeler battery and fuel was stolen from the Gambell Clinic. Investigation continues.

On August 11, at 12:10 p.m., AST received a report of a theft in Gambell. Investigation shows gasoline was stolen from a four wheeler several nights in a row. Investigation continues.

On August 11, at 12:24 p.m., AST received a report of a burglary in Gambell. Investigation shows a garage was broken into, a four wheeler was vandalized, and gasoline was stolen. Damage to the four wheeler and garage is estimated at \$500.00. The fuel and other items stolen are valued at \$50.00. Investigation continues.

On August 13, at 8:25 a.m., Gambell VPOs arrested Ben Charles, 28, of Gambell for a probation violation; he was intoxicated in violation of his probation. Charles was transported to Nome for arraignment.

On August 14, at 10:45 a.m., Unalakleet AST received a report from the Stebbins VPO that Branson Pete, 29, of Stebbins had been arrested after a complaint was received that he was assaulting his girlfriend. Investigation revealed that Pete had also thrown his baby on a bed causing injury, had assaulted a female friend and threatened a male friend with a rifle. The infant was transported to Nome for medical evaluation. Pete was eventually transported to Nome for arraignment on multiple charges of Assault (misdemeanor and felony), Misconduct Involving Weapons and Reckless Endangerment.

## Real Estate

SALE—income/Investment property—2 story duplex - appx 1900 sq ft (on two City lots) Close to Port of Nome and town on Seppala Drive Now

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**3 BR AT THE RIGHT PRICE**  
French doors and vaulted ceilings in the main living area, well designed kitchen with all appliances, window coverings are included – furniture negotiable!  
406 E F Street - \$189,000

**443-7368**

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### OCEAN FRONT PROPERTY – REDUCED!

Large living area with vaulted ceilings, loft, large windows overlooking the Bering Sea  
Heated and plumbed shop; detached rental unit  
1002 Front Street - \$360,000

**CLOSE TO SCHOOL & BEACH 2BR**  
708 E 4TH Avenue - \$187,000

***NEW* RENTED DUPLEX**  
205 E 3rd Avenue - \$165,000

***NEW* 4BR/2BA WITH FENCED YARD**  
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**3br HOME WITH 1br GUEST HOUSE**  
Greenhouse, shed, large lot

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**CHEAP! 4br/1ba, 7000sq ft lot**  
404 East 5th Ave. - \$156,000

**3BR/2BA ON 10 ACRES OF LAND**  
2600sqft custom home includes barn, greenhouse and shop 5 minutes from town off Beam Road - \$375,000

**3BR/2.5BA #NEW# ONLY 3 YEARS OLD!**  
Radiant floor heat, gorgeous finish work

Large media room, custom blinds, appliances  
202 Fore & Aft Drive - \$375,000

**Tax Credit of \$8,000**  
**deadline is November!**

**Call me today to discuss your options!**

### MUNAQSRI Senior Apartments • “A Caring Place”

**NOW taking applications for one-bedroom unfurnished apartments, heat included**

“62 years of age or older, handicap/disabled, regardless of age”

- Electricity subsidized; major appliances provided
- Rent based on income for eligible households
- Rent subsidized by USDA Rural Development

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EQUAL  
OPPORTUNITY  
EMPLOYER

PO BOX 1289 • Nome, AK 99762  
Helen “Huda” Ivanoff, Manager

(907) 443-5220  
Fax: (907) 443-5318  
Hearing Impaired: 1-800-770-8973

*Is your dog house empty? Give us a call, we can help!*

**Adopt a pet and get a FREE bag of cat/dog food from Doctor Leedy and the Nome Kennel Club.**

**Dog food, cat food, cat litter, etc. donations are welcomed by the Nome Animal Shelter!**

**Nome Animal Control – Adopt-A-Pet**  
**443-5212 or 443-5262**

## Legals

### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

#### Bureau of Land Management

[F-93724]

#### Alaska Native Claims Selection

ACTION: Notice of decision approving lands for conveyance

SUMMARY: As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that an appealable decision approving the surface and subsurface estates for conveyance pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act will be issued to Elim Native Corporation. The lands are in the vicinity of Elim, Alaska, and are located in: Kateel River Meridian, Alaska  
T. 6 S., R. 15 W., Sec. 10.  
Containing 2.45 acres.  
T. 6 S., R. 17 W., Secs. 33 and 34.  
Containing 1,280 acres.  
T. 7 S., R. 17 W., Secs. 4, 5, and 6;  
Secs. 8 and 9.  
Containing 3,162.46 acres.  
T. 8 S., R. 18 W., Sec. 22.  
Containing 0.01 acre.  
Aggregating 4,444.92 acres.

Notice of the decision was published in the Federal Register on July 30, 2009.

DATES: The time limits for filing an appeal are:

1. Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision shall have until August 31, 2009 to file an appeal.
2. Parties receiving service of the decision by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal.

Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR Part 4, Subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the decision may be obtained from:  
Bureau of Land Management  
Alaska State Office

222 West Seventh Avenue, #13  
Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7504

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:

The Bureau of Land Management by phone at 907-271-5960, or by e-mail at [ak.blm.conveyance@ak.blm.gov](mailto:ak.blm.conveyance@ak.blm.gov). Persons who use a telecommunication device (TTD) may call the

Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8330, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to contact the Bureau of Land Management.

Jennifer L. Noe  
Land Law Examiner

Land Transfer Adjudication II Branch  
Copy furnished to:

Public Information Center (AK-954)  
7/30; 8/6-13-20

#### NOTICE OF SALE

Trustee, Alaska Trustee, LLC will sell realty for cash to the highest bidder at at the Main entrance to the Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street on September 25, 2009, at 10:00 AM with other sales that may be conducted. Proceeds will apply to the

Deed of Trust naming Steve C. Brock and Nora J. Ongtowasruk, Trustor, Steve Brock, Record Owner, recorded on November 15, 2006 under

Reception No. 2006-001800-0, Nome Recording District, Second Judicial District, Alaska, describing: Lot 3A, Block 73A, TOWNSITE OF NOME,

according to the replat filed April 29, 1981 as Plat Number 81-7, Records of Cape Nome Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska,

a/k/a 905 E. 5th Avenue, Nome, AK 99762. \$119,998.73 is due, plus interest, advances, etc. Go to [alaskatrustee.com](http://alaskatrustee.com) or [usa-foreclosure.com](http://usa-foreclosure.com) for status.

8/6-13-20-27

#### NOTICE OF SALE

Yukon Title Company, Inc., the present trustee under a deed of trust, gives notice that the property described below will be sold for cash at public auction at the Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street, Room 230, Nome, AK 99762 on October 30, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. The property to be sold is described as follows: LOT 6B, BLOCK 72 OF

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• More Legals

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NOME TOWNSITE, according to the replat filed March 7, 1985 as Plat No. 85-2; Records of the Cape Nome Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska.

The current owner of the property is Irene J. Kakaruk, a single person. The property is being foreclosed pursuant to a deed of trust the beneficiary of which is the United States of America, United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development. Said deed of trust was recorded April 28, 2009 as Instrument No. 2008-000443-0 of the records of the Cape Nome Recording District. The amount owing to the beneficiary and secured by the deed of trust is two hundred thirty three thousand, eight hundred thirty five and 94/100ths dollars (\$233,835.94) as of June 26, 2009 plus interest of \$32.95 daily from and after June 27, 2009, plus expenses incurred in foreclosure and in protecting the property. In this notice cash means currency of the United States, United States Post Office Money orders, or certified or cashiers check from a bank having a branch in the Cape Nome Recording District. Contact the beneficiary Rural Development at 800 Evergreen Avenue, Ste. 201, Palmer, AK 99645 attn: Nancy Hayes for information regarding status of this foreclosure.

8/20-27; 9/3-10

NOTICE OF DEFAULT — SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

A foreclosure sale will be held **October 27, 2009, at 10:00 a.m.** in the main lobby of the Kotzebue Courthouse, 605 3rd Ave., Kotzebue, Alaska, of the Deed of Trust recorded September 30, 2008, as Instrument No. 2008-000592-0, Kotzebue Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska, as a lien against real property described as: Lot Two (2) And the Easterly 10 feet of Lot Three (3), Block two (2), Tract "B" KOTZEBUE TOWNSITE, U.S. Survey No. 2863, Alaska, as shown on the plat of survey accepted by the Chief, Branch of Surveys on June 18, 1952 and as shown on Record of Survey recorded July 25, 2008 as Plat Number 2008-5, located in the Kotzebue Recording District, Second Judicial

District, State of Alaska. EXCEPTING THEREFROM the Easterly 30 feet of said Lot Two (2); which has a street address of 911 Shore Avenue, Kotzebue, AK 99752. Trustor/ Record Owner Alfred P. Gregg, a married man, has breached the obligation for which the Deed of Trust is security: failure to make payments when due under the Deed of Trust. Present Beneficiary, Alaska Housing Finance Corporation, by Assignment recorded September 30, 2008 as Instrument No. 2008-000593, is owed the principal amount of \$147,646.52 plus interest from January 1, 2009 at the rate of 6% per annum, plus costs, fees, and other charges incurred or advanced thereafter. The Trustee elects to sell the property and to apply the proceeds against the obligation. Trustee reserves the right to postpone the sale, set a minimum bid, submit an offset bid, and establish other bidding procedures at the sale. Questions should be directed to the Law Offices of GROH EGGERS, LLC, 2600 Cordova Street, Suite 110, Anchorage, AK 99503, phone (907) 562-6474.

Dated: 7/23/09

Fairbanks Title Agency, Trustee  
By: Denise J. Goss, President  
8/20-27; 9/3-10

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA  
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME

In the matter of  
A Change of Name for:  
Elizabeth Kalerak aka Betty Murray aka Betty Segock  
Current name of Adult

Notice of Judgment- Change of Name  
A judgment has been issued by the Superior Court in Nome, Alaska, in Case Number 2NO-09-169CI, ordering that the petitioner's name be changed from Elizabeth Kalerak aka Betty Murray aka Betty Segock to Betty Segock, effective upon issuance of the clerk's Certificate of Name Change.

8/20

Stebbins Native Corporation

Stebbins Native Corporation Annual Meeting of Shareholders, scheduled for September 4, 2009 is postponed to October 2, 2009. Reason for this action by the SNC Board is due to lack of candidates. Shareholders can fax in intents or notices to run for four (4) seats open for Stebbins Native Corporation Board of Directors. **Deadline submission is August 28, 2009.**

CITY OF NOME

DISPOSAL OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY BY LAND USE PERMIT TO SITNASUAK NATIVE CORPORATION

The City of Nome is considering disposal of municipal property by land use permit to Sitnasuak Native Corporation for the purpose of furthering the development of local trade or industry, specifically, historical and cultural preservation. The property is located at the South West corner of Anvil City Square, a portion of Block 52A, Lot 1A. The estimated value of the property for the entire 50 year period is estimated at less than \$25,000. The disposal of said property will be by ordinance enacted by the Nome City Council duly noticed by agenda and public notice. Further information may be obtained by contacting the office of the City Clerk.

8/13-20-27; 9/4

NOTICE OF TRANSFER APPLICATION

Stanley Sobocienski, d/b/a Bering Sea Saloon located at 309 Front Street, Nome, Alaska is applying for transfer of a beverage dispensary license (A.S.04.11.080 (1)) to Columbus Sobocienski and Trudy Sobocienski d/b/a Bering Sea Saloon located at 309 Front Street, Nome, Alaska.

Interested persons should submit written comment to their local governing body, the applicant and to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board at 5848 E. Tudor Rd. Anchorage AK 99507

8/13-20-27

CITY OF NOME  
NOTICE OF MUNICIPAL ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ANNUAL MUNICIPAL, SCHOOL BOARD AND UTILITY BOARD ELECTION WILL BE HELD IN THE CITY OF NOME, ALASKA ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2009, BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8:00 AM AND 8:00 PM OF THE SAME DAY.

The polling place for electors will be Old St. Joseph's Hall, Anvil City Square, 407 Bering Street, for those persons living in Nome Precinct No. 1 (39-924) and Nome Precinct No. 2 (39-926).

THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR ELECTORS AT SAID ELECTION SHALL BE:

- 1. U.S. Citizen qualified to vote in state elections.
- 2. Resident of the City of Nome for thirty (30) days immediately preceding the election.
- 3. Registered to vote in state elections at a residence address within the municipality at least thirty (30) days before the municipal election at which the person seeks to vote.
- 4. Is not disqualified under Article V of the Alaska Constitution.

THE PURPOSE IS THE ELECTION OF THE FOLLOWING SEATS:

- 1. Mayor, to be elected to a 2 year term:

	Term	Incumbent
Mayor	2 Yr.	Denise Michels

- 2. Two members of the Nome Common Council, each to be elected to a 3 year term:

Seat	Term	Incumbent
"C"	3 Yr.	Randy Pomeranz
"D"	3 Yr.	Stanley C. Andersen

- 3. Two members of the Utility Board, one to be elected for a 2 year term and one to be elected to a 3 year term:

Seat	Term	Incumbent
"A"	2 Yr.	Jim West Jr.
"C"	3 Yr.	Dave Barron

- 4. Two members of the Nome School Board, to be elected to a 3 year term:

Seat	Term	Incumbent
"C"	3 Yr.	Lynette Schmidt
"D"	3 Yr.	Elisabeth "Betsy" Brennan

NOTICE OF NSEDC MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE ELECTION

Concurrently with the municipal election as provided in the foregoing notice, the City of Nome shall conduct for Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation the election of the Nome community's NSEDC member representative in accordance with the ordinances, rules and regulations governing municipal elections, except that the election results will not be formally certified by the Nome City Council and that the City of Nome will not be involved with or determine any challenges to the election. In addition, the following additional rules provided in NSEDC's current bylaws will apply to the NSEDC Member Representative Election:

THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR ELECTORS AT SAID NSEDC MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE ELECTION ONLY SHALL BE:

- a. Qualified to vote in Nome municipal elections, as outlined above; or
- b. Registered to vote in state elections at a residence address within the state precinct boundaries encompassing the City of Nome.

THE PURPOSE IS THE ELECTION OF THE FOLLOWING SEAT:

One member representative to Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation, to be elected to a 3 year term:

Term	Incumbent
3 Yr.	D. Stiles

MINIMUM VOTE

If no candidate receives over 40 percent of the votes cast for NSEDC member representative, a runoff election shall be held.

FILING DATES FOR THE ABOVE LISTED OFFICES: August 20 2009 through September 11, 2009, 5:00 PM in the City Clerk's Office at City Hall. Contact the City Clerk's office if you are interested in filing for office and to obtain the forms necessary to file.

The names of all candidates for office are available for inspection at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 102 Division Street, Nome, Alaska.

8/20-27; 9/3-10



Court

Week ending 8/14  
Civil

Liberty Credit Services Inc vs. Day, Arlene; Debt - District Court  
Thompson, Diane et al vs. Alaska Commercial Co. Inc.; Personal Injury Other - Superior Court  
Evenson, Lori Ann vs. Native Village of Unalakleet; Personal Injury Other - Superior Court

Small Claims

Cornerstone Credit Services LLC vs. Noongwook, Dawnelle R.; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Deft. Cert Mail

Criminal

State of Alaska v. Ada Peterson (2/9/90); 2NO-08-403CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110130057; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 10 days, shall report to AMCC by 8/31/09; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.  
State of Alaska v. Ada Peterson (2/9/90); 2NO-09-507CR Habitual Minor Consuming or in Possession or Control of Alcoholic Beverage; Date of offense: 08/08/09; 10 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 10 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$50; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collection Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 due within 10 days; Pay total of \$50 to Nome Clerk of Court; Community Work: Complete 96 hours of community work service and submit proof of completion to the Nome Clerk of Court within 120 days; Driver's License or Permit: Revoked for 6 months, concurrent with and DMV administrative action; Shall immediately surrender license/permit to court; Failure to comply with community work, evaluation, education or treatment requirements will result in an extra 6 months revocation of driver's license.  
State of Alaska v. Theodora Katcheak (3/13/89); 2NO-08-661CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110127231; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated, consecutive to the revocation in Case No. 2NO-08-854CR; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office.  
State of Alaska v. Theodora Katcheak (3/13/89); 2NO-08-854CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110699703; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated, consecutive to the revocation in Case No. 2NO-08-661CR; Remanded into custody; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office.  
State of Alaska v. Cerene Seppilu (9/28/78); 2NO-09-392CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Drunk on Licensed Premises; Charge 002: Removal or Introduction of Alcohol; Filed by the DAs Office 8/12/09.  
State of Alaska v. Cerene Seppilu (9/28/78); 2NO-09-506CR Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 08/08/09; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 20 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 20 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.  
State of Alaska v. Charlotte Sookiayak (4/15/67); 2UT-09-11CR Assault 4°; Date of offense: 3/10/09; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: 2NO-09-196CR count I, II, III, V, VI; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 40 days, 20 days suspended; Unsuspended 20 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC on or before 11/1/09—time consecutive to 2NO-09-196CR, 2NO-09-450CR; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 8/6/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in her residence; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol.  
State of Alaska v. Charlotte Sookiayak (4/15/67); 2NO-09-450CR Count 1: Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 7/21/09; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by

State: 2NO-09-196CR count I, II, III, V, VI; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 20 days, 10 days suspended; Unsuspended 10 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC on or before 11/1/09—on or before 11/1/09; Consecutive to 2UT-09-11CR and 2NO-09-196CR; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 8/6/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in her residence; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol.  
State of Alaska v. Charlotte Sookiayak (4/15/67); 2NO-09-196CR Count 4: Assault 4°; Date of offense: 4/14/09; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count I, II, III, V, VI; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 120 days, 60 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC on or before 11/1/09—Credit for time already served; Time consecutive to 2NO-09-11CR and 2NO-09-450CR; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 8/6/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in her residence; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol.  
State of Alaska v. Deilah Johnson (1/14/89); Habitual Minor Consuming or in Possession or Control of Alcoholic Beverage; Date of offense: 08/08/09; 10 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 10 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$50; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collection Unit, Anchorage;

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*Thank you!*

The family of Clarence A. Katchatag Sr. thanks Caleb Dotomain for officiating the funeral service. Special thanks to Tom and Gus Sampson, Axel Jackson, Fred Sagoonick, Simon and Gary Bekoalok and Betty Auluye for building his coffin. Also Clara Mae Sagoonick for sewing the uning. Thanks to the IRA Council. Shaktoolik Native Corp. Shaktoolik City Council, Chuck Degnan, Blanch Cragle, Jim Tweeto for financial help. Also a thanks to all who dug his grave. Thanks to all who brought food over. Beverly Dotomain and Karen Bradley for preparing the food everyday. Very special thanks goes to Ella Agibinile for being there for mom and for helping prepare meals. Thanks to all who brought and prepared food for the potluck. If we left anyone out, it was not intentional. Thank you and God bless.

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Clarence served as a volunteer health aide with Mary, served with the State Troopers and VPSO for a number of years, and he worked for Mukluk Telephone from the time they put in the phones at Shaktoolik till April of 2009. Clarence also worked as a licensed vendor for the State of Alaska.  
While he was able, he enjoyed gathering subsistence food along with Mary and Ella during their trips. They always had fun stories to tell; there was never a dull moment with him. Everyone they met always had a joke or story to tell.  
He enjoyed his grandchildren and had a special place in his heart for each and every one! Whenever one of his children did wrong, he never dwelled on what was done, he believed in God and all was forgiven.  
Clarence is survived by his wife Mary Katchatag, children Monty and wife Edna Eakon, Van

Katchatag and wife Karen Nashalook, Timothy Katchatag, Clarence Jr. and wife Carrie Katchatag, Helen Katchatag, Colleen Rock and Todd Jones, Albert Katchatag and Beverly Dotomain, Charlotte Katchatag and Michael Sookiayak, Sr., Morris Katchatag and fiancée' Ester Kingik, 38 grandchildren and 42 great grandchildren. He is also survived by brothers Fred and Joe Katchatag; sisters Annabelle, Amy, Marilyn, Myrna and Helen.  
He was preceded in death by his parents Joseph and Helga, step-mother Jenny Katchatag, parents-in-law Willie and Hilda Takak, siblings Stanton, Charlie, Axel, Edward, Clyde, Effie, Joann, and Della Katchatag, daughter Helga Sharammeck, grandchildren Levia and Ashley Rock, son-in-law Fred Rock Sr., daughter-in-law Elaine Katchatag and grandsons Willie and Enoch Katchatag and Edward Eakon.

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Clarence Katchatag

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Police Training Surcharge: \$50 due within 10 days; Pay total of \$50 to Nome Clerk of Court; Community Work: Complete 96 hours of community work service and submit proof of completion to the Nome Clerk of Court within 120 days; Driver's License or Permit: Revoked for 6 months, concurrent with and DMV administrative action; Shall immediately surrender license/permit to court; Failure to comply with community work, evaluation, education or treatment requirements will result in an extra 6 months revocation of driver's license.

State of Alaska v. Roger Gomez (8/6/81); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110697066; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: Shall not enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store, except for employment purposes; Probation extended to 8/10/10; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 90 days, shall report to AMCC by 9/15/09; Release or bail conditions remain in effect until defendant reports to serve sentence; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Patrick Butler (6/15/75); Dismissal; Count 3 (003) Only; Burglary 1st - Attempted; Date of offense: 7/29/09; Minute Order; On this date (08/07/09) in open court the Prosecuting Attorney for the SOA gave notice that the State does not intend to proceed with a preliminary hearing in this matter. On motion of the defense, the Court hereby dismisses the above named case for failure to timely proceed with preliminary hearing pursuant to Rule 5/5.1.; Accordingly, it is ordered that the defendant shall be released from custody, any bond executed on behalf of defendant be exonerated, and any cash or other security posted as bail be refunded to the depositories.

State of Alaska v. John Walluk (4/21/89); 2NO-07-765CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110696157; Violated conditions of probation; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect; Sentence is imposed as stated in attached supplemental judgment as to Count II.

State of Alaska v. John Walluk (4/21/89); 2NO-07-765CR Judgment and Commitment; Count II: Burglary 2nd; Date of offense: 10/16/07; Committed to care and custody of the Commissioner of DOC for the following period: 18 months, consecutive to the sentence imposed in Count III; Jail Surcharge: immediately pay correctional facilities surcharge of \$100 to the Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage.

State of Alaska v. Ernest E. Booshu (11/12/90); Minor Consuming Alcoholic Beverage; Date of offense: 3/16/09; Fined \$300 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$200 to Nome Clerk of Court, or show proof of completing 66 hours of community work service, by 12/1/09; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 8/12/09); Shall not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages; Shall pay fine or show proof of community work service, as ordered.

State of Alaska v. Mabel Geary (10/23/65); Count 1: Importation of Alcohol; Date of offense: 2/9/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 2 (002); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 87 days suspended; Unsuspended 3 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC by 10/1/09; Fine: \$1,500 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$1,500 fine through Nome Trial Courts by 8/1/10; Forfeit alcohol to State; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 8/12/12; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law pertaining to alcoholic beverages; Shall not possess or consume alcohol in any dry or damp community; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer in such community; Person and baggage are subject to warrantless search travelling to local option community; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation.

State of Alaska v. Kevin Kuzuguk (2/14/74); Count 2: Disorderly Conduct; Date of offense: 5/17/09; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 1 (001); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 10 days, 10 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 8/12/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not possess or consume alcohol in any dry or damp community; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer in such community.

State of Alaska v. Rhonda Komok (12/22/66); 2NO-07-617CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110825217; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-09-467CR; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated.

State of Alaska v. Rhonda Komok (12/22/66); 2NO-09-467CR Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 7/30/09; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 4 months, 0 months suspended; Unsuspended 4 months shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC and consecutive to 2NO-07-617CR; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Gerald Nagaruk (8/13/81) Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; Offense: Sexual Assault 2nd; Date of original offense: 10/2002; Petition to Revoke Probation filed n 4/20/09; After a hearing, the court finds that the defendant violated conditions of probation by Amd PTRP (4/20/09); Conditions of defendant's probation modified as follows: Readmit to probation; The following part of defendant's suspended jail term must now be served: 7 months imposed; Court recommends halfway house

or EM; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Charlotte M. Apatiki (2/7/79); 2NO-04-675CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 108376299; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, shall receive credit for time spent in residential treatment at Spud Farm; 168 days; Consecutive to the revocation in Case No. 2NO-05-697CR; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated.

State of Alaska v. Charlotte M. Apatiki (2/7/79); 2NO-05-697CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109062711; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to 8/13/11; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 65 days not to exceed time served; Shall receive credit for time spent in residential treatment at Spud Farm; Total 168 days; Consecutive to the revocation in Case No. 2NO-04-675CR; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Charlotte M. Apatiki (2/7/79); 2NO-08-753CR Dismissal; Count 001: Assault 3rd; Count 002: Misconduct Involving Weapons 4th; Filed by the DAs Office 8/13/09.

State of Alaska v. Orlan J. Wongittilin (5/5/77); 2NO-05-214CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 107428662; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to 11/10/10; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 60 days, shall report to AMCC 9/30/09; Release or bail conditions remain in effect until defendant reports to serve sentence; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Orlan Wongittilin (5/5/77); 2NO-09-268CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4; Filed by the DAs Office 8/13/09.

State of Alaska v. Jamone Cross (12/22/82); 2NO-08-475CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110697363; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, this court recommends placement at Seaside CRC; Consecutive to the term in all other cases; Remanded into custody.

State of Alaska v. Jamone Cross (12/22/82); 2NO-08-574CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110698083; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time; Consecutive to all other cases; This court recommends placement at Seaside CRC; Remanded into custody.

State of Alaska v. Jamone Cross (12/22/82); 2NO-08-671CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110698587; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time; This court recommends placement at Seaside CRC; Consecutive to the term in all other cases; Remanded into custody.

State of Alaska v. Jamone Cross (12/22/82); 2NO-08-788CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110699307; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time; This court recommends placement at Seaside CRC; Consecutive to the term in all other cases; Remanded into custody.

State of Alaska v. Jamone Cross (12/22/82); 2NO-09-427CR Count 1: Violating Release Conditions; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 2 (002); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC consecutive to all other cases; Recommend Seaside CRC if available; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Jeffrey Saclamana (4/17/82); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4th; Filed by the DAs Office 8/13/09.

State of Alaska v. Cynthia Madsen (4/12/80); 2NO-08-521CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110697768; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to 8/12/10; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Cynthia Madsen (4/12/80); 2NO-08-600CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109081224; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to 8/12/10; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Justine Ahnangnatoguk (5/24/75); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109525599; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, shall report to AMCC by 9/15/09; Release or bail conditions remain in effect until defendant reports to serve sentence.

State of Alaska v. Richard L. Spivey (12/16/59); 2NO-07-701CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110064834; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to 8/12/10; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Richard Spivey (12/16/59); 2NO-08-766CR DUI; Date of offense: 10/25/08; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 60 days, 57 days suspended; Unsuspended 72 hours shall be served with defendant reporting by 10/1/09; Fine: \$1,500 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$1,500 fine through Nome Trial Courts by 4/1/10; Apply bail to fine; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$75 through this court within 10 days; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Cost of Imprisonment: Shall pay \$330 to the SOA at: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Shall be screened for treatment or education by NSBHS, ASAP, or an approved equivalent agency by 11/1/09, complete the recommended program, and show proof of completion to the court; Costs of screening and treatment may be applied against fines; Driver's license, privilege to obtain a license and to operate a motor vehicle are revoked for 90 days concurrent with DMV action; Probation until 8/12/10; Comply with all court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for violation of probation; No similar violations of law, including DUI, refusal to submit to breathalyzer, operating motor vehicle while license is canceled, suspended or revoked or in violation of limitation; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer for a period of 1 year from date of this judgment (8/12/09).

State of Alaska v. Lee Koozaata (2/6/80); 2NO-09-348CR Count 1: Misconduct Involving Weapons 4th; Date of offense: 6/15/09; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 3 (003); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 180 days, 90 days suspended; Unsuspended 90 days shall be served; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 8/12/12; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in his residence, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol; Not be where alcohol is present; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation.

State of Alaska v. Lee Koozaata (2/6/80); 2NO-09-348CR Count 2: Assault 4th; DV; Date of offense: 6/15/09; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 3 (003); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 60 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC consecutive to count 1; Probation until 8/12/12, subject to the following conditions: see count 1.

State of Alaska v. Jordan Lockwood (6/17/85); 2NO-08-934CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110700117; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to 8/12/11; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Jordan Lockwood (6/17/85); 2NO-09-145CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110701134; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to 8/12/11; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Jordan Lockwood (6/17/85); 2NO-09-212CR Count 2: Interfering with Report of Domestic Violence; Date of offense: 4/22/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 1 (001); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 30 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 8/12/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Other: Complete 60 hours of work service by working at least 3 hours per week once arranged.

State of Alaska v. Andrew Cooper (9/2/86); Count 1: Harassment 2nd; Date of offense: 6/21/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 2 (002); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 30 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 8/12/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Cory Wells (8/15/79); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110700495; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: all remaining time; Shall report to AMCC by 8/13/09 at 5:30PM; Release or bail conditions remain in effect until defendant reports to serve sentence.

State of Alaska v. Peter Ray Jackson (10/12/85); 2UT-08-70CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110063178; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 40 days, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-09-462CR; Shall report to AMCC by 11/15/09; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Peter Ray Jackson (10/12/85); 2NO-09-462CR Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 7/25/09; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated upon reporting to serve as ordered; 90 days, 60 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC by 11/15/09 consecutive to 2UT-08-70CR; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 3/5/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in his residence, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol; Not be where alcohol is present.

State of Alaska v. Jimmy Weyiouanna (3/17/67); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN 110698623; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, remanded into custody.

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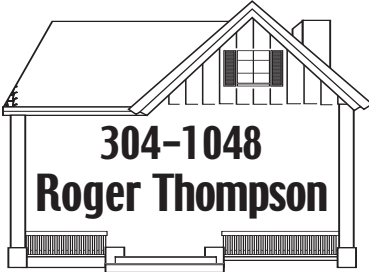
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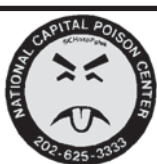
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**PICNIC IN THE SUN** (above top)—Faye Ongtowsruk and Barbara Weyouianna, holding 11-month-old Brielle Koenig at the Crowley tug celebration on Monday.

**A VIEW FROM ABOVE** (above right)—Michelle Ames holding her two-year-old son Joshua Ames look down from the tug during Crowley’s celebration picnic Aug. 17.

**EAT AND CHAT**—Nomeites and non-Nomeites alike enjoy the hot dogs and sun at Crowley’s celebration of their new tug, *Sesok* named for the inupiaq word for beluga whale.

## Sesok arrives with fanfare and food

**By Tyler Rhodes**

If the fuel delivery business doesn’t pan out for Craig Tornga, he might consider running a hot dog cart.

Tornga, Crowley Maritime Corp.’s vice president of marine services, manned a barbecue full of foot-longs as an ever-growing line of Nomeites queued up for lunch Monday at the Port of Nome’s lower dock.

The food was good and the price was right, drawing a good crowd to the port under sunny skies. But lunch wasn’t the main attraction. Tied to the dock and standing tall over the scene was reason for the party—Crowley’s new tug, the *Sesok*.

The fuel delivery company is celebrating the tug’s maiden voyage through western Alaska with community barbecues along its route. The *Sesok*, which means “beluga whale” in Inupiaq, is Crowley’s newest shallow-draft river tug de-

signed to deliver freight and fuel to rural villages.

The new \$5 million craft, along with its sister ship, the *Nachik*, are designed specifically for Alaska’s remote locations where infrastructure is often sparse or nonexistent, said Crowley’s Dorine Tessier. “We’re pretty proud of them. There’s not a whole lot of people investing in Alaska right now,” she said.

The ships are designed to handle both coastal and river conditions. The ships have a draft of only 3 1/2 feet, yet they pack a punch with 1,362 horsepower. “The value of this boat is really in its draft,” Tornga said.

With rivers being the lifeblood for supplying western Alaska villages, low water can mean fuel and supplies not arriving before winter. If those items cannot be barged in, the alternative is an expensive delivery by airplane. “If the water’s even

barely there, we’ll try and get in there,” Tessier said.

Unlike its predecessors, Tornga said the new river tugs are equipped with winches. The new tugs also utilize electric equipment where before much of the machinery onboard was run by hydraulics. Tornga said in examining many of the fuel spills experienced by its fleet, hydraulic fluid was often the culprit. Eliminating that potential source of pollution helps make the vessels more environmentally sound, he said.

The *Sesok* wasn’t in Nome just for show. It had already made a stop in Emmonak last Friday and, after Nome, the tug was bound for Hooper Bay next to deliver a load of fuel. Along with the fuel, Crowley plans to deliver another barbecue celebration to Hooper Bay. A similar party is scheduled for Bethel in September.

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FROSTED TOPS—The view from the Snake River Valley of Mount Osborn and the Kigluaik Mountains show signs of the coming fall with snow-dusted summits and high ridges Aug. 24.

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Photo by Tyler Rhodes

AWWW, MOM!—Reese Bahnke gets a kiss from mom, Nancy Bahnke, on the first day of school in Mr. Keith Conger's first grade class at Nome Elementary Aug. 25.

## Inuit-Neeser win hospital contract

Joint venture to build \$90.4 million project

By Tyler Rhodes

Teamed up with one of Alaska's biggest developers, a Bering Straits Native Corp. subsidiary has landed a \$90.4 million contract to build in its backyard.

The joint venture of Inuit Services Inc. and Neeser Construction Inc. was awarded the contract Aug. 19 to construct the new Norton Sound Regional Hospital in Nome.

Funded through the Indian Health Service as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the project will result in a new hospital on the north side of Nome off the Bypass Road. The site has been marked by a gravel pad for more than a year with approximately 180

pilings pounded in place early last winter.

The partnership between NCI and Inuit brings together two firms that are no strangers to rural Alaska and the Norton Sound region. For Inuit, Nome is the company's home turf. "We're excited that we have a local contractor that has a lot of experience in Alaska and that is aware of our weather conditions here," said Norton Sound Health Corp. President and Chief Executive Officer Carol Piscocya.

Despite being based in Anchorage, NCI is also well familiar with the region. "Neeser has not done any projects in

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## Nome's new police chief to take the helm Oct. 1

By Laurie McNicholas

The Nome Common Council approved a contract with John J. Papasodora as the city's Chief of Police at a meeting Monday.

The city will pay Papasodora \$93,000 for the first 12 months of his three-year contract beginning Oct. 1. He currently serves as commander of the Alaska State Troopers Bureau of

Investigation.

Papasodora began his career in Alaska as a patrol officer for the City of Soldotna in 1985. Last weekend he joined Interim Chief of Police Dallas Massey in a foot patrol in Nome, according to City Manager Josie Bahnke. She said he also worked a shift with a Nome police officer Friday night.

The council also approved first reading of an ordinance authorizing disposal of municipal property in a portion of Anvil City Square by use permit to Sitnasuak Native Corp. for placement of the Two Eskimo Boys statue.

Councilman Jon Larson made a motion to remove the following three vehicles from a resolution awarding bids from the City of Nome

vehicle sale: A 1999 Ford Expedition, a 1995 Ford Explorer and a 1990 Ford E 150 van. Stanley Okpealuk Sr. bid \$19.50 for all three vehicles.

Larson said the city would be selling the vehicles for nothing, and they would be moved to

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## Crab season, salmon runs stress fishermen

Fishermen spar with Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation over operation of fish plant

By Laurie McNicholas

Nome fisherman Robin Thomas distributed a written complaint about management of the Norton Sound Seafood Products plant in Nome at the outset of a five-hour special meeting of the NSSP Working Group Aug. 18 at the plant.

Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. owns and operates the NSSP plant in Nome, which processes red king crab and halibut. Rich Ferry recently was named manager of the plant.

NSEDC also operates the NSSP plant in Unalakleet, which processes salmon and herring under the management of William (Middy) Johnson, who participated in the meeting by teleconference.

As one of six entities in the Western Alaska Community Development Program, NSEDC represents 15 member communities in the Bering Strait region. The CDQ program began in 1992 with the goal of promoting fisheries related economic development in western Alaska. The program receives a 10 percent allocation of the annual total allowable catch of pollock in the Bering Sea, along with catch allocations of other fish and crab species in the Bering

Sea/Aleutian Islands area.

In his complaint, Thomas also raised questions about NSEDC's financial policy for NSSP. He wants to know whether the NSEDC board of directors considers it more important to mitigate NSSP's operating losses than to support the fishermen who deliver their catches to the plants in Nome and Unalakleet.

This is a long-standing issue of wide interest, but the board has not discussed it publicly or developed an explicit financial plan for NSSP. The 17 agenda items discussed during the meeting are too numerous to cover in this edition. They included most of the points in Thomas's complaint, which is the focus of this report.

Tim Smith, president of the Nome

Fishermen's Association, said he has heard that NSEDC budgets an annual loss of \$2.1 million for the Nome plant. NSEDC's Board Chairman Dan Harrelson acknowledged the plant loses more than \$1 million a year, not including tender costs. "You don't know how much the ten-

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## NJUS opens books to auditors

By Sandra L. Medearis

Nome Joint Utility System's books are in the black, thanks to sufficient rates to customers to cover hard cash operating expenses, monthly payments and capital project budgets, according to auditors.

Results of an audit of calendar years 2007 and 2008 ending last De-

cember showed that Nome's utility financial statements were in order and reflected fairly the financial position of Nome Joint Utility System, according to John Bost of accounting firm Mikunda, Cottrell and Co.

Overall, utility assets overshadowed liabilities by \$83.5 million. The audit document shows assets, in-

cluding capital assets, at \$106.4 million and total liabilities at \$22.6 million. Unrestricted assets of \$6.6 million stand available to meet customer and debtor obligations. A change in law covering the booking of depreciation expenses left the util-

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# Calling all candidates: *Filing period now open for Oct. 6 election*

**By Tyler Rhodes**  
Come Oct. 6, Nomeites will be voting on everything from mayor to utility board members.  
While the vote is still more than a month away, civic-minded residents interested in running for one of the seats need to file by Sept. 11. The city started accepting filings Aug. 20. This fall Nome citizens will be voting on mayor and seats on the Nome Common Council, the Nome

## Editorial

### We Won't Go Away

No matter how many times the US Postal Service closes its eyes, spins around and makes a wish— Nome is still here. AND we want our mail. Sure, we know it is expensive to deliver mail to Nome. We live here, we know all about the high cost of living. However, there are certain basic services one expects from the federal government and the delivery of the US Mail is vital. Nome should not have to be constantly on the snipping end of the USPS's budget scissors.  
Nome has not had a regular postmaster for over two years. We have not replaced employees who have moved or retired. We don't have door-to-door delivery service and the feds have put the Post Office building up for sale. Sometimes the cost cutting measures just don't make sense, but we can be assured that these decisions are conceived in the Anchorage or Seattle think tanks. Many Nomeites may remember when Post Office lobby remodeling a few years ago eliminated the file-drawer-sized boxes used by organizations that received high volume of mail. These folks were told they had to use a pouch, which could be picked up by going to the service window and asking for it. There are about 15 businesses, including the *Nugget* that are pouch users. (A pouch is one of those big white boxes to the right, behind the counter.) In a revenue generating measure the Postal Service tells these Nome businesses that they will be charged close to \$1,000 a year to use a pouch. However, they may pay \$78 and have a regular letter-sized box like everyone else and the overflow mail will be put in a big white box that can be picked up by going to the counter and asking for it. Now the Postal Service has to fill a letter box and a pouch box and they won't make any more money because who would pay \$1,000 when they can get their mail for \$78 and let the stack of unsolicited catalogs pile up in the white box?  
The US Mail has meaning and touches all our lives. It is a service that we all use and yes, it will cost money. It is not and never should be a profit driven business. It is a government service. We appreciate our Post Office and the folks who work there. As residents of this nation we Nomeites and all the folks in western Alaska and the rest of the USA have the right to expect prompt and efficient postal service. —N.L.M.—

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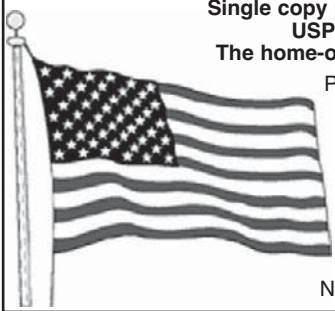
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Utility Board and the Nome Board of Education. The election will also include the seat on Norton Sound Economic Development Corp.'s board of directors designated for Nome.  
As of Aug. 24, most incumbents had filed to run again for their seats. No challengers had yet signed up.  
Incumbent Mayor Denise Michels has signaled her intent to retain her seat. The term for the mayor of Nome is two years.  
The common council has two seats opening up, Seat C held by Randy Pomeranz and Seat D held by Stan Andersen. Both seats cover three-year terms. As of Aug. 24, neither the incumbents nor any challenger had filed to run for the seats.  
The utility board has openings for two of its seats. Seat A, with a two-year term, is currently held by Jim West Jr. Seat C, with a three-year term, is currently held by Dave Barron. Both have signaled their intent to run again.  
Seats C and D—both carrying three-year terms—are up for grabs on the school board. Those seats are currently held by Lynette Schmidt and Betsy Brennan, respectively. Schmidt obtained her seat in late July after it was vacated by former school board president Gloria Karmun. As of Aug. 24, Brennan had filed to run again.  
Although it is not part of the city election, those at the polls will also have the opportunity to vote for the Nome area representative to the NSEDC board. While voters and candidates must live within the city

limits for the municipal and school positions, the NSEDC election will be conducted in accordance with the polling boundaries used for statewide elections.  
This means residents of Banner Creek and other outlying areas near Nome may vote in and run for the NSEDC race. The current occupant of the seat with a three-year term is Don Stiles.  
The boundaries of the district for statewide elections essentially extends along its southern edge from the mouth of Sinuk River to the west and the around the Solomon River to the east. To the north, the boundary runs to the southwest corner of the Bering Land Bridge National Preserve.

## Saying it Sincerely

By Revs. David and Julie Elmore, Community United Methodist Church

**“Living Wisely”**  
Scripture Reference: Ephesians 5:15-20  
Discerning between the voices of foolishness and wisdom is not always easy. Ephesians 5:15-20 is a type of literature known as wisdom literature. Other pieces of wisdom literature in our Bible are Job, Ecclesiastes, and Proverbs; some scholars even include John's Gospel in that category. Coincidentally, this brief passage of wisdom literature is about wisdom, or more precisely, it contrasts the wisdom of living as part of the Body of Christ that we call the church with the foolishness of living in the ways that the world outside of God's reign tempt us to live that we know are not what God desires for us. This is a question that the church has struggled with since the very beginning of the church and some Jews struggled with even before Christ's coming.  
The author of Ephesians gave the readers of this general letter some advice on how not to be “misled” by the foolish people. Rather than being misled by drunkenness and other bad behavior, we are to be filled with the spirit and praise God in word, in song and any other way we can. And we are to constantly give thanks to God for all things, as often as we are able, in as many ways as we are able.  
Even before Jesus, there was a group of Jews who were so concerned about being led astray by the foolish

behavior of those less devout than themselves that they moved far away from “civilization” and they built their own city. They were known as the Essenes, and they wanted to remain wise and not be misled by those whom they viewed as foolish while they awaited their Messiah. And it is courtesy of them that we have the Dead Sea Scrolls.  
As the body of Christ we grow in wisdom as we worship and pray together. There is a concept of ubuntu in South Africa, which Archbishop Desmond Tutu defines as: “It is to say ‘My humanity is caught up, is inextricably bound up, in yours.’ We belong in a bundle of life. We say, ‘A person is a person through other persons.’ It is not ‘I think, therefore I am.’ It is rather: ‘I am human because I belong. I participate, I share.’” Now if I understand Alaskan Native spirituality correctly, I believe they have a very similar concept – but even more expansive. I am not human just because of my interactions with humans, I am human because of my interactions with all the created world around me – fish, game, and land. It is a concept of caring for all of God's creation. So, part of being wise is being able to recognize that all that we are and all that we do affects others in our community and world. One would grow in grace not just by treating one another well, but would grow in grace as we worship God and care for all that God has created.

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# First day in second grade

**THREE THUMBS UP**—Justin Horton lets Nome Elementary second grade teacher Matt Slingsby know that he brought supplies with him by raising his thumb on the first day of school Aug. 25.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### August 27 - September 2, 2009

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<b>Thursday, August 27</b>		
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*Preschool Story Hour	Kegoayah Library	10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 6:30 p.m.
*Audiology class	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*14 Steps to Better Breastfeeding video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Open Gym	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Beginning Baton with Jay	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
*Swing Dancing with Seiji	Nome Rec Center	7:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.

<b>Friday, August 28</b>		
<b>Stebbins Native Corporation Intent to run for the Board deadline is today.</b>		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Morning Laps	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 4 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50
*Smoking Awareness class	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Nutrition class	Prematernal Home	3 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Ruslan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Adult Drop-in Soccer	Nome Rec Center	8 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.

<b>Saturday, August 29</b>		
<b>Final Ranger Hike meet @ NPS</b>		
*UMW Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	10 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*SIDs Reducing the Risk video	Nome Rec Center	noon - 8 p.m.
*Open Gym	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Staying Sane: Timesaving Tips...video	Pool	3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

<b>Sunday, August 30</b>		
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*RELAX video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*The First Year-the Baby System video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*AA: Big Book Study	HR Conf. Room, NSHC	6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

<b>Monday, August 31</b>		
<b>Seattle deadline for Northland Services Voyage W909, see ad on page 8 for details.</b>		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Morning Laps	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 10 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.
*Beginning Yoga with Kari	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Sacred Trust-Protect Your Baby	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
Against FAS video		
*Tae Kwon Do with Ruslan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Drop-in Volleyball	Nome Rec Center	7:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*AA Meeting*Big Book Study"	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.

<b>Tuesday, September 1</b>		
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*Preschool Story Hour	Kegoayah Library	10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	noon - 1 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	1 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Feeding Your Baby video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Stages of Labor video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Water Aerobics with Liz	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*AA Teleconference: 1-800-914-3396	(CODE: 3534534#)	7 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
*Adult Drop-in Soccer	Nome Rec Center	8 p.m. - 10 p.m.

<b>Wednesday, September 2</b>		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Morning Laps	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Rotary Club	Airport Pizza	noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 10 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.
*After Pregnancy video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Birth Control Myths & Methods vid	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Ruslan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
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Nome, but we have mobilized numerous projects through Nome for school projects in St. Michael, Golovin, Elim, Stebbins, Unalakleet, Teller, Gambell and Wales,” said NCI Project Manager Gary Donnelly. “We look forward to keeping our feet on the ground in Nome.”

Piscoya also lauded Neeser’s past work in the state. “Their record is very good. And because they are based in Alaska, they are going to stay here and not take the money and run somewhere out of state.”

Neeser has built several high-profile projects in the state, including Anchorage’s new Dena’ina Civic and Convention Center. The firm has also worked on plenty of health care projects. “Neeser Construction Inc. has extensive experience working with Alaska Native entities to provide improved health care services,” said NCI CEO Jerry Neeser in a press release. “It’s been our pleasure to work with several other health care organizations on similar facilities, including the Anchorage Native Primary Care Center Phases I and II, along with others throughout the state.”

As the frost on Nome windshields in recent mornings signals the impending close of the construction season, Donnelly said Inuit-NCI will make the most of what time remains before the snow flies. Much of what will be accomplished this fall will be work to allow a quick start in the spring, he said. “We expect to be doing some steel shakeout and lay-down, and set up of offices,” Donnelly said. “We will be doing as much preparatory work as the weather will allow short of vertical construction of the building.”

While the exact timing will be determined by the weather, Donnelly said steel erection is planned for next spring.

Neither Donnelly nor Bering



*Photo by Tyler Rhodes*

**GROUNDWORK**—The pilings that will support the new Norton Sound Regional Hospital are seen in this file photo from last spring. The Indian Health Service has awarded the contract to build the new 150,000-square-foot, three-story structure to Inuit Services Inc., a subsidiary of Bering Straits Native Corp., and Neeser Construction Inc.

Straits Vice President Gail Schubert could say yet how many jobs would be created through the construction project. Donnelly was able to say, however, that the project would require 30,000 man-days of work to be accomplished. Those man-days of work are expected to be accomplished by 2012.

As for jobs for area residents, the project was awarded with a stipulation for preferential hiring for Native workers. “Since the hospital services our region, we have a vested interest in constructing a facility that we can all be proud of, and that employs the greatest number of shareholders and regional residents as possible in the construction process,” Schubert said.

To that end, Nome Eskimo Community will be working with the

project for training, employment referral and monitoring services to ensure Indian Preference mandates are followed. “They’re going to work with Nome Eskimo Community for positions,” Piscoya said. “There’s no guarantee on hiring but at least the lines of communication are open.”

Some of the work will be performed by union workers. “There will be both union and non-union trades on the project,” Donnelly said. “There are recruitment and training opportunities under either situation.”

This will be the first time NCI and Inuit have worked together on a project. Schubert said BSNC made the first move to form the joint venture. “This partnership came about after I contacted Jerry Neeser to ask if he had an interest in partnering with us

to build the new hospital,” she said. “Neeser Construction Inc. has an excellent reputation and significant prior experience in medical facilities and rural construction.”

Schubert said the details of exactly what roles each company will play in the project are still being worked out. “In short, Inuit and NCI each have responsibilities as principals in the venture,” Donnelly said. “Each will have labor, materials, subcontracting and services tasks that will keep us all very busy for the next three years.”

The bid by Inuit-NCI was among four submitted for the project, according to IHS spokeswoman Dianne Dawson. Rather than a sealed bid process, Dawson said the selection process resulted from a negotiated procurement “based on a combination

of contractor qualifications and price.” Due to that negotiation process, Dawson said IHS would not release the dollar figure for the other bids.

While Inuit is a subsidiary of the regional Native corporation, it has grown to a size where it is no longer eligible for the Small Business Administration’s 8(a) preferential contracting program. The program, which has allowed large, no-bid government contracts for Alaska Native corporations and their subsidiaries, has been met with increased scrutiny over the last few years, most recently from Sen. Claire McCaskill and her oversight committee.

Inuit graduated from the 8(a) program two years ago, and the program had no role in the awarding of the hospital contract, Schubert said.

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ity uncovered in that category, with a shortage of funding depreciation which showed as an operating loss of \$2.3 million.

Notably, and not surprisingly, diesel fuel was the single largest expense to the utility. Higher prices pushed up the fuel surcharge per kilowatt-hour, which in turn pushed up power revenue. Higher prices paid for diesel fuel also increased the value of existing tank inventory. The fuel surcharge absorbed by consumers went up by almost \$2.2 million, 2008 over 2007. Revenues from electricity sales increased by \$1.3 million. Water and sewer revenues increased by only \$143,837.

Although the larger fuel picture showed a noticeable reduction in 2008 fuel prices from 2007, and prices continue to trend lower in 2009, “the price for fuel was higher in 2008 than in 2007 to NJUS,” according to NJUS Manager John K. Handeland. NJUS tanks receive fuel only during the summer barge sea-

son, preventing any savings if fuel prices drop at other times.

“The price is currently coming down in 2009,” Handeland said. “Our intention is to bring in some cheaper fuel this fall to lower the average cost. This will be passed along as a surcharge reduction this winter.”

NJUS bought significant quantities of fuel during the year, counting on supplying energy to Rock Creek Mine, which then closed down operations. This required additional fuel financing from Wells Fargo Bank.

NJUS made continual improvements in generation, sewer and water infrastructure over the two years. To this end, NJUS put to work \$9.6 million in federal and state funding. In 2008, the utility took out three sewer and water loans through the state Department of Environmental Conservation for \$6.4 million, but with a favorable interest rate of 1.5 percent. The payback term is 20 years with annual payments in September. Some of this money was used to pay a loan from the local Wells Fargo Bank.

Accounts receivable entry was way up, because NovaGold Resources paid a whopping bill of \$1.9 million after closing of the audit period, Dec. 31, 2008. The mining company satisfied that debt in full earlier this summer.

At the end of the audit, NJUS received two points of counsel:

First, on internal control over journal entries to show prevention or detection of financial statement misstatements on a timely basis. Although any of three individuals had access and ability to complete all aspects of processing journal entries, there was no documentation of review by a second individual, signature or initials, as example.

In 2009, that issue has been covered by a monthly journal entry summary report reviewed and signed by two individuals to show that a review of entries has happened. NJUS keeps these double-check documents for the auditors. “We consider this finding resolved,” Bost of Mikunda Cottrell told the NJUS board Aug. 18.

Second, the audit noted that some grant revenues recorded in the current year related to grant expenditures made in previous years, due to late filing of grant reimbursement requests after the year in which the expenditures occurred. To facilitate accounting, Bost said, revenues should be matched to expenditures on a timely basis. That said, Bost inferred he understood the intricacies of scheduling projects against funding schedules.

A serious criticism, that NJUS did not receive, would be a significant deficiency that would affect an entity’s ability to report financial data reliably. An even more serious deficiency, that NJUS did not receive, a material weakness, results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of financial statements would not be detected.

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# Arctic and ocean policies are needed

By Diana Haecker

A week before senior-level officials of the Obama administration's Interagency Ocean Task Force, Alaska Senators and other Washingtonian VIP's descended on Alaska, climate-change-related bad news hit the wires, underscoring the timeliness of their visits. In Fairbanks, UAF researchers warned that increased ocean acidification caused by the absorption of greenhouse gases may wreak havoc with crustaceans, affecting everything up the food chain, including Alaska's profitable pollock and salmon fisheries.

Out of the Arctic Research Consortium office, also based in Fairbanks, came the news that the polar cap sea ice looks like it will continue to melt down to 1.7 million square miles, representing a near-record minimum.

"Warm, clear conditions led to significant sea ice melt during the month of July, with some areas of unusually low ice extent and an atmospheric pattern that promotes summer sea ice loss in the Pacific sector of the Arctic," the report said.

The U.S. National Snow and Ice Data Center said last Wednesday that this year's ice melt won't be as bad but close to the summer of 2007, when the ice cover from a winter maximum of more than 5.4 million square miles melted to just 1.6 million. And then news came from the National Climatic Data Center in North Carolina stating the observation that the world's ocean surface temperature was the warmest on record for June since record keeping began in 1880. This year's average ocean temperature reached 62.56°F, more than 1°F higher than the average of 61.5°F in the last century.

Researchers link both the acidification and warming trends to man made greenhouse gases.

To grapple with consequences of climate change and its effects on the oceans and the Arctic, two separate field hearings from high-level government officials drew the whole spectrum of stakeholders to Anchorage last week. Sen. Lisa Murkowski invited testimony at a hearing dealing with formulating an Arctic policy on Thursday, followed on Friday by the first of its kind hearing of the White House's interagency Ocean Policy Task Force. The hearings drew industry and environmental advocates as well as agency officials, Native leaders and private citizens.

Lisa Murkowski as a member of the US Senate subcommittee on Homeland Security addressed the strategic importance of the Arctic in US policy. She said in her opening remarks that it's a constant battle to educate Americans that the U.S. is – via Alaska – an Arctic nation with a significant stake in the future of the arctic. Murkowski said that with diminishing sea ice, the Arctic is more accessible and increased transportation, oil and gas development, mineral extraction, tourism and research needs new infrastructure in the region.

One of the first to testify, new Governor Sean Parnell urged the committee to view resources, national and homeland security, science and foreign policy as issues that are inextricably linked. Parnell favored a balanced approach to "protect our food sources, thousands of jobs and the energy security provided by Alaska's oil and mineral development" and said he urges the committee to grant Alaska a seat at the table when drafting an Arctic policy. He said that when it comes to resources, Alaska is America's energy breadbasket. "We have traditional and renewable sources of energy in staggering volumes here," Parnell said. "Alaska can play an even greater role in reducing the amount of oil and gas we import from abroad. And we can be America's test bed for renewable and alternative energy sources."

He endorsed offshore oil and gas development, both offshore and at the National Petroleum Reserve and the Arctic National Wildlife Reserve, but also underlined the state's commitment to develop alternative and renewable energy production.

Kicking off their Alaska listening tour, Coast Guard Admiral Thad Allen accompanied NOAA administrator Dr. Jane Lubchenco to Nome and on to Shishmaref to view coastal erosion issues. "By reaching out to the communities and asking 'what do you need?'" we found out that we can do things at very low cost that would really make a difference there," Allen said.

Allen asked of the committee to consider beefing up Coast Guard capabilities. For starters, he said that the entire US icebreaker fleet consists of three icebreakers, the *Polar Sea*, the *Polar Star* and the research vessel *Healy*. The *Polar Star* is currently in repair. Allen said he questions if three icebreakers are enough and said that the Dept. of Defense suggested six icebreakers. But before asking for new equipment and funding, he asked the committee to formulate solid mission requirements. "We need to figure out our capabilities and what we need to fulfill our missions," Allen said. Allen commended Mayor Denise Michels for the efforts to deepen Nome's port, saying that policy makers need to take a look at infrastructure along the vast Alaskan coast.

"For larger Coast Guard ships, the last refueling stop is Kodiak. The Arctic is 900 or 1,100 miles from the gas station and those are the types of things we need to talk about," Allen said. Responding to the need for a beefed up Coast Guard, Murkowski introduced two new bills to push for navigation aids, oil spill prevention and response, search and rescue, vessel tracking and funding to build two new heavy icebreakers. The other bill proposes to fund monitoring coastal changes and mapping Arctic waters.

Currently, there are eight arctic nations vying for a piece of the Arctic pie.

However, there is not an international law on the books that spells out the rules because the US Congress has not yet ratified and made official the so-called UN Convention on the Law of the Sea. Parnell said that so far in history, the Arctic has been both ungoverned and ungovernable. He urged the Senate to ratify the Law of the Sea. While Russia, Canada, Denmark and Norway have legally laid claims to Arctic territory, the US has not. Once ratified, the US could claim jurisdiction over the offshore continental shelf beyond the current 200-mile zone measured from the coastline.

## Ocean Task Force

A day later, White House Council on the Environmental Quality chair Nancy Sutley, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency administrator Dr. Jane Lubchenco, David Hayes, deputy Secretary of the Interior as well as Coast Guard commandant Adm. Allen heard testimony from at least 60 Alaskans at Anchorage's Denaina Center.

There were voices from the industry saying that Alaska is American's energy future as vast oil and gas resources may become recoverable when the ice diminishes. Also, the oil and gas lobby connected homeland security to oil and gas development as to make America less dependent on foreign oil. The executive director of the Alaska Oil and Gas Association Marilyn Crockett said that energy must be included in the mix formulating a national ocean policy and urged the committee to make sure that the multiple uses of the oceans continues.

Other voices asked the committee to curb new industrial development and to protect the unique marine life as well as indigenous cultures that made their home in the Arctic, depending on the bounty of the ocean for thousands of years.

Nancy Sutley heads the interagency ocean task force with the tall order to come up with a new national ocean policy by December 10. A letter signed by President Obama in June spelled out the goals of the task force, namely to protect, maintain and restore ocean and coastal resources, to recommend adaptation strategies to climate change and to develop interagency cooperation. Dave Hayes said in his opening remarks, "the oceans can no longer be treated like an orphan," Hayes said. "They need our concerted and consolidated attention."

A panel of Alaskans gave speeches before handing the mikes over to the public in the three-hour hearing. The panel included Vera Metcalf, director of the Eskimo Walrus Commission, Larry Hartig, commissioner of the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation; Dorothy Childers, Alaska Marine Conservation Council; former Governor Bill Sheffield, UAA chancellor and former Lt. Governor Fran Ulmer, and Alaska Cruise Association pres-

ident John Binkley.

Metcalf, also a commissioner of the US Arctic Research Commission, urged the task force to bolster arctic research in the fields of climate change and the Bering Sea, arctic human health, arctic infrastructure needs and indigenous languages and cultures. Metcalf also stressed to recognize and consult with Alaska Native organizations and to grant the arctic people a seat at the table. "Finally, my recommendation for an ocean policy is, that along with specific research policies and plans, that include Arctic people, to support our unique, cultural and traditional bond with our world. To support our efforts to be involved in scientific research, monitoring conditions and knowing that all things are interconnected," Metcalf said.

North Slope Borough mayor Edward Itta thanked the task force for coming out to Barrow and said that there are plenty of reasons for distress for his people. Many reasons stem from climate change to multi-year ice melting and exposing resources, tourism and shipping lanes, he said. "We are trying to preserve

our claim to the ocean. It truly is our garden. The oceans nourish our culture." He said that the Inupiaq people have lived through many changes and are not afraid of them. "But remember that we as a people are part of the environment and must be factored in accordingly," Itta said.

The Obama administration set the tone of a precautionary approach to dealing with the oceans and the Arctic last week when the Secretary of Commerce Gary Locke approved the Arctic Fishery Management Plan, curbing commercial fishing in the Arctic. While there are no large fisheries to speak of at this point, scientists have predicted a northward movement of sought after seafood species like pollock and crabs – and following them would be large fishing fleets. The plan prohibits commercial fishing in almost 200,000 square miles in the Beaufort and Chukchi Seas until scientists gather more information. On Monday, the Canadian newspaper *National Post* reported that Canada may follow the U.S. and may issue a possible moratorium on large-scale commercial fishing in the Beaufort Sea.

## Murkowski calls for federal investment in Arctic

U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski held a field hearing on the formulation of an Arctic Policy last week. After the hearing, Murkowski responded via e-mail to follow-up questions by *The Nome Nugget* reporter Diana Haecker.

**Nome Nugget:** What was the take-home message from testimony heard that you will bring back to Congress regarding the formulation of an Arctic policy?

**Lisa Murkowski:** "There are a number of take home messages - change is occurring rapidly in the Arctic but investment and infrastructure must be increased before human activity level increases even more. Replacing our aging ice breakers are just one of the substantial investments the federal government must make. There must also be increased investment in Arctic scientific research and oil spill research."

**Nome Nugget:** Besides the Arctic Marine Shipping Assessment (AMSA) and its recommendations, are there any Dept. of Defense recommendations to deal with the Arctic from border protection standpoint?

**LM:** "DoD and DHS [Dept of Homeland Security, ed.] are both working on an Arctic strategic plan and they should be released within the next 3 to 6 months."

**Nome Nugget:** Do you recommend beefing up the Coast Guard presence in the Arctic and installing a permanent presence in Nome (or Barrow)? Given that the Coast Guard plays a key role, how adequate are Coast Guard resources and what would they need to fulfill their multi-mission task in the Arctic?

**LM:** "The Coast Guard will be releasing a needs assessment which will have a plan to determine what assets they will need in the Arctic. I believe the Coast Guard will need a much larger presence in the region, but what that looks like and where it takes place is yet to be determined."

**Nome Nugget:** It was surprising to hear — again — that mainstream US does not consider America having a stake in the Arctic or being an Arctic nation. It reminds me of the "Horton hears a Who" story, and it's we Alaskans yelling "We are here." How do you think the perception (and with it a willingness to formulate a sensible Arctic policy) could be changed so that the US pays sufficient attention to the Arctic and Alaska?

**LM:** "While the Arctic has gained a much higher profile lately, the difficult tasks remains to communicate why the Arctic is important to America and "what does it mean to be an Arctic nation." We must do that through education and outreach. Educating the nation on the value and importance of the Arctic and how it relates to their lives is the message we must relay."

**Nome Nugget:** In your opinion, what should an Arctic policy entail and look like?

**LM:** "The Bush administration released a new Arctic Policy at the end of their administration. I provided input into that policy and believe it is a good blueprint. But implementation of the policy needs to take place with significant federal investment."



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ders cost?" asked Smith.

"Not offhand," Harrelson replied. "When we review the budget we know NSSP will lose money, but the board bites the bullet to help fishermen."

Johnson said he submits a break-even budget for operation of the Unalakleet plant to the NSEDC board annually. Smith asked Johnson if that's how it works out. "We present everything to the board and they know," Johnson said.

"It would be good to know how it pencils out," Smith commented.

"The board knows," replied Johnson.

Joe Garnie of Teller, an NSEDC board member who recently became chairman of the NSSP Working Group, called the special meeting Aug. 18 because more issues were raised during the group's regular meeting July 29 than could be addressed in the two hours allocated for it. The working group meets in conjunction with quarterly meetings of the NSEDC board and its standing committees. The working group is not a standing committee, and its recommendations must be conveyed to and approved by a standing committee to be considered for approval by the full board.

## Difficult fishing season

Some complaints aired by fishermen at the working group's July 29 meeting were anticipated by Garnie and the NSEDC administration. They knew fishermen were upset when the NSSP plant in Nome stopped buying crab for two weeks early in the season due to inadequate meat fill (skinny crab). Time solved that problem, but fishing remained slow, with most crabbers delivering smaller catches per trip than in previous years. Their cost ratio for fuel and bait increased in relation to catch revenues.

Commercial fishermen in southern Norton Sound had hoped for a huge run of pink salmon, but it did not show up. Chum runs in northern Norton Sound were among the worst on record, and in southern Norton Sound they were average. The commercial silver salmon run in southern Norton Sound is producing good catches, but they are well below the record commercial silver harvests of the previous three years.

NSEDC administrators offered to reduce fish ticket deductions for loan repayments from 50 percent to 25 percent on request. The company provides a revolving loan program for local commercial fishermen at low interest rates. One program funds large vessel loans, and the other funds loans for vessel and equipment upgrades and for purchasing fishing gear, outboard motors and certain commercial fishing permits. The company's board of directors has approved end-of-season bonuses for fishermen despite NSSP's annual losses.

Some fishermen told Garnie they have made complaints and suggestions to NSEDC and received no response. Garnie asked the fishermen to submit written complaints and recommend remedies for problems. Harrelson also asked for written and constructive comments.

At the Aug. 18 meeting, Thomas said he had switched from crab to halibut fishing because in a three-day trip he could harvest only 800 pounds of crab compared to 3,000 pounds of halibut. In past years most or all of the allowable harvest of Norton Sound red king crab has been caught by late August when the halibut fishery begins. However, this year the open access crab fishery harvest totaled 209,625 pounds on Aug. 22, with 137, 250 pounds of quota still in the water. "The catch is well below recent years for this date and the trend line indicates the quota will be caught by approximately Sept. 20," said Jim Menard, Norton Sound and Kotzebue area manager for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

Following are excerpts of Thomas's written complaints, most of which were discussed at the Aug. 18 meeting.

## Skinny crab, lower price

"[The] grounds price was reduced from \$3.27 to \$2.25 during the early crab season due to 'skinny crab' for one delivery prior to operations shut-



Photo by Nancy McGuire

**SEAFOOD PLANT**—The NSEDC seafood plant and fishing boats are seen from across the small boat harbor. A vocal group of fishermen have taken issue with some of the plant's operations.

down," Thomas wrote. "I personally took a \$700 deduction from this delivery. I feel that the reasoning for the deduction was that the crab would all be considered "A" grade [instead of the superior fancy grade] due to a 15 percent skinny crab ratio....

"I do not approve of the current management policy to try and balance the books by gouging the harvester through grounds price reduction or otherwise," Thomas continued. "The overall social benefits of sustaining a struggling fleet economy outweigh the need to balance the financial bottom line of NSSP."

Thomas voiced that complaint at the July 29 NSSP Working Group meeting, and Garnie asked him to put it in writing. It was not discussed at the Aug. 18 meeting.

## High-priced imported bait

"NSSP ran out of bait herring during [the] crab season and then ordered poor quality bait for [the] long line season at 95 cents per pound compared to the status quo price of 50 cents for superior local caught herring," Thomas wrote. "NSSP management was told by expert advisors on the NSSP working group committee to harvest 100,000 pounds of herring for the crab and long line season, yet management only acquired 50,000 pounds and ran out, thusly causing hardship for the harvester. Also it was brought to my attention that bait was rationed in Savoonga at three boxes per day when harvesters needed more."

Harrelson told Thomas that NSSP would not recover costs for the imported bait by charging fishermen 95 cents a pound for it. He said it cost \$11,000 to ship the bait from the East Coast to Anchorage and \$29,000 to ship it from Anchorage to Nome.

Ferry said NSSP started the season with 50,000 pounds of frozen herring left over from last year and additional bait. "We had in the neighborhood of 100,000 pounds," he said. Fishermen insisted that the plant should not have run out of bait. "If there are 200,000 pounds of herring in the freezer, where will we put the crab?" Ferry asked. No one replied.

Garnie said herring should show up before long in the Teller area and will be available until freeze up. The discussion turned to the merits of various types of bait.

## Charging for loader use

"NSSP has acquired a front-end loader," Thomas wrote. "I was told that I would have to pay \$150 an hour for the use of the loader and operator to pull my boat out for maintenance. I have personally helped NSSP pull their tender boats in and out of the water for many years and have never charged NSSP a single penny. Why are the harvesters being charged this amount of money to use the loader and operator? The operator is paid \$25 per hour. I was told that NSSP would charge the same as the local vendor, Q Trucking. Why is NSSP management trying to increase the profit ... of NSSP by gouging the harvesters?"

Ferry said NSSP charges \$155 per hour for use of the loader, \$5 more than Q Trucking, to avoid competing with the firm. Harrelson said NSEDC's insurance requires a specific certification for the loader's driver, and he is reluctant to just let anyone operate it. Thomas said the issue is about taking care of local fishermen, not about avoiding competition with local vendors. Smith said the loader is a small issue and fishermen should not be changed for its use.

Steve Ivanoff, a member of the NSSP Working Group from Unalakleet, asked if NSSP's loader use fee is intended to cover insurance. Harrelson said the fee covers insurance, maintenance and the cost of the driver. "I don't think NSEDC is making any money off it," he added.

"Do you pay the City of White Mountain \$150 an hour to take your boat in and out of the water?" fisherman Eric Osborne asked Harrelson. "No," answered Harrelson. "So you think we should?" asked Osborne. Harrelson did not reply.

Smith and Garnie suggested that NSEDC prepare a written policy for use of the loader. Thomas said use of the loader for subsistence fishing

should be incorporated into the policy. "I want to see a definition of what this program is all about—how we can work together," he said.

## NSEDC's policies questioned

"I have written numerous letters and e-mails on the benefits of social economic vs. the bottom line business economic practices of past and current NSSP management," Thomas noted in his written complaint. "I assume that the NSEDC board of directors dictates policy. I have never received a formal answer to my policy questions from the board. (I assume the letter to staff never made it to the board.)" Thomas said the verbal responses he receives from staff when he confronts them on these issues are "indifferent if not belittling to the harvester."

Harvesters are constantly on the verge of bankruptcy, but NSSP is backed by huge profits from NSEDC's pollock harvests, Thomas said. He sees the economic survival of harvesters as the fundamental purpose of the CDQ program.

"...NSSP has always been operating in the red and probably always will with the economy as it is," Thomas wrote. "Instead of worrying that NSSP

will never be self-sustaining on paper, the board should be concerned that the pollock industry remains profitable so that proceeds can subsidize local fishing economies, which in turn provide valuable social economics to the region. In my mind, social economics far outweigh the importance of [the] NSSP profit/loss statement. Money that is put into the community in jobs and food on the table is an economic multiplier. Where else in this economy will NSEDC see their investment multiply 300-400 percent annually within the region?"

Smith said Thomas is posing questions that the NSEDC board needs to deal with in writing. A policy is needed on how NSEDC is to address the local fisheries economy, he added. "Just set a price and go with it," Smith suggested. "Pay [fishermen] \$4 a pound for crab and NSSP will recover what it can. You're gonna lose money anyway."

Johnson said the Unalakleet plant pays 95 cents a pound for silver salmon, 35 cents a pound for chum and 25 cents a pound for pinks delivered to the dock. For salmon delivered to a tender, the plant pays 90 cents a pound for silvers, 30 cents a pound for chums and 20 cents a pound for pinks. He tries to be fair and makes adjustments to prices based on the ups and downs of the market, he added.

"If NSEDC ever goes away, [the plant] needs to be sustainable in the long run," Johnson said. He predicted that if NSEDC were to subsidize fishermen, 100 more of them would sign up to fish.

Smith, Osborne and another fisherman pressed for financial information about NSSP. Harrelson said he would have to ask NSEDC's Finance Committee whether the information is propriety or can be released. Osborne said there may be hidden costs for running the plants in addition to tender costs.

"The concern I have is we find out and the board says we can't operate the plant and puts fishermen out of business," said Ivanoff. "If this gets out and people are upset [about] losing too much on these fisheries, they'll say, 'Let's choke them and put them out of business.'"

"We can't be losing enough money to say close the plant at this point," Smith said.

"That's your interpretation," replied Ivanoff.

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# Sport fishing for coho salmon curtailed

*Nome may have gold, but silvers are elusive*

By Tyler Rhodes

The tale of the coho salmon in Norton Sound this year reads a bit like a Dickens novel.

Outside of the Nome subdistrict, the silver fishing has been among the best of times.

Around Nome, it has been about the worst.

"Everywhere is doing good except the black hole of Nome," said Jim

Menard of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game's Nome office.

In response to the poor return of silvers, the department shut down the sport fishery as of midnight Aug. 24 in the marine waters and the drainages between Topkok Head and Cape Rodney. This includes the Sinuk, Cripple, Penny, Snake, Nome, Flambeau, Eldorado, Bonanza and Solomon rivers.

The Fish and Game order also bans the use of bait while sport fishing for any other species and by subsistence fishermen still pursuing cohos.

The order, however, does not close the subsistence fishery in the area. But even that, too, has been re-

stricted to hook-and-line fishing only; nets are no longer allowed. Those subsistence fishing with hook and line must also adhere to sport fishing methods, such as not snagging the fish.

Meanwhile, the tale in the region outside of Nome tells another story. A Fish and Game Aug. 23 commercial fishing update labeled it as "another banner year as the commercial harvest of 70,470 silvers ranks eighth all time."

The Aug. 23 commercial fishing data for most of the area's subdistricts gives an idea of the bounty elsewhere in the region. The commercial silver harvest of 2,437 fish in the Golovin subdistrict ranks at a fourth all-time high. The commercial fishery for coho in the Moses Point, or Elim area, has set a record at 6,511 silvers. Norton Bay had its second silver commercial harvest in 20 years which ranked third in size with more than 1,700 silvers compared to harvests from 1975 through 1988.

The fish count on the region's rivers where there are weirs or towers also paints the contrasting picture well. As of Aug. 24, the North River tower near Unalakleet had counted nearly 12,000 silvers go by. More than 1,700 of those fish went by on

Aug. 22. On the Kwiniuk River approximately 10 miles northeast of Elim, 6,300 silvers were counted. On the Niukluk River near Council, 5,400 silvers had passed by.

On the other hand, the Nome River had only seen 300 silvers pass by its weir as of Monday. The Snake River count was at a paltry 30 and only half of that had been counted at the Pilgrim River weir. "We've only have had two years lower at the Nome," Menard said. "We've had one year lower at the Snake in the 15 years we've been counting at the Snake."

Menard said those years were 2003 and 1997 for the Nome River and 2002 for the Snake. However, 2004 and 2005 showed strong returns, which should have set the area rivers up well for this year. Menard said the silvers mostly return on a four-year cycle.

As for theories on why this year's return is so poor, Menard said ideas being tossed about include flooding in 2005 that could have displaced eggs or a hard freeze that winter which could have had an effect in the area's shallow rivers. Low water in the rivers up through mid-August has also been mentioned as possible problem, keeping the returning salmon out.

Recent rains may have helped with the last item, as Menard said a small pulse was noticed. "We had a little push in the Nome River," he said. "We had a couple of hundred through this weekend, that got us up a little better."

While there is a chance for the run to improve and the sport fishing order to be lifted, Menard said time is running out. "We still have a little bit of 'late' left in this game. We're not out of 'late' yet," he said Monday. The historic midpoint for the fishery, however, comes at the end of this week. At that point the department will evaluate whether or not to suspend the subsistence fishery.

The move to stop the sport fishery is not unprecedented, nor would it be to do so with the subsistence fishery, Menard said. The sport fishery was closed in 2003, as was the subsistence fishery. Menard also said the subsistence fishery was closed in 2002.

As of Aug. 25, however, the subsistence fishery was still on. The subsistence fishery is only open to Alaska residents. Residents must obtain a free permit from the Fish and Game office to be allowed to subsistence fish; this includes elders who are using permanent licenses since those licenses are for sport fishing.



Photo by Tyler Rhodes

**SLIM PICKINS**—John Odden tries his luck at the mouth of the Nome River Aug. 22 in search of elusive silver salmon. The Department of Fish and Game closed the sport fishery for silvers at midnight Aug. 24.

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# From health care to caribou

*Listening session with Sen. Begich's staff brings out a multitude of concerns*

By Tyler Rhodes

Nome community members and representatives from a number of the region's organizations had a chance Aug. 20 to deliver their concerns and requests to Sen. Mark Begich.

Approximately two dozen Nomeites showed to voice their concerns that covered everything from health care to caribou.

Begich's rural director Tiffany Zulkowski and legislative assistant Megan Foster were in Nome last week to meet with the organizations that form the Bering Strait Leadership Team and conduct the public meeting at the Pioneer Hall on Front Street. Begich's staff members were present primarily to relay the concerns and comments to the senator and not specifically answer questions.

The issue of health care came up in a couple of different forms during the listening session. Early comments were addressed toward the proposed revamping of the nation's health care system. The namesakes of local law firm Lewis and Thomas brought up the increased cost to provide health care for themselves and the employees of their small business.

Both Bob Lewis and Connor Thomas advocated some sort of public option at the federal level. Lewis pointed out that publically financed health care already covers many Alaskans. "[Indian Health Service] provides a huge benefit to a number of people in the room," Lewis said. "We, for all intended purposes, have a single-payer system for the majority of people in this town."

Lewis, who said he has seen the premiums for his business's health care plan increase five-fold, encouraged Sen. Begich to use Alaska's experience with public health care as an example of how such a system can work.

Loretta Bullard, president of Kawerak Inc., noted that it isn't simply small businesses and individuals who are struggling to keep up with skyrocketing insurance premiums. Bullard noted that the deductible in the plan held by the large tribal organization she leads has ballooned to \$3,000. That growth is on top of a doubling of the premium on the plan compared to what was paid in 2000.

Regarding another aspect of health care, Norton Sound Health Corp. board member Berda Willson lauded the work at the federal level to get funding for Nome's new hospital. While excited about the new facility, Willson is concerned about finding personnel once it opens. "Now we're looking at how are we going to staff this hospital," she said. Willson questioned the ability to fund training programs for people

in the region to get jobs in the health care industry.

Willson also expressed concern about reduced funding allocated for the Denali Commission. The federally funded commission has allowed for the construction of rural clinics. "We have villages that house clinics that should not be used for a clinic," she said.

Norton Sound Health Corp.'s Roy Agloinga said the Denali Commission has helped with the planning phase for six planned clinics in the region. He said reduced funding may mean only one of those planned clinics gets built. He also voiced concern about lease funds granted for existing clinics. The money directed for the lease and maintenance of clinic sites is not keeping up with the actual costs, he said. "All of our clinics are operating in the red in regard to village lease funds," he said.

Tim Towarak's request to the senator's staff was more a call for the status quo than for any change. The president and chief executive officer of Bering Straits Native Corp. asked that the Small Business Administration's federal contracting provision regarding minority groups, known as the 8(a) program, be retained. Towarak lauded Begich's efforts so far in defending the rules that give preferential treatment to Alaska Native corporations as they face scrutiny in Congress. "I would still like to challenge him to retain that program as it is without any changes," Towarak said.

Foster said Begich had vigorously defended the 8(a) program in a hearing held by Sen. Claire McCaskill, D-Mo., who has been highly critical of the program. She pledged that he would continue to advocate for its continuance. "I think our biggest concern is Sen. McCaskill is not going to go away," she said.

On another front, Kawerak's Robert Keith advocated that federal funding be directed to local groups and agencies to conduct research, such as studies related to climate change, rather than first being directed to the state. "I don't think the state should be getting these funds. I think we should be doing our own research," he said.

Kawerak's Bullard echoed those comments, noting that many federal funds destined directly for rural projects, are now reduced as they pass through the state's hands. "The federal funds that were once earmarked directly for programs are now siphoned off by the state," she said.

Keith also called for more attention being given to the potential for oil spills in Arctic waters as shipping increases in the region with the reduction in ice coverage. Foster said

the senator agrees with the need to formulate a plan, noting the multiple pieces of legislation concerning the Arctic that Begich recently introduced in the Senate. "We need to be prepared. We don't want to wait for something to happen," she said.

Also in regard to the oceans, Tim Smith of the Nome Fishermen's Association was critical of the legislation renewing the Community Development Quota groups, such as Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. Smith said he believed there is too little oversight of the groups. He also cited problems with the pollock industry's harvesting of salmon, known as bycatch, which would otherwise be heading into rivers and supporting both rural economies and subsistence needs. He added that the CDQ groups' participation in the pollock industry puts them in an awkward position of advocating more for the pollock industry's concerns than rural residents' when it comes to the bycatch issue.

Nome's Chick Trainor led off the afternoon's discussion, speaking on energy issues. Trainor lauded the move toward embracing renewable

energy with the construction of the Banner Ridge wind farm just outside of Nome. Trainor, however, described the turbines as maintenance-intensive and wondered if more could be done toward the development of geothermal power from Pilgrim Hot Springs or natural gas deposits both on and off shore. "We do need assistance in our fuel and heating needs," Trainor said. Others in the room also pushed for more development of renewable energy.

Trainor also advocated searching out and developing oil deposits onshore on the peninsula to help meet local energy demands.

Nome's Derek Leedy voiced concern over the legacy of past resource extraction, speaking specifically to his concerns of the former mercury mine at Red Devil on the Kuskokwim River. He asked for the senator's support in seeing the mine which closed in 1971 become a Super Fund site. Besides providing for the cleanup of the area, Leedy said making the area a Super Fund site would create jobs in the area that could last for a number of years.

Roy Ashenfelter also spoke at the session, advocating funding for the Western Arctic Caribou Herd Working Group. He said the herd, which numbers anywhere from 390,000 to 450,000 animals is an important source of food for subsistence hunters from the Interior to Western Alaska and on up to the North Slope, following the herd's migration route. He said the working group—which includes conservationists, subsistence hunters and sport hunters, among others—has requested \$200,000 in federal funds. He said that amount pales in comparison to requests from the recently passed federal stimulus package. "One of the reasons it may not be getting much attention is that the request is so small," he said. "But the benefits behind it is huge."

Begich's staff, Foster and Zulkowski, said the concerns heard in Nome echo those they have heard in other parts of the state. Topping the list in most locations, they said, are comments regarding energy issues, health care reform and subsistence use of fish.



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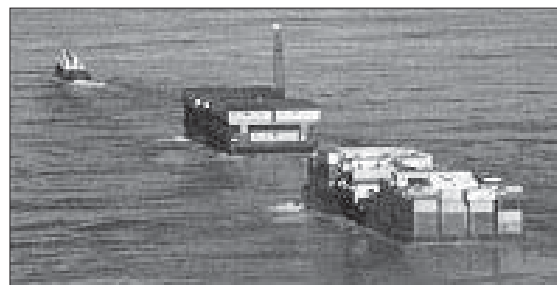
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# Utility continues to examine alternative energy

*Nome Joint Utility System investigates use of batteries, prime location for wind power*

By Sandra L. Medearis

With an audit of books that underlined an increase of \$2 million for generator diesel fuel charges for spending year 2008, Nome's utility board continues to hash over alternative energy sources.

However, the bottom line is that the diesel generators will continue to spin for some years before any other feasible energy comes into operation. Additionally, any alternative energy would be complementary to diesel generation, in order to ensure consistent power availability, local board members say.

Independence from diesel fuel is possible, but at high cost, Nome Joint Utility System board member Carl Emmons observed at the Aug. 18 board meeting. Still, NJUS staff and board continue studies of the area's wind resources, pending the development of feasible wind turbine operation to have wind in its sales. This month, NJUS and Banner Wind Farm representatives met with funding agency Denali Commission to seek money for linking the BWF production with the utility's grid. BWF wind turbines are scheduled to go back online in October after modifications have been done.

NJUS manager John Handeland brought up the possibility that the utility might be able to top off available tank capacity this fall on last barges of the season if the price of fuel continues to drop.

"That would reduce our average cost and bring down our fuel surcharge," he said.

Nome ratepayers currently pay 19 cents per kilowatt-hour on usage up to 500 kwh after a

*"I think we're wasting our money on a lot of windmills. We need to put our money where there is a better return."*

— NJUS Board Member Fred Moody

subsidy of 17 cents from the state, compared to Kotzebue's rate at about a dime more, and Golovin's price of about a half dollar per kwh.

Meanwhile, NJUS will be installing a wind monitoring device on the coastal lowlands, somewhere between Nome and Safety, to complement a monitor already in operation. This current monitor tower will be moved from the Snake River valley to Newton Peak. Some studies elsewhere have shown that while wind is more brisk at higher elevations, it blows at more consistent velocities at low levels. The Alaska Energy Authority has the second wind study tower in storage and available, but before it can go up, property location and access, FAA and

federal Fish and Wildlife clearance will have to be addressed.

Board member Fred Moody doesn't think the answer is blowing in the wind. He thinks the utility should be looking more at thermal energy at from Pilgrim Hot Springs and other hotspots, or researching natural gas in the area.

"I think we're wasting our money on a lot of windmills," he said. We need to put our money where there is a better return."

Utility staff and board are also investigating a new company that produces a catalyzing gas, that, injected into fossil fuels maximizes the energy output while reducing emissions from combustion, according to claims of Quad City Innovations. Representatives were

to arrive in Nome this week. (See related story on this page.)

Should NJUS find the elusive answer to cheaper energy, storage of these kwh to meet fluctuating demand would be a major issue. The board has been studying a storage battery solution that would allow the utility to ramp up or ramp down its power according to need and generation. A storage battery system under review for future need would cost \$1million per megawatt stored. Nome's demand for power runs at an average of 5 megawatts. Moody and Handeland have attended presentations by Altair Nano, makers of such a system, to be prepared for future potential funding applications.

"People don't want to be in the dark if the wind stops," Handeland said. "By having storage we could, when the peak load required us to add a generator, add an increment of power from storage." Handeland thought at the cost, supplementary storage would be more practical than providing for a full switchover of community demand.

In other business, the board:

Re-upped lobbyist Larry Markley's contract for another year. Markley will get \$60,000 for the year plus reimbursable expenses—with no markup.

Received notice that NJUS staff had applied to state Department of Environmental Conservation for sewer and water money—\$3.2 million—against a total project cost of \$5.4 million for N and M streets between Fourth and Fifth avenues. Another application went in for \$150,000 for a master plan-system capacity investigation.

## Fuel from water? NJUS considers fuel booster

*Idea behind claim has floated around for some time*

By Sandra L. Medearis

Nome Joint Utility System executives this week looked forward to receiving representatives of a company that claims to know how to make an energizing gas from water and a small amount of electricity. This gas, according to company literature, can be injected into diesel fuel to make its efficiency impressively higher while reducing emissions measurably.

NJUS board members meeting Aug. 18 had shiny eyes, fascinated by the aspect of boosting the timing on power generators to burn less high-priced fuel more cleanly. Preliminary reports say the technique separates hydrogen from water and injects it into the air intake of generators.

The process, sometimes called hydrogen fuel enhancement, has intrigued tinkerers and inventors looking to make their fuel go farther since early in the last century.

"We've read about water made into wine at one time. If it can be made into fuel, that's wonderful, too," board member Carl Emmons observed. "I

haven't seen any hard operation or measurable trial."

The trade name of the gas and the machine used to separate it is called Q-C Gas by developers Quad-City Innovations. QCI is based in Southfield, Minn.

QCI claims to answer the issue of expensive infrastructure to make and dispense hydrogen fuel. Their machine provides stand-alone, on-demand production, a less expensive way to deliver hydrogen to energy production. Contrast this with traditional methods that include manufacturing, storage, end-user handling, and transporting large amounts of flammable hydrogen. They say the cost compares favorably with hydro-electric power.

QCI says its product, QC (Quantum Catalyst, not Quad-City!)-Gas, can be used in virtually any application that uses natural gas, propane, diesel fuel or coal, and has been verified by responsible laboratories to increase overall energy efficiency in actual applications by as much as 60 percent.

QCI is able to guarantee at a minimum of 20 percent reduction of fossil fuel consumption in nearly all applications. QCI cites verification by a combustion/boiler research laboratory, Fossil Energy Research Corp.—FERCo—not to be confused with Federal Energy Regulatory Commission—FERC.

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*"We've read about water made into wine at one time. If it can be made into fuel, that's wonderful, too."*

— NJUS Board Member Carl Emmons

The NJUS board hopes to know more about the possibility of

adapting hydrogen fuel enhancement to the utility's power generators after talking to representatives this week.



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we were able to safely deliver our staff to Diomedé and start school on time Monday morning.

Sincerely, Jim Hickerson, BSSD Superintendent



Diomedé teaching staff





Photos by Tyler Rhodes

**A LONG WAY DOWN (above)**—Erika Eaton lets it fly down the long straight-away that leads to the bottom of Anvil Mountain Aug. 20. Eaton was rewarded with two trophies for her effort, one for being the first woman to finish and the other for taking second overall.

**TO THE FINISH (right)**—Erik Handeland, 9, breezes into the finish of the 11th annual Anvil Mountain 59 Minute, 37 Second Challenge. Handeland also took home a trophy for the first younger than 16 to cross the line. All who entered finished before the race's namesake time.



# Seven take the Anvil Challenge

*Foreign guests fill the ranks in the 11th annual Anvil 59 Minute, 37 Second Challenge*

By Tyler Rhodes

Ken Livingston was simply out for a run last Thursday when he ran into Leo Rasmussen at the base of Anvil Mountain.

Having no goal—other than getting a workout—the visiting New Zealander was surprised to have Rasmussen tell him that he was 11 minutes late. Already nearly five miles into his run and more than 10 minutes behind the rest of the pack, Livingston nonetheless accepted Rasmussen's challenge to become the seventh competitor in the 11th annual Anvil 59-Minute, 37-Second Challenge.

Livingston was rewarded for his effort with an emerald-colored trophy, as he was able to muscle to the top of the 834-foot climb and back down to the Dexter Road fast enough to take third place with a time of 41 minutes, 32 seconds. That time includes the 11 minutes that passed before he arrived at the start line.

The race is sponsored by Rasmussen's Music Mart.

Livingston wasn't the only participant adding international flare to the annual race. At the last minute, Jean-Michel Peuzin of France decided to join the ranks climbing to the top of Anvil Mountain and racing back down. Peuzin completed the course in 41:59.

While the visiting delegation were good sports in joining the small field of participants on a drizzly, gray Thursday evening, it was a Nome couple who led the charge. With the absence of the Nome-Beltz cross country team from the field—the Nanooks were preparing for Saturday's competition in Kotzebue—Tyler Rhodes was able to find his way to the finish line first in 25:42. Erika Eaton, Rhodes' fiancée, nabbed the runner-up honors overall and was the first woman to cross the line. The race put an exclamation point of the evening for Eaton, the Nanooks' assistant cross country coach, who had just completed an hour-long run with the team.

Nine-year-old Erik Handeland also nabbed a trophy as the first participant younger than 16 to finish. Handeland covered the course in 57:43. Filling out the ranks for the race were Christine Schultz, a constant at Nome races, who finished in 43:19, and Elise Rasmussen. Rasmussen, 7, summed up the event as she walked across the line just 11 seconds short of the race's namesake with a time of 59:26.

The race was started by Leo Rasmussen more than a decade ago to provide an event for area youth before they head back to school. Rasmussen walked the 2 3/4-mile course that climbs to the top of Anvil Mountain and back, clocking his time. When he made it back to

the start, the clock was stopped at 59:37, giving the race its name. Since that first walk, runners and walkers of all stripes have been able to meet Rasmussen's challenge to beat his time, including David Spirtes pushing his 5-month-old daughter in a baby jogger and even a goose named Gonky.

While the 2009 running of the challenge may have attracted a couple foreign visitors, no animal competitors—geese or otherwise—were spotted on the course.

## 11th annual Anvil 59 Minute, 37 Second Challenge

1) Tyler Rhodes, 25 minutes, 42 seconds; 2) Erika Eaton, 33:01; 3) Ken Livingston, 41:32; 4) Jean-Michel Peuzin, 41:59; 5) Christine Schultz, 43:19; 6) Erik Handeland, 57:43; 7) Elise Rasmussen, 59:26.

**Checkpoint personnel:** Arne Handeland, Anvil Mountain; Lauren Steiger, big turn; Leo B. Rasmussen, finish line.

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**NECK AND NECK** (above)—Nome's Jens Irelan (left) battles a runner from Kotzebue Aug. 22 during the Nome-Beltz cross country team's first race of the season. The boys were able to sweep the top five spots in the race to score a perfect 15.

**OUT ON HIS OWN** (left)—Nanook Jeremy Head cruises down a hill on the Kotzebue course Saturday as he stretches out his lead on the way to a win.

## Sweet 15: Nanook harriers put up perfect score in Kotz

*Nome-Beltz runners AnnieKate Olson, Jeremy Head stride to individual wins in season's first race*

**By Tyler Rhodes**

Jeff Collins is hoping Saturday's performance by his Nanook runners is a sign of things to come.

The new head coach of the Nome-Beltz running program had to be smiling as he watched his runners nab individual titles and the boys sweep the top five spots to notch a perfect race in Kotzebue.

On the boys' side, Jeremy Head picked up right where he left off last season, leading the team to victory as he blazed the course in 17 minutes, 26 seconds. Head's teammates filled in the next four slots to sweep the race. Cross country races are scored by adding up the finishing positions of the team's top five runners. A score of 15 is the lowest and best possible result a team can achieve.

Head found his way to the finish line with a comfortable lead over fellow Nanook Teddy Payenna who finished at 18:04. The finish line was then quiet for nearly a minute and a half before the deluge of the next three Nanooks would come in. Emerson Conger, Nathan Blandford and Jeremiah Johnson rounded out the top five places to give Nome its perfect 15.

For the girls, AnnieKate Olson grabbed the girls' win with a time of 23:08, 14 seconds faster than her nearest competitor. Nome only entered two girls in the race and, thus, was unable to score as a team. That second runner, Caitlin Tozier, also showed a strong debut for the season, placing fourth at 25:38. According to Collins, the girls team will have two more girls for its next race at home, now that they have the required number of practices. This will leave the Lady Nanooks still short one runner for a full team.

Collins said the strong debut has him feeling optimistic about the remainder of the season. "After seeing their performance and what we've got for workouts in the future, I'd say we could be a top-three team at state," he said.

He also fosters high expectations for Olson. "After seeing AnnieKate race, we're going to get her ready for

a region title," Collins said.

The Nanook runners will get to show off their strides this Friday with their home meet. Hosting runners from Chevak, Barrow, Kotzebue, Point Hope, Unalakleet, Shaktoolik and Teller, the races will get underway with the high school boys starting at 2:30 p.m. Races will be held at the Nome-Beltz complex. The girls will race at 3 p.m. The junior high and community race will be held together at 3:30 p.m. Anyone in the community is invited to participate in the last run.

Collins said due to construction near the high school, the course will be changed from previous years. Whether the course will be completely new or just modified a bit was not decided as of press time.

### Cross country results: Kotzebue, Aug. 22

**Bold names indicate Nome runners**

#### Girls varsity results (top 10)

1) **AnnieKate Olson, 23:08**; 2) Loni Hickerson, 23:22; 3) Willaby Shuster, 25:27; 4) **Caitlin Tozier, 25:38**; 5) Darilyn Nelson, 25:45; 6) Jamie Erlich, 25:48:00; 7) Elizabeth Ferguson, 27:39; 8) Jacqui Lambert, 29:58;

9) Denali Whiting, 30:24.

#### Boys varsity results (top 10)

1) **Jeremy Head, 17:26**; 2) **Teddy Payenna, 18:04**; 3) **Emerson Conger, 19:26**; 4) **Nathan Blandford, 19:27**; 5) **Jeremiah Johnson, 19:45**; 6) Jared Miller, 19:53; 7) **Tim Sullivan, 20:01**; 8) Grant Magdanz, 20:29; 9) Timothy Smith, 20:58; 10) **Tim Schmidt, 21:02**. **Other Nanook finishers:** 11) **Jens Irelan, 21:19**; 15) **Taylor Romanesko, 22:01**; 18) **Zach Sullivan, 24:51**.

#### Junior high girls

1) Deidre Creed, 13:59; 2) **Rosa Schmidt, 14:33**; 3) Scarlet Beaver, 14:52; 4) Lynn Schaeffer, 16:28; 5) Mary Sue Hyatt, 17:42; 6) Zeanna Savok, 18:02.

#### Junior high boys

1. Quincy Williamson, 13:22; 2) Brettlyn Reich, 13:37; 3) Micah Banks, 13:42; 4) Parker Everett, 13:44; 5) MacKenzie Smith, 13:46; 6) Trevor Creed, 13:55; 7) **Eli Johnson, 14:31**; 8) Seth Beaver, 14:34; 9) Gus Nelson, 14:46; 10) Spencer Adams, 15:46; 11) **Oliver Hoogendorn, 16:01**; 12) Daniel Gallahorn,

16:06; 13) **Daniel Head, 16:37**; 14) Drew Nanouk, 16:40; 15) Teddy Foster, 16:48; 16) Lynn-Victor Lonewolf, 17:05; 17) Issaiah Savok, 18:05; 19) Jeremiah Gallahorn, 19:06; 20) Ethan Schaeffer, 20:26; 21) Stephen Hyatt, 21:29.

#### Nanooks on the road

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**TO THE DUMP**—A crew for Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. cleans an old boat from the beach in St. Michael. Under the clean-up program, each of NSEDC's 15 member communities will see their coastline cleaned.

*Photo courtesy of NSEDC*



**CLEANUP**—A crew working for Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. loads junk into a trailer along the beach near the village as part of NSEDC's beach clean-up program.

*Photo courtesy of NSEDC*

## Bering Sea beaches get a scrubbing

By Tyler Rhodes

There is an ancient can of Budweiser beer that sits in Wes Jones' Unalakleet office. "It's so old—the top of it, you had to use a church key to open it," he said.

The empty can is not a reminder of some distant college party or sign of longtime allegiance to the King of Beers, but rather serves as an example of the age and variety of the flotsam that has landed on the beaches surrounding the Bering Sea.

Jones, a fisheries biologist for Norton Sound Economic Development Corp., said the can was likely deposited during a storm surge. The can's trip to his office came as part of a vast multi-year effort to clean debris from the shores surrounding the Bering Sea.

For three years now, NSEDC—on its own and with the support of partners—has worked to clean up the shores surrounding its 15 member communities. The effort has mainly been aimed at removing marine debris. The efforts so far have netted 355,000 pounds of material ranging from fishing nets of all shapes and sizes, abandoned boats, bottles and just plain garbage—even a Japanese Swiffer mop was found farther up Golovin Bay than the village of Golovin itself. "You look at 355,000 pounds, that's a lot of weight," Jones said. "Pretty much all of it is stuff that can float. So the volume of things is just huge."

Jones said the genesis of the project came in the early part of the decade when NSEDC board members from the eastern section of the region questioned whether old nets left in the rivers were having an effect on salmon runs. On their end, board members from the western communities remarked on the accumulation of plastics and other debris on their beach. "At that time, NSEDC employees were flying between Gambell and Savoonga and noticed nets," Jones said.

The concern was large enough for the board to call for action. "That's how our clean waters program was born," he said.

Called "ghost nets," abandoned fishing nets can imperil fish, marine mammals and even terrestrial animals and birds. Jones said more modern nets made of petroleum-based products remain in the environment much longer than their predecessors, which were made of cotton or other more biodegradable material. "Petroleum-based debris don't break down like the old stuff," Jones said.

Beyond nets, other plastic debris can also be damaging to animals. Jones said as the debris breaks up into smaller pieces, they can ingest it creating further problems. "I think humans over our history have had the attitude of 'throw it in the ocean and it disappears.' Maybe that worked when everything biodegraded," Jones said.

Another result of the more durable waste is that it gathers in greater and greater quantities. In the past, cleaning up the shore has not been a priority, he said. "We do a clean-up on land every year in most communities, but we don't do one in the marine environment," Jones said.

At the same time NSEDC was moving forward with its cleanup effort, the industry trade group the Marine Conservation Alliance was offering matching funds to organizations to clean up marine debris. For much of its cleanup work, NSEDC was able to employ funds from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration administered through the MCA Foundation. Work this summer again utilized NOAA funds, but this time the federal money came as a result of the recent federal stimulus package.

In 2006 NSEDC launched a pilot

project in Unalakleet. According to NSEDC biologist Charlie Lean, that initial effort gave NSEDC a peek at just how much work was ahead of them. "It was an eye-opener in that we didn't even get close to getting done," Lean said.

After that initial 10-day pilot project, the next year NSEDC flew an aerial survey from the northern end of Bristol Bay to the Bering Strait to gauge the extent of the build-up on beaches. While the directive from the NSEDC board of directors calls for cleanups in and around each of the 15 member communities, Jones is

keen to find the areas that are the most prone to accumulating debris. "One of the big things about the aerial survey is to look for collection locations. ... This is where debris ends up getting sucked in and really concentrated," Jones said. "If we keep going back every couple of years, we can clear out a whole bunch of stuff for not much money."

In the first full year of the program, 2007, cleanups occurred in Unalakleet, Shaktoolik and White Mountain. Golovin, Gambell and Savoonga received cleanups last year. On the list this year are Steb-

bins, St. Michael, Brevig Mission and continued work on St. Lawrence Island. Some initial work is slated for Little Diomede this summer before a more intense effort next year. Both Lean and Jones cite the complicated logistics of getting in, out and around Little Diomede for the two-step approach.

In addition to cleaner beaches and a safer environment for terrestrial animals, sea life and people, the effort has provided an economic boost for

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**JUNK**—Random bits of trash are removed from the beach near St. Michael under Norton Sound Economic Development Corp.'s beach clean-up program.

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# Kawerak to put villages' marine subsistence users on the map

## Northern Bering Sea tribes prepare input for federal research plan

By Laurie McNicholas

Local experts in subsistence use of Bering Sea resources in several Bering Strait villages soon will help develop maps depicting critical marine subsistence use areas and species habitat areas, reports Julie Raymond-Yakoubian, Kawerak's social scientist.

Kawerak, Inc. recently completed an agreement with the Alaska Marine Conservation Council and the Bering Sea Elders Advisory Group to participate in the mapping project. BSEAG members are tribes in coastal and island communities of the northern Bering Sea ranging from Platinum and Goodnews Bay in the Kuskokwim Bay area to Wales and Little Diomed in Bering Strait.

Muriel Morse, Western Alaska outreach coordinator for the AMCC will continue to interview subsistence users in BSEAG villages outside the Kawerak area for the mapping project. The AMCC will convert hand-drawn maps developed in interviews with subsistence users to digital maps using Geographic Information System technology.

The project aims to document and map the human dimensions of the marine environment for use by the North Pacific Fishery Management Council in developing a plan for the Northern Bering Sea Research Area that is responsive to needs of the communities.

The council established the NBSRA at a meeting in June 2007 when it approved Amendment 89 to the Bering Sea Aleutian Islands Groundfish Fisheries Management Plan. During that meeting the council received resolutions from 25 Bering Sea tribal governments calling for protection of subsistence resources and sensitive areas from bottom trawl fishing.

By 2007 scientists conducting research in the northern Bering Sea and subsistence users in the area had reported signs of a major ecosystem shift associated with climate change and loss of sea ice in the Bering Sea.* Some fish species appeared to be shifting northward from the southeastern Bering Sea to subarctic regions. It was anticipated that bottom trawl fisheries would follow the fish populations they target into the northern Bering Sea. The NBSRA became effective in 2008 and is currently closed to bottom trawl fishing.

### Kawerak's mapping project

Yakoubian said she plans to work with focus groups in six Bering Strait villages to gather spatial and other information to identify important marine species, their habitat, subsistence use areas and subsistence uses.

She said her information gathering and mapping work will be limited to six villages due to time constraints. The villages selected will be in both northern and southern areas of the region. Each focus group will be composed of five individuals.

"The marine species that will be mapped and the local experts who will participate in the mapping will be chosen by each community's IRA council," Yakoubian added. She hopes to begin the project by the end of September and to complete it by the end of November so that AMCC will have time to digitalize the maps in December.

Members of the BSEAG from the Bering Strait region, in addition to Little Diomed and Wales, are Gambell, Savoonga, White Mountain, Golovin, Elim, Koyuk, Shaktolik, Unalakleet, St. Michael and Stebbins.

A gathering of participating elders in BSEAG in the Bering Strait region is tentatively scheduled for January 2010 in Nome, according to Yakoubian and Dorothy Childers, the AMCC's executive director. The elders will discuss the results of the mapping activities and recommend to tribes how the information should be presented to NPFMC. Childers said a gathering for BSEAG members in the Yukon-Kuskokwim region is planned for November in Bethel.

Existing spatial information about subsistence use of the marine environment in the northern Bering Sea is sparse, and the mapping work Kawerak will do is critical, Childers said. "It's up to the tribes to decide what subsistence information they want to give to the federal fishery managers and what areas they want to recommend be protected," she added.

### NBSRA research plan

Amendment 89 created four new Habitat Conservation Areas in which future bottom trawling is prohibited to protect bottom habitat from the adverse effects of fishing. They are the Bering Sea HCA; the Nunivak Island, Etolin Strait and Kuskokwim Bay HCA; the St. Matthew Island HCA; and the St. Lawrence Island HCA. These closed areas include locations that have not been previously fished with bottom trawl gear, nearshore bottom habitat that supports subsistence marine resources and blue king crab habitat. Measures developed for the NBSRA do not affect any of the HCAs.

Amendment 89 includes the council's request that a scientific research plan be developed for the NBSRA to study the effects of bottom trawling on benthic species and habitat. The benthic zone is the seafloor. Scientific research has shown that the rich benthic zone on the shallow continental shelf south of St. Lawrence Island supports populations of Pacific walrus and spectacled eider.**

The primary goals of the NBSRA research plan are to investigate the effects of bottom trawling on bottom habitat. Fishery managers have stated their intent is to protect crab, marine mammals, endangered species and the subsistence needs of western Alaska communities. The council tentatively plans to review the draft NBSRA re-

search plan in June 2011.

A draft outline of a research plan for the NBSRA was prepared by the Alaska Fisheries Science Center, National Marine Fisheries Service for comment by the council's Scientific and Statistical Committee at a council meeting in June of this year.

"The objective of the research plan is to evaluate the effects of non-pelagic trawling on the benthic habitat in the NBSRA," the draft outline states. "It does not address the management of the habitat, species, or human activities in this area. As such, the plan consists of four components: (1) bottom trawls surveys; (2) nonpelagic trawl impacts studies; (3) fishery-dependent research; (4) ecological studies."

In relation to ecological studies, the draft outline notes: "Ecological research in the [Northern Bering Sea] has been sparse until recent motivation by climate change issues. Current research activities (e.g. Bering Ecosystem Study (Best)/Bering Sea

Integrated Ecosystem Research program (BSIERP))** are principally concentrated in the NBS shelf south of St. Lawrence Island.... The tasks of assembling existing data, identifying data gaps and conducting pertinent research are enormous. It is necessary to coordinate with current research programs, agencies, industry and communities on this effort."

The AFSC recommended that a workshop be held to consult with experts and interested parties on the details of the research components well ahead of the due date of the final NBSRA plan. A community and subsistence workshop on the NBSRA research plan is tentatively scheduled for Feb. 24 or 25, 2009 in Anchorage. Participants will include representatives of the commercial fishing industry, Alaska Native tribes and villages, and subsistence users.

The council extended the schedule for developing the research plan, and asked the NMFS to prioritize expanding its bottom trawl survey into the

NBSRA. Finalizing the NBSRA research plan is tentatively scheduled for the October 2011 council meeting.

* See *A Major Ecosystem Shift in the Northern Bering Sea* by Jacqueline M. Grebmeier et al. *Science*, Vol. 311, March 10, 2006, pp. 1461-1464.

** A detailed description and photos of scientific research conducted south of St. Lawrence in March 2009 with the aid of the USCG Cutter *HEALY*, the Coast Guard's newest and most technologically advanced polar icebreaker, are posted at [http://bsierp.nprb.org/fieldwork/2009/healy_0901_log.html](http://bsierp.nprb.org/fieldwork/2009/healy_0901_log.html).

Thirty-seven scientists participated in the major research cruise in the BEST-BSIERP Bering Sea Project supported by the North Pacific Research Board and the National Science Foundation. The project is a comprehensive, \$52 million study of the eastern Bering Sea ecosystem from 2007-2012.

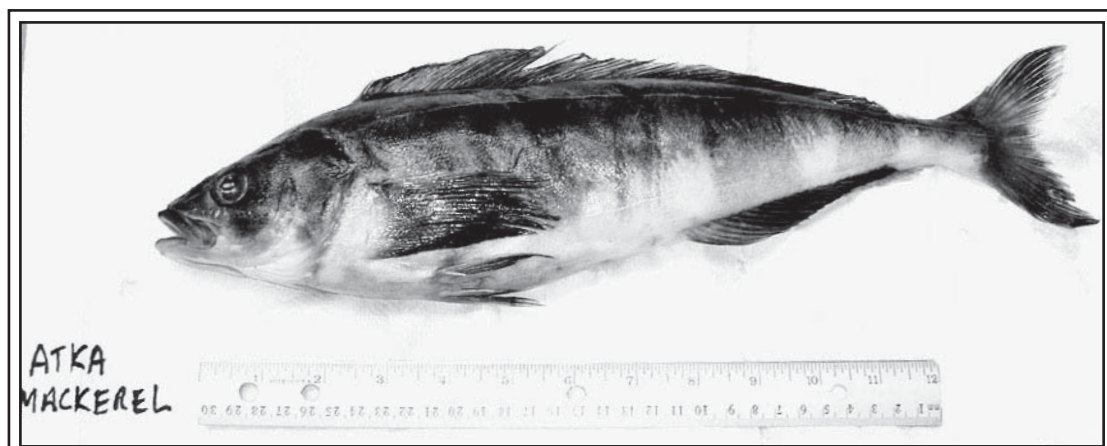


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**HOLY MACKEREL**—Two fish washed up on the beach at Little Diomed the first week of July that had not been seen at Diomed before. Henry Soolook froze one fish and sent it to the Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game in Nome to have it identified. The fish was identified as an Atka mackerel.

Gay Sheffield, biologist with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game checked with NMFS fish specialists who believe this is the most northern occurrence of Atka mackerel. They can be found in the Pribilofs but are mostly a southern Bering/Aleutian Island fish (and a favored food for Steller sea lions). The previous northernmost occurrence was at 62°N near Cape Navarin, Russia when one was identified during a Russian oceanographic cruise during 2004? 2006?

More information on this type of fish can be found at: [http://www.afsc.noaa.gov/species/Atka_mackerel.php](http://www.afsc.noaa.gov/species/Atka_mackerel.php). Folks who see unusual or interesting fish or marine wildlife can report the sightings to the Nome Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game office 443-2271 or 1-800-560-2271.

## SIU ALASKA CORPORATION

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The annual meeting of the shareholder of Siu Alaska Corporation (Siu), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation (NSED), will be held during the third quarterly meeting of NSED's board of directors on November 5th, 2009, for the purpose of electing two (2) persons to Siu's board of directors, each for a term of three (3) years. Both seats are in the first of Siu's three classes of directors and are at-large, independent positions. Persons affiliated with NSED as directors, officers, board committee members (including at-large committee members), and employees are not eligible for election to these seats.

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# Obituary

## Bowan-Albert Kenneth Kowchee, P.E.

Bowan-Albert Kenneth Kowchee was born to Jennie and Joseph Kowchee, Sr. in White Mountain, on October 19, 1944. Bowan died in Nome on August 8, 2009.

Bowan was a proud graduate of Mt. Edgecumbe High School; he graduated in 1962 and was salutatorian of his class. One of Bowan's favorite times was attending the alumni reunions held during AFN conventions. He loved sporting his school colors, in particular, showing off his Mt. Edgecumbe High School vest, with his special saunter.

Bowan continued his education at the University of Alaska Fairbanks in electrical and structural engineering during 1963, 64, and 65. Bowan was a Registered Professional Land Surveyor and Civil Engineer in Oregon, Registered Professional Civil Engineer in Alaska, and a member of IBEW 1547.

Bowan was gifted; he held numerous engineering positions and owned his own business providing architectural, civil and structural engineering and surveying services. His talents

were many. He designed plywood and lumber manufacturing plants; utility structures for steam, water, sewer and petroleum products; bridges, docks, land development, and did land surveying. Rowan received recognition for his work numerous times, most notably, first place award for the Kuparuk River Bridge from Lincoln Arc Welding Foundation. In 1995 the Anvil Mountain Correctional Center, which Bowan designed, received a commendation for being rated nationally in third place for correctional facilities in design and function; and he also received an aesthetics award for the Knickerbocker Bridge, a utility bridge from the Portland Cement Institute. Bowan shared this accomplishment with both his parents and brother, Fred: the Knickerbocker Bridge in Oregon is 500 feet in length and carries a 45-inch water transmission line and is decked with a pedestrian guardrail for bicycles and pedestrians. He enjoyed telling the story of the humble reaction his mother had regarding his engineering achievement.

One of Bowan's colleagues stated

"One element of Albert made him stand out in the crowd... it was his natural ability to perform complex mathematics in his head. When he did use a calculator or a computer it was simply to verify the answers he developed from thinking the problem through".

Bowan always found time to give to his community: He was a volunteer with the Alaska Native Foundation, helping village organizations complete applications for federal programs; he was responsible for obtaining funding for the "Christmas Basket Program" which helps needy families during the Christmas season; he spent countless hours volunteering at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Local Post 9569 in Nome. He was headman at the grill for steak nights, he bartended when needed and helped with maintenance and clean up.

Bowan had many favorite pastimes: He enjoyed hunting and fishing; taking pictures; playing pool; and tinkering with anything that needed fixing.

When someone would ask Bowan what the P.E. stood for he would an-

swer "Perfect Eskimo".

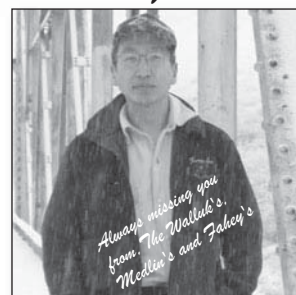
Bowan was preceded in death by his parents Joseph and Jennie, and brothers Soup, Mike and Pete Kowchee.



**Bowan-Albert Kenneth  
Kowchee, P.E.**

Bowan is survived by his brothers Fred and wife Rose and Joe Kowchee, Jr.; and sisters Bunny Larsen, Joleen Fagundes; and son Arron Kowchee; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

## In Loving Memory



## Michael Gene Walluk Dec. 19, 1962 to Aug. 27, 2008

If tears could build a stairway, and memories were a lane. I would walk right up to heaven, to bring you home again.

No farewell words were spoken, no time to say good-bye. You were gone before I knew it, and only God knows why.

My heart still aches in sadness, and secret tears still flow. What it meant to lose you, no one will ever know.

You and angels around Gods happy throne. I would have held you closer if I had known.

~Unknown Author

## • Beach Scrubbing

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the villages near the cleanup sites. "It's been a very positive program," Lean said. "It puts employment in the communities that need it most."

Jones said in the hiring process, NSEDC works to bring together a mix of more experienced village members and younger residents. "Within the program, we strive to make sure we hire a broad section of people from the community," he said. "So we have some older folks who have a lot of experience outside with other jobs and we hire a group of younger folks who may be just out of high school or are going to college or trade school."

In addition to providing work for local crews of six to a dozen workers, the project also rents four-wheelers, trailers and sometimes boats in villages to get to the debris and get it out.

Lean said most of the collected debris is taken to landfills. "When

we go, we pick up everything," Lean said. Well, almost everything. Lean said abandoned fuel tanks and other hazardous materials are catalogued and left for either their owners or future programs to handle. The NSEDC and MCA programs' primary focus is on marine debris.

While the program is labeled as a beach cleanup, Lean said some of those debris can be found as far as a few miles inland. "Those storms have put things up to 20 feet, 25 feet range," Lean said. "In some cases that's miles back from the beach. There are a lot of damaged and abandoned boats up in the bushes."

Both Lean and Jones said the program has received support from both the communities in which the cleanups have occurred and from the NSEDC board of directors. "Everybody likes it when their front yard gets cleaned," Lean said.

# HOROSCOPES

August 27 - September 2, 2009

 <b>CAPRICORN</b> December 22–January 19 Get ready, Capricorn. News from a friend is going to rock your world. An ambitious home improvement project requires careful research and attention to detail.	 <b>ARIES</b> March 21–April 19 A lucrative offer is presented. Be careful, Aries. Review it from all angles to ensure it is right for you. Clutter control takes over your home this weekend.	 <b>CANCER</b> June 22–July 22 Fun takes center stage this week, Cancer. Evenings with friends sizzle, and a special trip with family brings everyone closer together. A phone call results in a flurry of activity.	 <b>LIBRA</b> September 23–October 22 A furry friend stops by for a visit. If you aren't careful, Libra, they could steal your heart. The mad dash to complete a chore at home requires the help of everyone.
 <b>AQUARIUS</b> January 20–February 18 You're the bomb, Aquarius. Everything will come naturally to you this week. A trapeze down memory lane has you rolling in laughter throughout the weekend.	 <b>TAURUS</b> April 20–May 20 Stern advice comes from a wise friend. Don't dismiss what they have to say, Taurus. It is right on the mark. Your love life receives a major boost with a trip.	 <b>LEO</b> July 23–August 22 Valuable information arrives in the mail. Put it to good use, Leo. Your workload increases dramatically. Efficiency is the key to keeping up and staying on top.	 <b>SCORPIO</b> October 23–November 21 You're out of this world, Scorpio. You go to great lengths to welcome guests into your home, which leads to a good time for all. A gardening project ends with a flourish.
 <b>PISCES</b> February 19–March 20 An eerie encounter has a family member reeling. Do what you can to soothe them, Pisces. Dreams of yesteryear fill your mind. It's not too late to make them a reality.	 <b>GEMINI</b> May 21–June 21 Sunny times are here to stay, Gemini. Fire up the grill and invite some friends over to celebrate the last days of summer. Shades of green remind you of the importance of conservation.	 <b>VIRGO</b> August 23–September 22 A good review pleases you. Congratulate yourself on a job well done, Virgo. Relaxation comes in many forms over the weekend from long walks in the park to lunch with friends.	 <b>SAGITTARIUS</b> November 22–December 21 Get a move on, Sagittarius. Your fitness routine is waning, and your goals are getting farther away. Rearrange your schedule and make time for a workout every day.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

## Church Services Directory

**Bible Baptist Church Service Schedule, 443-2144**  
**Sunday** School 10 a.m./**Worship** Hour 11 a.m.

**Community Baptist Church-SBC**  
 108 West Third, **443-5448**

**Small Group Bible Study** 10 a.m.  
**Sunday** Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
 Pastor Bruce Landry

**Community United Methodist**  
 2nd Ave. West, **443-2865**  
**Sunday** 11 a.m. Worship  
**Tuesday** 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

**Thrift Shop** — Tuesday & Thursday 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

**Nome Covenant Church**  
 101 Bering St. **443-2565 • Pastor Harvey**  
**Sunday** School 9:45 a.m./**Sunday** Worship 11 a.m.  
**Wednesday:** Fellowship Meal 5:30 p.m./Ladies' Bible Study,  
 Mens' Fraternity & Children's Choir 6:30 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** Youth Group 7 p.m. (call 443-7218 for location)  
**Friday:** Community Soup Kitchen 6 - 7 p.m.

**Our Savior Lutheran Church**  
 5th & Bering, **443-5295**  
 Morning Worship 11 a.m.

**River of Life Assembly of God, 443-5333**  
**Sunday** School 10 a.m.  
**Sunday** Worship Service 11 a.m.  
**Wednesday** Night Service 6:30 p.m.

**St. Joseph Catholic Church, 443-5527**  
 Corner of Steadman and Kings Place  
**Mass Schedule: Saturday** 5:30 p.m./**Sunday** 10:30 a.m.

**Seventh-Day Adventist (Icy View), 443-5137**  
**Saturday** Sabbath School 10 a.m.  
**Saturday** Morning Worship 11 a.m.

**Nome Church of Nazarene**  
 3rd & Division, 443-2805  
**Sunday:** Prayer Meeting 9:30 a.m./Sunday School 9:45 a.m./Worship Service 11 a.m.

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Social security card  
DD214 (for veterans)  
\$30.00 non-refundable application fee  
Letters of recommendation & certificates of training (optional)  
Note: pre-indenture drug testing required

Applications will be available for pick up and turn in August 27 through September 14, 2009 from 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.- 4:00 p.m at: Alaska Operating Engineers Employers Training Trust  
4001 Denali St, Suite B  
Anchorage, AK 99503  
1-800-460-5044  
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7/30; 8/6-13-20-27

### Kawerak Community Services Division —Recruitment Notice – Closing 8/27/09

DIVISION: COMMUNITY SERVICES  
DEPARTMENT: Tribal Affairs  
**JOB TITLE: Accounting Specialist (Northern)**  
**POSITION STATUS: Regular, Full Time**  
**LOCATION: Nome, Alaska**  
EXEMPT STATUS: Non-exempt  
PAY SCALE GRADE: 12-13-14 (\$22.04 – \$28.75)DOE  
REPORTS TO: Tribal Affairs Director  
QUALIFICATIONS:

1. AA degree in Business or related field. Two (2) years comparable work experience in accounting, or related field, may substitute for the degree requirement on a year for year basis.
  2. Strong background in accounting/bookkeeping required.
  3. Must possess basic computer knowledge and skills in Internet usage, Word, Excel, Quick Books and Windows.
  4. Experience in PL 93-638 Contracts preferred.
  5. Working knowledge of the legal environment of contracts, grants and memoranda of agreement is highly recommended.
  6. Must have good organizational skills, be self-motivated, creative, dependable and able to work with minimum supervision.
  7. Must possess strong written and oral communication skills.
  8. Ability to work in a complex technical, legal and administrative environment and with people with varying levels of formal education and training.
  9. Ability to work effectively with people from a variety of backgrounds.
  10. Must be willing to travel extensively.
- Native preference per Public Law 93-638.  
8/20-27

### Kawerak Recruitment -Applications accepted 08/21/09 to 09/04/09

DIVISION: Children & Family Services  
DEPARTMENT: Head Start  
**JOB TITLE: Teacher Aide**  
**POSITION STATUS: Regular, Seasonal, Part-Time**

**LOCATION: Nome, Alaska**  
EXEMPT STATUS: Non-exempt  
PAY SCALE GRADE: 5-6-7 (\$13.43 – 17.53) DOE  
REPORTS TO: Head Start Director  
Head Start is a federal program to assist children prepare for formal education in the public school system. The Head Start Teacher Aide assists the Teacher in implementing the goals, objectives and performance standards of the Head Start Program. This position is required to meet educational requirements of the program.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**  
1) High school diploma or G.E.D.  
2) One year teaching working with pre-school program, human services or related work experience preferred.  
3) Must possess good oral and written communication skills.  
4) Resident of the community given preference.  
5) No prior convictions of child abuse or violence in any form.  
6) Must be willing to work towards a CDA (Child Development Associate), and an associate degree or degree in Early Childhood Education. EEO

Interested individuals may contact Human Resources with questions at 907-443-5231. Applications can be accessed via Kawerak's website at [www.kawerak.org](http://www.kawerak.org) or by contacting Human Resources at 907-443-5231. Applications may be faxed to Kawerak Human Resources Department at 907-443-4443 or sent via email to [personnel@kawerak.org](mailto:personnel@kawerak.org)  
8/27; 9/3

### Kawerak Recruitment -Applications accepted 08/21/09 to 09/04/09

DEPARTMENT: Administration, Information Systems  
**JOB TITLE: Information Systems Technician**  
**POSITION STATUS: Regular Full Time**  
**LOCATION: Nome, Alaska**  
EXEMPT STATUS: Non-Exempt  
PAY SCALE GRADE: 12-13-14 (\$22.04 – 28.75) DOE  
REPORTS TO: Information Systems Manager  
**QUALIFICATIONS:**

- 1) Associates Degree in Computer Science or certification from an accredited technical school with emphasis in computers and/or two years experience as Personal Computer technician/engineer. Work experience in the field and or industry certification (A+ preferred) may be substituted for the degree requirement.
- 2) Experience in installing computer hardware, troubleshooting networked systems, and understanding of client-server architecture.
- 3) Familiarity with and ability to troubleshoot Microsoft Windows 2000, 2003 and XP is a must. Knowledge of Linux and Cisco OS a plus
- 4) Understanding of Windows NT-based networks, peer networks, and network client configurations.
- 5) Basic familiarity with Intranets and the Internet.
- 6) Ability to work in a positive and constructive

manner with departments and IRA councils.  
7) Strong written and oral communication skills.  
8) Must be willing to over-night travel as needed. Travel may occur during evenings, weekends and holidays.  
9) Ability to work independently with minimum supervision.  
Native Preference Per Public Law 96-638

Interested individuals may contact Human Resources with questions at 907-443-5231. Applications can be accessed via Kawerak's website at [www.kawerak.org](http://www.kawerak.org) or by contacting Human Resources at 907-443-5231. Applications may be faxed to Kawerak Human Resources Department at 907-443-4443 or sent via email to [personnel@kawerak.org](mailto:personnel@kawerak.org).  
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**POSITION OPENING**  
**NOME ESKIMO COMMUNITY IS RECRUITING FOR THE POSITION OF:**  
**2 Lead Tutors**  
STATUS: Seasonal, September – May, Part-time, Mon-Wed  
SALARY \$22.78/hr. DOE  
CLOSING DATE: UNTIL FILLED  
FOR A JOB DESCRIPTION AND APPLICATION CONTACT: Linda Kimoktoak, Executive Assistant @ NOME ESKIMO COMMUNITY  
P.O. BOX 1090  
200 W 5TH Ave  
NOME, AK 99762  
PHONE: (907) 443-2246  
FAX: (907) 443-3539  
[nomeeskimo@gci.net](mailto:nomeeskimo@gci.net)  
[www.necalaska.org](http://www.necalaska.org)  
8/20-27

### POSITION OPENING

## Seawall

8/20  
Yvonne Aukon, DOB: 2/5/89, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Driving While License is Cancelled or Revoked and Probation Violation.  
8/22  
Jeffery Kimoktoak, DOB: 6/20/89, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.  
Gary Amarok, DOB: 3/4/74, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.  
8/23  
Mariann Gumaer, DOB: 4/7/62, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Driving While Intoxicated.

## Trooper Beat

On August 14, at 11:36 a.m., AST received a report of an intoxicated person with a firearm in Teller. Patrick Thomas, 28, of Teller, was subsequently transported to Nome for emergency protective purposes. Thomas will be charged with Misconduct Involving Weapons IV.

On August 15, at 8:15 a.m., AST received a report of a death in Stebbins. Investigation shows Richard Yunak, 26, of Kotlik, was involved in a fight with Louis Pete, 25, of Stebbins. Zachary Pete, 17, of Stebbins, became involved in the altercation by striking Yunak with a piece of wood. Yunak subsequently died as a result of his injuries. Louis Pete was transported to Anchorage for treatment of severe head injuries and is in stable condition. Zachary Pete was subsequently arrested for Manslaughter and remanded to AMCC.

On August 15, at about 10:57 p.m., the Saint Michael VPO received a telephone call from a 23-

**NOME ESKIMO COMMUNITY IS RECRUITING FOR THE POSITION OF:**  
**Student Mentor**  
STATUS: Seasonal, September – May, Part-time, Mon-Wed  
SALARY \$15.00/hr. DOE  
CLOSING DATE: UNTIL FILLED  
FOR A JOB DESCRIPTION AND APPLICATION CONTACT: Linda Kimoktoak, Executive Assistant @ NOME ESKIMO COMMUNITY  
P.O. BOX 1090  
200 W 5TH Ave  
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**POSITION OPENING**  
**NOME ESKIMO COMMUNITY IS RECRUITING FOR THE POSITION OF:**  
**4 Elementary Tutors**  
**4 High School Tutors**  
STATUS: Seasonal, Part-time, Mon-Wed, September through May  
SALARY \$21.48/per hour/DOE  
CLOSING DATE: UNTIL FILLED  
FOR A JOB DESCRIPTION AND APPLICATION CONTACT: Linda Kimoktoak, Executive Assistant @ NOME ESKIMO COMMUNITY  
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April James, DOB: 3/30/63, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Disorderly Conduct and Probation Violation.

8/24  
Allen Kost, DOB: 12/31/90, received a citation for Minor Consuming Alcohol.  
Robert Otten, DOB: 8/22/80, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.  
During this reporting period we had six persons transported to the hospital for a Title 47, Protective Custody Hold.

year-old female resident of Saint Michael reporting she was assaulted by her boyfriend. Warren Elachik, 29, of Saint Michael, was arrested for Burglary I and Assault IV. While Elachik was handcuffed he escaped from the VPO. The VPO located Elachik and placed him in a holding cell at the Saint Michael Police Department. Elachik was additionally charged with Escape IV, Violating Conditions of Release and Probation Violation. Elachik will be telephonically arraigned then transported to Nome.

On August 18, the Stebbins Native Store was burglarized, with multiple items being taken. Investigation resulted in Erwin Nashoank, 22, and Jordan Hayworth, 18, both of Stebbins being arrested for the break in. Both were transported to Nome for arraignment on charges of Burglary in

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## PUBLIC NOTICE BERING STRAIT SCHOOL DISTRICT Board of Education Meeting and School Dedication

The Bering Strait School District Board of Education is scheduled to meet on **Tuesday, September 1, 2009** for the 181st Regular Session. **The 181st Regular Session** will be held in Gambell at **2 p.m.** at the **John Apangalook Gymnasium** and **school dedication at 7 p.m.** at the **Hogarth Kingeekuk Sr. Memorial Gymnasium in Savoonga.**

The public is invited to attend. Tentative agenda items include, but are not limited to:

### REGULAR BOARD MEETING

**ACTION ITEMS:**  
Title VIB Budget/ Title VI-619 Grant  
Consolidated NCLB Application  
Federal Stimulus Funding Application  
Personnel  
Indian Education Grant  
Alaska Pre-School Grant  
Indian Education Demonstration Pre-School Grant  
Impact Aid Authorization  
Indian Education Policy and Procedures  
Early Admission Request  
Diomedes Architect Request  
Diomedes Major Maintenance Project  
AASB Resolutions

**REPORTS ITEMS:**  
School AYP Report-NCLB  
NACTEC Report  
Fourth Quarter Financial  
Capital Project Updates  
Strategic Planning Report/ Summer School Report  
21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant/ After School Tutoring  
Superintendent's Report

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

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**Arctic ICANS —  
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### Arctic ICANS next meeting

The Nome Cancer support group will meet at the XYZ Center on

**Thursday, Sept. 3 • 7:30 p.m.**

*General Meeting*

For more information call 443-5726.



# Legals

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
Trustee, Alaska Trustee, LLC will sell realty for cash to the highest bidder at the Main entrance to the Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street on September 25, 2009, at 10:00 AM with other sales that may be conducted. Proceeds will apply to the Deed of Trust naming Steve C. Brock and Nora J. Ongtawasruk, Trustor, Steve Brock, Record Owner, recorded on November 15, 2006 under Reception No. 2006-001800-0, Nome Recording District, Second Judicial District, Alaska, describing: Lot 3A, Block 73A, TOWNSITE OF NOME, according to the replat filed April 29, 1981 as Plat Number 81-7, Records of Cape Nome Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska, a/k/a 905 E. 5th Avenue, Nome, AK 99762. \$119,998.73 is due, plus interest, advances, etc. Go to [alaskatrustee.com](http://alaskatrustee.com) or [usa-foreclosure.com](http://usa-foreclosure.com) for status.  
8/6-13-20-27

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
Yukon Title Company, Inc., the present trustee under a deed of trust, gives notice that the property described below will be sold for cash at public auction at the Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street, Room 230, Nome, AK 99762 on October 30, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. The property to be sold is described as follows: LOT 6B, BLOCK 72 OF NOME TOWNSITE, according to the replat filed March 7, 1985 as Plat No. 85-2; Records of the Cape Nome Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska.  
The current owner of the property is Irene J. Kakaruk, a single person. The property is being foreclosed pursuant to a deed of trust the beneficiary of which is the United States of America, United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development. Said deed of trust was recorded April 28, 2009 as Instrument No. 2008-000443-0 of the records of the Cape Nome Recording District. The amount owing to the beneficiary and secured by the deed of trust is two hundred thirty three thousand, eight hundred thirty five and 94/100ths dollars (\$233,835.94) as of June 26, 2009 plus interest of \$32.95 daily from and after June 27, 2009, plus expenses incurred in foreclosure and in protecting the property. In this notice cash means currency of the United States, United States Post Office Money orders, or certified or cashiers check from a bank having a branch in the Cape Nome Recording District. Contact the beneficiary Rural Development at 800 Evergreen Avenue, Ste. 201, Palmer, AK 99645 attn: Nancy Hayes for information regarding status of this foreclosure.  
8/20-27; 9/3-10

**NOTICE OF DEFAULT — SALE OF REAL PROPERTY**  
A foreclosure sale will be held **October 27, 2009, at 10:00 a.m.** in the main lobby of the Kotzebue Courthouse, 605 3rd Ave., Kotzebue, Alaska, of the Deed of Trust recorded September 30, 2008, as Instrument No. 2008-000592-0, Kotzebue Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska, as a lien against real property described as: Lot Two (2) And the Easterly 10 feet of Lot Three (3), Block two (2), Tract "B" KOTZEBUE TOWNSITE, U.S. Survey No. 2863, Alaska, as shown on the plat of survey accepted by the Chief, Branch of Surveys on June 18, 1952 and as shown on Record of Survey recorded July 25, 2008 as Plat Number 2008-5, located in the Kotzebue Recording District, Second Judicial

District, State of Alaska. EXCEPTING THEREFROM the Easterly 30 feet of said Lot Two (2); which has a street address of 911 Shore Avenue, Kotzebue, AK 99752. Trustor/ Record Owner Alfred P. Gregg, a married man, has breached the obligation for which the Deed of Trust is security: failure to make payments when due under the Deed of Trust. Present Beneficiary, Alaska Housing Finance Corporation, by Assignment recorded September 30, 2008 as Instrument No. 2008-000593, is owed the principal amount of \$147,646.52 plus interest from January 1, 2009 at the rate of 6% per annum, plus costs, fees, and other charges incurred or advanced thereafter. The Trustee elects to sell the property and to apply the proceeds against the obligation. Trustee reserves the right to postpone the sale, set a minimum bid, submit an offset bid, and establish other bidding procedures at the sale. Questions should be directed to the Law Offices of GROH EGGERS, LLC, 2600 Cordova Street, Suite 110, Anchorage, AK 99503, phone (907) 562-6474.

Dated: 7/23/09  
  
Fairbanks Title Agency, Trustee  
By: Denise J. Goss, President  
8/20-27; 9/3-10  
  
**Public Notice**  
**0-09-08-01 An Ordinance Authorizing the Disposal of Municipal Property by Land Use Permit to Sitnasuak Native Corporation for the Placement of the Two Eskimo Boy's Statue**

This ordinances had first reading at the regular meeting of the Nome City Council on August 24, 2009 at 7:30 PM and was passed to second reading, public hearing and final passage at a regular meeting of the Council scheduled for **September 14th at 7:30 PM** in City Council Chambers of City Hall located at 102 Division Street. Copies of the ordinance are available in the office of the City Clerk.  
8/27; 9/3-10

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
  
Yukon Title Company, Inc., the present trustee under a deed of trust, gives notice that the property described below will be sold for cash at public auction at the Nome Superior Courthouse, 113 Front Street, Room 230, Nome, AK 99762 on November 25, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. The property to be sold is described as follows: LOTS 10, 24 and 25, BLOCK 12 and the unnamed alley measuring 9.5 ft. which is located between Lots 10, 24 and 25 in Block 12 and North of the North line of Front Street, TOWNSITE OF NOME; according to the official plat thereof, Cape Nome Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska. Property address: 908 E Front Street, Nome, AK 99762. The current owners of the property are Brian and Marlene Cannon, husband and wife. The property is being foreclosed pursuant to a deed of trust the beneficiary of which is the United States of America, United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development. Said deed of trust was recorded March 16, 2007 as Instrument No. 2007-000873-0 of the records of the Cape Nome Recording District. The amount owing to the beneficiary and secured by the deed of trust is two hundred fifty nine thousand five hundred twenty two and 99/100ths dollars (\$259,522.99) as of June 22, 2009 plus interest of \$37.99 daily from

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## • More Trooper Beat

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the Second, multiple counts of Theft in the Second Degree and Criminal Mischief in the Third Degree.

On August 18, the Stebbins VPOs arrested Dana Henry, 24, and Albert Bogeyaktuk Jr., 23, both of Stebbins for being intoxicated in violation of their probation. Both were transported to Nome for arraignment.

On August 19, at approximately 9:45 p.m., Dana James, 25, of Gambell, was arrested after the investigation revealed that Dana James had been drinking alcohol in violation of his probation. Dana James was transported to AMCC.

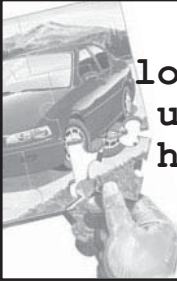
On August 20, AST received a report of an assault in St. Michael, those involved have been

identified and the investigation continues.

On August 21, at 10:45 a.m., VPSO John Peratrovich received a report that the windows of a front-end loader were broken in Gambell. Damage is estimated at \$500.00. Investigation continues.

On August 21, at 4:45 p.m., VPSO Peratrovich arrested Jamie Oozeva, 29, of Gambell, with a warrant in Gambell. Oozeva's original charge is Driving Under the Influence. Oozeva was remanded to AMCC with \$10,000.00 bail.

On August 21, at 8:15 p.m., AST received a report of an intoxicated minor in Saint Michael. Leroy Martin, 19, of Stebbins, was subsequently charged with Minor Consuming Alcohol and Probation Violation.



**The XYZ Center is looking for donations of unopened puzzles. They have had past problems of missing pieces.**

Please bring donations to the XYZ Center next to the City Offices.

### NOTICE OF TRANSFER APPLICATION

Stanley Sobocienski, d/b/a Bering Sea Saloon located at 309 Front Street, Nome, Alaska is applying for transfer of a beverage dispensary license (A.S.04.11.080 (1)) to Columbus Sobocienski and Trudy Sobocienski d/b/a Bering Sea Saloon located at 309 Front Street, Nome, Alaska.

Interested persons should submit written comment to their local governing body, the applicant and to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board at 5848 E. Tudor Rd. Anchorage AK 99507

# CITY OF NOME

## NOTICE OF MUNICIPAL ELECTION

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ANNUAL MUNICIPAL, SCHOOL BOARD AND UTILITY BOARD ELECTION WILL BE HELD IN THE CITY OF NOME, ALASKA ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2009, BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8:00 AM AND 8:00 PM OF THE SAME DAY.**

The polling place for electors will be Old St. Joseph's Hall, Anvil City Square, 407 Bering Street, for those persons living in Nome Precinct No. 1 (39-924) and Nome Precinct No. 2 (39-926).

**THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR ELECTORS AT SAID ELECTION SHALL BE:**

1. U.S. Citizen qualified to vote in state elections.
2. Resident of the City of Nome for thirty (30) days immediately preceding the election.
3. Registered to vote in state elections at a residence address within the municipality at least thirty (30) days before the municipal election at which the person seeks to vote.
4. Is not disqualified under Article V of the Alaska Constitution.

**THE PURPOSE IS THE ELECTION OF THE FOLLOWING SEATS:**

1. Mayor, to be elected to a 2 year term:

	<u>Term</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>
Mayor	2 Yr.	Denise Michels

2. Two members of the Nome Common Council, each to be elected to a 3 year term:

<u>Seat</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>
"C"	3 Yr.	Randy Pomeranz
"D"	3 Yr.	Stanley C. Andersen

3. Two members of the Utility Board, one to be elected for a 2 year term and one to be elected to a 3 year term:

<u>Seat</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>
"A"	2 Yr.	Jim West Jr.
"C"	3 Yr.	Dave Barron

4. Two members of the Nome School Board, to be elected to a 3 year term:

<u>Seat</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>
"C"	3 Yr.	Lynette Schmidt
"D"	3 Yr.	Elisabeth "Betsy" Brennan

### NOTICE OF NSEDC MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE ELECTION

Concurrently with the municipal election as provided in the foregoing notice, the City of Nome shall conduct for Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation the election of the Nome community's NSEDC member representative in accordance with the ordinances, rules and regulations governing municipal elections, except that the election results will not be formally certified by the Nome City Council and that the City of Nome will not be involved with or determine any challenges to the election. In addition, the following additional rules provided in NSEDC's current bylaws will apply to the NSEDC Member Representative Election:

**THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR ELECTORS AT SAID NSEDC MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE ELECTION ONLY SHALL BE:**

- a. Qualified to vote in Nome municipal elections, as outlined above; or
- b. Registered to vote in state elections at a residence address within the state precinct boundaries encompassing the City of Nome.

**THE PURPOSE IS THE ELECTION OF THE FOLLOWING SEAT:**

One member representative to Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation, to be elected to a 3 year term:

<u>Term</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>
3 Yr.	D. Stiles

### MINIMUM VOTE

If no candidate receives over 40 percent of the votes cast for NSEDC member representative, a runoff election shall be held.

**FILING DATES FOR THE ABOVE LISTED OFFICES:** August 20 2009 through September 11, 2009, 5:00 PM in the City Clerk's Office at City Hall. Contact the City Clerk's office if you are interested in filing for office and to obtain the forms necessary to file.

The names of all candidates for office are available for inspection at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 102 Division Street, Nome, Alaska.



•More Legals

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and after June 23, 2009, plus expenses incurred in foreclosure and in protecting the property. In this notice cash means currency of the United States, United States Post Office Money orders, or certified or cashiers check from a bank having a branch in the Cape Nome Recording District. Contact the beneficiary Rural Development at 800 Evergreen Avenue, Ste. 201, Palmer, AK 99645 attn: Nancy Hayes for information regarding status of this foreclosure.  
8/27; 9/3-10-17

NOTICE OF UTILITY'S REQUEST FOR ETC DESIGNATION

The REGULATORY COMMISSION OF ALASKA (Commission) hereby gives notice that TelAlaska, Inc. d/b/a TelAlaska Cellular, Inc. (TelAlaska Cellular) has filed a request for designation as a wireless Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) in the study area currently served by Mukluk Telephone Company, Inc. (Mukluk). This study area includes the exchanges of Elim, Golovin, Koyuk, Little Diomed Isle, Nome, Shaktoolik, Shishmaref, St. Michael, Stebbins, Teller, Wales, and White Mountain. Docket U-09-089 was opened to address this matter.  
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funding is intended to be used for provisioning, maintaining, and upgrading qualifying services and facilities. It also allows for reduced rates and benefits for low-income customers under the Lifeline and Link Up Programs. TelAlaska Cellular proposes to provide facilities-based wireless phone service throughout the Mukluk study area using existing and proposed wireless telephone facilities.

The Commission may approve or deny (in whole or in part) TelAlaska Cellular's request for ETC designation, impose conditions on approval, or take other actions to protect the public interest resulting from the ETC petition. You may obtain more information about this filing from Robert M. Dunn, Director of Regulatory Affairs for TelAlaska Cellular, 201 East 56th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99518; phone number (907) 563-2003. You may inspect the filing at the Commission's office at 701 W. 8th Avenue, Suite 300, Anchorage, Alaska 99501; phone number (907) 276-6222. You may also view the filing via our website at <http://rca.alaska.gov/RCAWeb/home.aspx>.

To comment on this filing, please file your comments by September 18, 2009, at either the Commission address given above or via our website at <https://rca.alaska.gov/RCAWeb/WhatsNew/PublicNoticesComments.aspx>. Please refer to Docket U-09-089 in your response and include a statement that you have filed a copy of the comments with TelAlaska Cellular. Individuals or

groups of people with disabilities, who require special accommodations, auxiliary aids or service, or alternative communication formats, please contact Joyce McGowan at (907) 276-6222, toll-free at 1-800-390-2782, or TTY (907) 276-4533 or send a request via electronic mail to [rca.mail@alaska.gov](mailto:rca.mail@alaska.gov) by September 8, 2009.  
DATED at Anchorage, Alaska this 18th day of August, 2009.

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Chairman  
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CITY OF NOME

DISPOSAL OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY BY LAND USE PERMIT TO SITNASUAK NATIVE CORPORATION

The City of Nome is considering disposal of municipal property by land use permit to Sitnasuak Native Corporation for the purpose of furthering the development of local trade or industry, specifically, historical and cultural preservation. The property is located at the South West corner of Anvil City Square, a portion of Block 52A, Lot 1A. The estimated value of the property for the entire 50 year period is estimated at less than \$25,000. The disposal of said property will be by ordinance enacted by the Nome City Council duly noticed by agenda and public notice. Further information may be obtained by contacting the office of the City Clerk.

8/13-20-27; 9/4

Attention:  
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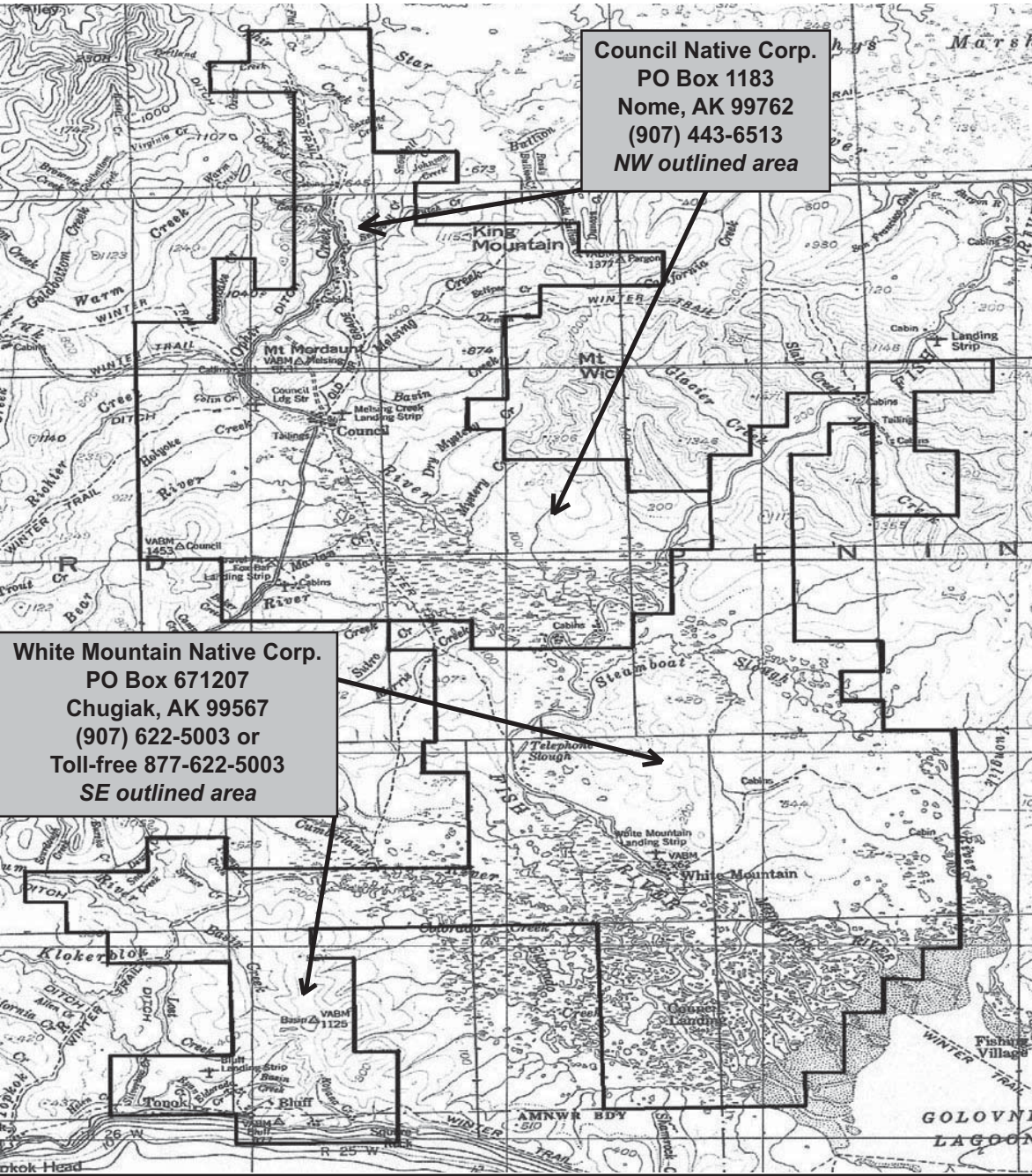
NOTICE TO  
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SPORT  
HUNTERS

• The Public is reminded the land ownership within the outlined areas on the map is predominately privately owned by Council Native Corporation and its Shareholders, and White Mountain Native Corporation and its Shareholders.

• Sport hunting by non-shareholders, guides and their clients, and hunting by aircraft is NOT ALLOWED. Hunting by Shareholders, spouses of Shareholders and descendants of Shareholders for subsistence purposes is permitted. For other allowable uses of land by non-shareholders, please contact:

- **White Mountain Native Corp.:** (907) 622-5003 or toll-free at 877-622-5003
- **Council Native Corp.:** (907) 443-6513

Game Unit 22B – Niukluk  
and Fish River Area





Court

Week ending 8/21

**Civil**

Nayokpuk, Melinda vs. Iyatunguk, Gary S.; DV: Both ExParte & Long Term  
Oitillian, Stephanie vs. Soonagrook Sr., Steffen; DV: Long Term Only  
FIA Card Services N A vs. Newsome, Kim R.; Debt - District Court

**Small Claims**

Credit Union 1 vs. Lewis, Charlene A.; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Deft. Cert Mail

**Criminal**

State of Alaska v. Christopher Olanna (8/1/91); Dismissal; Count I: Minor Consuming or in Possession; Filed by the DAs Office 8/19/09.

State of Alaska v. Frederick Larsen (9/6/85); Order of Dismissal; Count 001: Arrest Prior To Requisition (Fugitive from Justice); Date of offense: 5/16/09; This case is dismissed without prejudice for the following reason(s): Failure to obtain Governor's Warrant within 90 days from Fugitive from Justice Act; It is further ordered that the defendant be released from custody, any bond that has not been ordered forfeited be exonerated, and any cash or other security posted as bail be refunded to the depositors.

State of Alaska v. Daniel Joseph Bouchan (6/14/83); Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 6/27/09; Partial Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 300 days, 240 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days have been served; Jail Surcharge: \$150

with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 8/17/12; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare; Other: Take medication as prescribed; Keep medical appointments, supportive programs and clinical appointments; Monthly contact with clinician at minimum.

State of Alaska v. Aaron E. Moses (5/13/81); 2NO-08-715CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110126853; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-09-384CR and the revocation in 2NO-08-877CR; Remanded into custody; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated.

State of Alaska v. Aaron E. Moses (5/13/81); 2NO-08-715CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110829078; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-09-384CR and the revocation in 2NO-08-715CR; Remanded into custody; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated.

State of Alaska v. Aaron Enoch Moses (5/13/81); 2NO-09-384CR Count 2: Assault 4°; Date of offense: 6/30/09; Partial Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: 1 (001); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 100 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 100 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC consecutive to Count 3 of this case and the revocations in 2NO-08-715CR and 2NO-08-877CR; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Restitution as related to allegations 2NO-09-452CR; Probation until 8/19/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not consume alcohol subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer for alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Daryl P. Kingeekuk (8/28/88); 2NO-09-182CR Count 1: Criminal

charge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 8/20/10; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence.

State of Alaska v. Bo Adams (11/15/83); 2NO-09-452CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Criminal Mischief 3°; Filed by the DAs Office 8/19/09.

State of Alaska v. Bo Adams (11/15/83); 2NO-09-496CR Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 8/6/09; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 60 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Restitution: Shall pay restitution as stated in the Restitution Judgment and shall apply for an Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend, if eligible, each year until restitution is paid in full; Amount to be determined within 30 days; Restitution as related to allegations 2NO-09-452CR; Probation until 8/19/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not consume alcohol subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer for alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Daryl P. Kingeekuk (8/28/88); 2NO-09-182CR Count 1: Criminal

Mischief 4°; Date of offense: 4/4/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Restitution: Shall pay restitution as stated in the Restitution Judgment and shall apply for an Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend, if eligible, each year until restitution is paid in full; Amount of \$150 due no later 6/1/10 directly to victim ; Probation until 8/19/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not possess or consume alcohol in any dry or damp community, nor have alcohol in his residence, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Daryl P. Kingeekuk (8/28/88); 2NO-09-182CR Minor Consuming or in Possession or Control of Alcoholic Beverage; Date of offense: 4/4/09; Fined \$300 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$200 to Nome Clerk of Court, or show proof of completing 66 hours of community work service, by 6/1/10; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 8/19/09); Shall not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages; Shall pay fine or show proof of community work service, as ordered.

We have new numbers!

Sitnasuak Native Corporation:  
907-387-1200

Bonanza Fuel, Inc.:  
907-387-1201

Nanuaq, Inc.:  
907-387-1202

Our old 443 numbers  
will work for a transition period but  
please begin using our  
new 387 numbers.  
Thank you!



LEGAL NOTICE  
- SOCIETY OF JESUS, OREGON PROVINCE BANKRUPTCY -  
NOTICE OF DEADLINE TO FILE CLAIMS

IF YOU SUFFERED INJURY BY PHYSICAL, MENTAL, OR SEXUAL ABUSE OR MISCONDUCT BY A JESUIT PRIEST OR OTHER PERSON FOR WHICH YOU CLAIM THE SOCIETY OF JESUS, OREGON PROVINCE HAS SOME RESPONSIBILITY, OR IF YOU HAVE ANY OTHER REASON TO ASSERT A CLAIM AGAINST THE SOCIETY OF JESUS, OREGON PROVINCE, YOU MUST ACT NOW TO FILE YOUR CLAIM

THE LAST DAY TO FILE CLAIMS IS  
NOVEMBER 30, 2009

SOCIETY OF JESUS, OREGON PROVINCE (the “Debtor”) has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection (United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Oregon, Case No. 09-30938-elp11). The Bankruptcy Court has ordered that all persons with a claim for damages against the SOCIETY OF JESUS, OREGON PROVINCE for injuries resulting from sexual, mental, or physical misconduct or abuse, or for any other reason, must file a claim on or before November 30, 2009.

You must complete and file a proof of claim if: (1) you contend that the Debtor is responsible for any injury or other damages to you because you claim that you were injured by physical, mental, or sexual abuse or misconduct, whether by a priest, other clergy, a worker, a volunteer, an employee or other person or entity within the states of Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington (the “Oregon Province Territory”) for which you claim the Debtor has some responsibility; or through such acts that occurred outside the Oregon Province Territory for which you claim the Debtor has some responsibility; or (2) if you have a claim against the Debtor for any other reason.

For more information, or to receive a long form Notice of Claims Bar Date and Proof of Claim Form write to: Society of Jesus Oregon Province Case, c/o BMC Group, Inc., PO Box 3020, Chanhassen, MN 55317-2011, call the toll free number listed below, or visit the website set forth below.

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a lot to sit for the next 20 years, adding to the community’s junk. “I’d rather see them go to the dump,” he said. The council approved the amendment and then approved the resolution as amended to award the high bids for a 1979 dump truck (\$8,600) and a 1982 Ford Dump Truck (\$10,100) to Don Mullikin.

City manager’s report

U.S. Coast Guard personnel removed approximately 1 ton of scrap metal and 20 bags of litter from the middle beach Aug. 16 as a community service project in cooperation the City of Nome, reported Bahnke. She thanked Public Works Director Bill Angus for coordinating the process in her absence.

Colonel Reinhart Koenig, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, toured the Port of Nome with Bahnke and Mayor Denise Michels Aug. 17 during his first visit to the city.

Harbormaster’s report

“July was absolutely the busiest month the [causeway] has ever experienced regarding vessel traffic,” wrote Harbormaster Joy Baker in a report to Bahnke about operations at the Port of Nome facilities dated Aug. 10. “The monthly calendar logged anywhere from three to seven tugs/barges or ships per day at the docks.... It’s becoming common for the vessels to have to wait for dock space when they arrive. Several tug captains have commented ‘gone are the days when you could just show up in Nome and get to the dock.’”

Baker said the causeway hosted two cruise ships and three research vessels last month. The August schedule is just as busy as July, she added. She said the small boat har-

bor was filled with cargo, fuel and gravel barges, gold dredges and fishing vessels in July.

Museum design criticized

In a letter to the Nome Historical Foundation members and friends dated Aug. 13, Lloyd Perrigo said he experienced “a growing sense of horror” as he looked at the design for the city’s proposed new museum in a brochure. He said he was unaware that a design had been chosen until recently when he saw the brochure at City Hall.

“...The nondescript modern design is totally out of keeping with the themes of the museum and the park it occupies,” he wrote. “If we are going to house our museum in a new facility, and spend multiple millions to do it, it should be in a building that fits the themes it portrays, and in a style that will still look good and appropriate in 30 to 50 years....”

Instead of a streetscape that would occupy 20 percent of the proposed museum design, Perrigo suggested constructing or remodeling a group of buildings on Front Street to resemble the originals in the next 20 years.

He also suggested building a 2,000-square-foot museum in the style of a rectory or other design in keeping with Old St. Joe’s on Anvil City Square. Attached and behind it could be a structure in the style of a carriage house or dog barn to include some of the spaces in the current design, he said. Perrigo believes it is possible to build a museum for less than \$16 million that is smaller than the current design but meets the community’s needs.

Larson said he agrees with Perigee’s comments. “I think the city should focus efforts on working with Kawarak to get one facility rather than two,” he added.



Photo by Nancy McGuire

**LAGOONS**—Nome’s sewer lagoons are seen behind the gates that deny public access to the area. The city is having an independent engineer evaluate a proposal by Alaska Gold Co. to pump its treated wastewater to the lagoons from the Rock Creek Mine site.

Pipeline questions

Sue Steinacher commended the council for deciding to have an independent engineer review the proposal for Alaska Gold Co. to build a pipeline to carry water from behind a tailings dam at the Rock Creek Mine to Nome’s sewage treatment ponds in a letter dated Aug. 13.

“This is particularly important given that it has been explained by the Utility Manager that this will not just be a one-time effort to empty the mis-engineered lake, but will come with a 10-year contract that will allow the pipe and sewage lagoon to

be used for water used in future gold processing at the mine,” she wrote.

Steinacher posed 23 questions about the proposed project, including these:

- Is the proposed weekly testing for contaminants in the water running though this pipe adequate?
- The mine was permitted under the designation of a zero-discharge operation. Does this pipeline proposal violate their existing permits? Has the city contacted the different permitting agencies to see if this project fits within the mine’s current permits, or if additional permits are required?
- If contaminants do pass through

the line what impact could they have on the bacterial flora and in return, the effectiveness of the city’s sewage lagoons?

- Should mining contaminants be found in the city’s sewage ponds, how will this be mitigated? What are the potential costs to the city if the sewage treatment ponds become contaminated?

- Why doesn’t Alaska Gold just build more injection wells? They were permitted to install up to 15, but I understand they have only installed four.

All council members attended the meeting. Michels was absent.

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PROGRESS—Nome's new public safety building is seen as work continues on both the facility and the Nome Bypass Road that fronts it.

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## Andersen drops out of NSEDC board election

*Question of what constitutes a "fisherman" leads to candidate bowing out*

By Tyler Rhodes

Is Stan Andersen a fisherman? It's a question that was nearly a subject of a Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. special board meeting and one that ultimately drove the Nome Common Council member out of the upcoming NSEDC election.

Andersen, who was one of five candidates running for the Nome representative seat on the NSEDC board of directors, withdrew from the election Sept. 25 after questions were raised about his eligibility. Specifically, Andersen's candidacy was challenged on the requirement

in NSEDC's bylaws that board members be "resident fishermen" of their community.

In his letter to NSEDC asking to be withdrawn from the ballot, Andersen said that while he has fished both commercially and for subsistence purposes, he has not done so recently. "Having been born and raised in Nome, I have in my younger years participated [in] both subsistence and commercial fishing," Andersen's letter reads. "It would be a stretch to say that I have in the last 10 years."

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Photo by Sharon Keeney Olson

**FOLLOW THE LINES**—Nome's AnnieKate Olson (center) works her way along the beach in Unalakleet after a heavy wet snow blanketed the course Sept. 26. Olson won the regional championship, holding off Kotzebue's Winona Hickerson (yellow jersey). For more on the Nanooks winning ways, see page 24.

## Council hears preliminary plans for new state office building

By Laurie McNicholas

City Manager Josie Bahnke provided copies of the conceptual design for a proposed new state office building to be located in an area off East Sixth Avenue west of Stedman Street to members of the Nome Common Council at their meeting on Monday.

Bahnke said she has discussed the prelimi-

nary design of a 49,000-square-foot facility with Matt Desalarnos of the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities and Nome Planning Commission Chairperson Irene Anderson. Desalarnos told Bahnke that DOT/PF Commissioner Leo von Scheben will submit the \$35 million project in Gov. Sean Parnell's FY 2011 budget.

Councilwoman Mary Knodel recommended asking Acting City Engineer Jim Vogel to determine the cost of extending Stedman Street to the Bypass Road. She said a new state office building will increase traffic in the area. Councilman Jerald Brown agreed with Knodel, noting that the new public safety building and hospital are under con-

struction on the Bypass Road. "Get a price and go for a grant," he urged.

Bahnke said there may be an issue with Alaska Gold Co. and future use of the Dry Creek area. Mayor Denise Michels suggested the council schedule a work session to dis-

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## Feds seek input on limiting chum salmon bycatch

By Laurie McNicholas

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council recently sent a flyer to the City of Nome inviting input on measures to limit chum salmon bycatch in the Bering Sea pollock fishery. The flyer was presented to members of the Nome Common Council at their meeting on Monday.

In response, Councilwoman Mary Knodel asked that the city send a let-

ter to the NPFMC encouraging them to come to Nome for a hearing on chum salmon bycatch issues. Salmon are caught unintentionally in the Bering Sea pollock trawl fishery, and regulations prevent pollock harvesters from keeping them.

Noting that this year's salmon runs in the Nome subdistrict were among the worst on record, Tim Smith, president of the Nome Fishermen's Association, told the Nome Common Council he hopes the city will take a position on the chum salmon bycatch issue.

"Our fisheries are stressed," Smith said. "Chum are important in this area. There has been no commercial fishing in the Nome subdistrict since 1989." Smith said the Nome subdistrict has had a Tier II subsistence fishery for chum salmon in some years since 1999. A Tier II fishery is the most restrictive subsistence management measure.

"I've been a commercial fisherman since 1979," Eric Osborne told

the Nome Common Council. "I was a salmon fisherman for the first 20 years." He said he no longer fishes for salmon because the stocks are depleted. Osborne said the city can have an impact on fishery management by forming an opinion on how to sustain fisheries and presenting it to the NPFMC.

The NPFMC is required by the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA) to balance minimizing salmon bycatch with allowing full harvest of the pollock total allowable catch.

Despite existing bycatch control measures, chum salmon bycatch soared to a historic high of 704,590 fish in 2005. Bycatch levels have dropped dramatically since that time to about 30,000 to date in 2009. Chum salmon are taken almost entirely in the summer/fall (B) pollock fishery.

New measures the NPFMC is considering to limit chum salmon bycatch include:

- Caps on the amount of chum

salmon bycatch allowed in the pollock fisheries that when reached would prevent further harvest of pollock. Limits under consideration range from annual caps of 58,000 to 480,000 chum salmon (overall for the pollock fishery or divided by processing sector with options for transferable bycatch allocations among sectors or components of sectors).

- Closure of areas where high chum salmon bycatch has historically occurred.

The NPFMC will review information in a staff discussion paper to develop alternatives for a future analysis of proposed management measures at its December 2009 meeting in Anchorage. The council's Salmon Bycatch Workgroup will meet Oct. 29 in Anchorage to review the staff discussion paper and make recommendations for the council to consider at its December meeting.

The council's Rural Community Outreach Committee identified the

proposed chum salmon bycatch action as an important project for outreach efforts to rural communities. Following the council's December meeting, an outreach plan is likely to be developed that may include regional outreach meetings in rural Alaska to explain the proposed action and receive feedback from rural communities.

Copies of the current range of alternatives for limiting chum salmon bycatch are posted on the council website: [www.alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/npfmc/current_issues/bycatch/Chumbycatch709.pdf](http://www.alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/npfmc/current_issues/bycatch/Chumbycatch709.pdf).

The public may provide input on the proposed action by sending a letter by mail or fax to: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501. Fax: (907)271-2817.

The public also may testify at a council meeting when the council discusses this action. The agenda for the December 2009 meeting will be posted in mid-November on the council website: [www.alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/npfmc](http://www.alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/npfmc).

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Letters

Dear Editor,

It's just me again. I guess I just wasn't quite done. Darn it anyway. Sometimes I wish I knew how to shut up, but I guess, it's in my genes. I must be my father's daughter after all. He was a very wonderful man (and my mother too). I'm glad for everything they and their parents taught me. Although I often tend to bring things up out of text, I am just trying to bring up issues I think need to be addressed at some point in time.

Every day I say Quyanna-Buk for all of you. I am most thankful for all my family and my friends. I am glad I got to meet you all. I often think of all of you and wish you'd drop a line or something to say how things are.

I often wonder about our legal system. If the people just keep getting a slap on the wrist for the things they do—they'll just keep doing it.

Another issue we seem to be having is being told which representative might be coming to our village to discuss things that affect us in our region. They can say they might have put up signs or said something on the radio, and maybe they did that day, but I think we have the right to be told at least a week or so before it happens. It is only fair to the people who would like to voice their concerns. It should not only include the members of the different entities. Our opinions are supposed to count too.

After reading my last letter, VPSO Don McKenzie came up to me and told me that if there are enough interested people here who would like to go fire fighting that they could have someone come in and administer the test. So if you are interested you can go down to the police department and register with him. Thank you, Don.

Hi to all my many friends. I hope that everyone has a safe and great fall/winter. Take care, you all.

As always,  
Karen Nanouk  
Unalakleet, AK

Letters to the editor must be signed and include an address and phone number. Thank yous and political endorsements are considered ads.

Editorial

Civic Duty

This coming Tuesday we have the opportunity to do our civic duty and vote in Nome's municipal election. It is a right and freedom that our forefathers have paid for in blood and of which many in today's world are deprived.

We even have a few contested seats and the NSEDC election promises to be interesting. It's really like two elections. Every registered voter can vote for the NSEDC slate, but only folks who live inside Nome's city limits can vote in the city election. That's too bad. Nome has many residents who live outside of town. Sounds odd, doesn't it? People who live in subdivisions such as Osborn, Banner Creek, Cripple Creek, Ft. Davis and other places on the road system consider themselves Nomeites. They get their mail here, work here, go to school here and shop here, yet they can't vote here or run for office.

Technically they don't live in Nome but are part of our community. They have no say in how this town is run. It's time to remedy that situation and extend the Nome municipal boundaries to include the residents of Nome's satellite subdivisions and make them voting members of this Gold Rush city. Our first order of business for our newly elected city council should be the expansion of our city limits to take in the Nome and Snake rivers, Rock Creek, Glacier Creek and the road system this side of Cape Nome, Basin Creek and the Penny River. It's time to do it. — N.L.M. —

Dear Editor,

I don't know where to begin this letter, but I'm writing in regards to the recent bailout of Danny Aukon, Jr. who is being charged with Driving While Intoxicated, who took an innocent man's life.

I was at work when I heard on the radio that Mr. Aukon was bailed out for only \$2500.00 with a Third Party sight and sound custodian!

I felt angry, upset, and digusted!

Charlie Bergamaschi was an innocent pedestrian who had a right to be on the highway at the time of his death. Mr. Aukon who was intoxicated shouldn't have been behind that wheel driving! To make matters worse, he allegedly tampered with the evidence and told his passengers not to tell anyone? How cold-hearted is that?

Charlie Bergamaschi was a human being like the rest of us and not only that, he was also a father, brother, uncle, grandparent and a friend to many. I don't know why the court system was so lenient on Mr. Aukon.

I know out there where people were charged with Domestic Violence, Assault, Drugs, and Alcohol and sentenced without bail or they were considered "a danger to the community." I'm not saying they shouldn't be punished, but we're talking about a human being's life! Is that what it costs for a human being's life these days? I think this is totally, totally wrong!

He didn't deserve to die the way he did and I'm pretty sure if he knew there was going to be a Drunk Driver on the highway he wouldn't have been where he was at the time.

It could've been anybody behind that wheel that morning, but it was he (Danny) that decided to get into his truck and drive while intoxicated. Sincerely,  
Katherine Ozenna  
Nome, AK 99762

Dear Editor,

I am writing to you as a concerned citizen of my community, and I more

than likely speak on behalf of the whole region. I am fed up with the poor services that our rural communities have been getting.

First of all, the housing situation is all a hodgepodge. There are a lot of families with over-filled houses, houses with bad boilers, and more than half of them are not even maintained by our regional housing authority. Elim was supposed to get six houses in the fiscal year of 2003. It was later cut down to four houses, and still the material is sitting in its same location, rotting, and costing each community that contributes their Indian Housing Plan funding to the housing BSRHA. Something has to be done soon because not only Elim is missing out, but your community as well. There has been stimulus funding going to the Housing Authority, and where is the money going? To the administrative costs? Maintenance, no. We as a whole region are hurting for housing, so don't stop fighting for it. Go to the next BSRHA meeting in Nome and let them know your concerns. Write to our legislators. We need something done.

Secondly, if you have cell phone and internet service with GCI, don't you agree with me that for the cost of the service we aren't getting our money's worth? Some kind of routers should be set up to speed up the service. Some of us have ridiculous bills, and really bad service, which is not fair. GCI should have adequate enough money to keep maintaining their services.

Last of all, I would just like to say to all you young kids out there, finish school! Keep going no matter how tough it may seem. Education is the key to success. We need you because you are our future. Take care all, and good luck with the fall hunting season. Sincerely,  
Tyler L. Ivanoff  
Elim, AK

Dear Nancy,  
H.L. Mencken said, "Every elec-

tion is a sort of advance auction sale of stolen goods."

And as we approach democracy's secular altar, the election booth, a moment of meditation is appropriate. Which candidates are Robin Hoods? Who are the Robber Barons? Where is Spartacus?

Who projects a healing vision of the future? Who can stand up to powerful outside interests? Who can treat the power they'll gain as a trust to be shared, rather than a bottle to be hoarded?

Chairman Harrelson's diatribe in the last *Nugget* left me queasy.

It is quite an accomplishment for Dan Harrelson and Don Stiles to lose a mere 17 million dollars. About \$2,000 for every man, woman and child in Norton Sound. A recently published newspaper article documents that under Dan and Don's stewardship NSEDC has fallen from being the most profitable CDQ group to the least. We've fallen badly.

Never let it be said your vote doesn't count. Roughly 170 people voted for Don in the last disputed election. That's about \$100,000 per vote. I give Don his share of the credit because his cost saving measure, firing Steve Rieger, losing his investment skills at a critical moment, led to this economic abyss.

Dan's and Don's Siu Corp.'s gift of partial ownership in the crab vessel to the Women's Group is heart-warming.

But the gift's timing, along with the monetary NACTEC donation immediately before a hotly contested election should raise warning flags.

An equal share in the vessel was sold, while the vessel was valued at \$250,000 or so, to a witness and partner, in a pending lawsuit against Dan Harrelson in Seattle. Since then, over two years, about \$5,500,000 + has been spent on it. Sincerely,  
Eric Osborne  
Nome, AK

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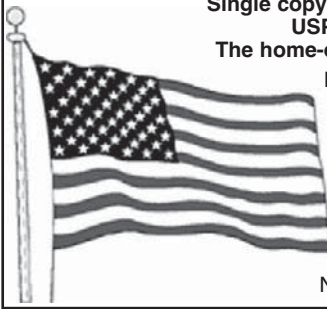
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# Alaska news briefs

Compiled by Diana Haecker

## 2009 Permanent Fund Dividend is \$1,305

More Alaskans than ever, 628,499 to be precise, share in the state’s wealth and get a permanent fund dividend of \$1,305, announced Governor Sean Parnell last week. Alaskans who applied for direct deposit will see the money on their bank statements starting October 8. Check mailings of the PFD will go out starting October 22.

## NOAA forced to rule on status of ice seals

Whether or not ice-dependent seals are going to be listed as an endangered species due to threats they face from a warming climate, is soon to be resolved. A judge on Friday approved a settlement between the federal National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Center for Biological Diversity, saying NOAA has to come up with a ruling on spotted seals by October 15 and for ringed and bearded seals by November 1, 2010. In May 2008 the Center filed a petition to protect ringed, bearded and spotted seals under ESA due to threats from global warming and increasing oil development in their habitat. In September 2008, NOAA found that the three seal species may deserve ESA protection, but it has failed to make a decision on whether the species warrant legal protection within the one-year deadline.

## UA Regents approve tuition hike

The University of Alaska Board of Regents met in Juneau last week and approved a tuition hike starting in 2011. A 100-and 200-level course will then cost \$154, upper-level classes will cost \$187 per credit.

The regents also approved new academic programs including undergraduate certificates in ethnobotany and environmental studies, a graduate certificate in construction man-

agement, bachelor degree programs in nutrition and dietetic and a certificate in corrections. The ethnobotany degree will be delivered at Kuskokwim Campus in Bethel. The environmental studies certificate is taught to rural and Native students through the Bristol Bay Campus in Dillingham. The regents also approved building projects, such as a science building on the University of Alaska Anchorage campus, estimated at \$2.6 million and a new site for a proposed energy technology building at the University of Alaska Fairbanks campus, estimated to cost \$29.6 million.



## Polar bear management discussed in Moscow

Alaskan and federal polar bear managers as well as the Alaska Nanuuq Commission, headed by Nomeite Charlie Johnson, are meeting in Moscow to discuss the shared Chukchi polar bear population. This marks the first meeting of a joint American and Russian polar bear commission with the goal to develop a framework how to maintain the long-term sustainability of the Chukchi polar bears.

## Senator Murkowski loses fight to limit EPA

Senator Lisa Murkowski’s amendment to limit the Environmental Protection Agency’s power to regulate greenhouse gas emissions from stationary sources died on the Senate floor last week. Democrats voted against Murkowski’s amendment,

which was attached to the Interior and Environment Appropriations bill. The amendment would have prohibited the EPA from regulating carbon dioxide from stationary sources for one year. Murkowski’s energy advisor Robert Dillon explained the controversial amendment, saying that Murkowski believes Congress should be given time to consider the best legislative approach to addressing climate change without a gun pointed at its head. Murkowski also said that EPA regulation of stationary sources would result in a train wreck for the economy, something she thinks the nation can’t afford.

## ATG denied retirement benefits

Alaska Senators are upset about President Obama’s objecting to consider service in the Alaska Territorial Guard during World War II as “active duty” service. This rejection affects a bill that would have restored retirement benefits to 26 Alaskan Territorial Guard members. Senators Begich and Murkowski have vowed to enlighten other members of the Senate about the vital role the ATG played in World War II. “We are talking about 26 brave, elderly Alaska Natives who served honorably for this country during World War II. I, frankly, find it puzzling how the administration could object to giving these men the recognition they deserve. The federal government deserted these men at the end of the war, and I hope the Congress and my colleagues in the Senate won’t let that happen again,” Begich said.

## Bering Strait experienced earthquake

The Alaska Earthquake Information Center registered a moderate earthquake on Friday, September 25 under the Bering Strait. The earthquake had a magnitude of 5.0 and was located at a depth of about 9 miles and 92 miles North-Northwest of Little Diomedede. Authorities did not receive any reports of injuries or damage due to the quake.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### October 1 - 7, 2009

EVENT	PLACE	TIME
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#### Thursday, October 1

*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*Preschool Story Hour	Kegoayah Library	10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	noon - 1 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	1 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Still Shiny video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Play It Safe: What You Should Know About RSV video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
<b>Candidates' Forum</b>	<b>Council Chambers</b>	<b>6 p.m. - 10 p.m.</b>
*Open Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*City League Volleyball	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Thrifty Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
<b>Arctic ICANS meeting</b>	<b>Polar Cafe'</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
*Swing Dancing with Seiji	Nome Rec Center	7:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
<b>Federal Subsistence meeting</b>	<b>Aurora Inn Conf Rm</b>	<b>8:30 p.m.</b>

#### Friday, October 2

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Morning Laps	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 3:30 p.m.
*Muscle Endurance with Jennie	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.
*Nutrition class	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Audiology class	Prematernal Home	2:15 p.m.
*Youth Soccer Camp with Danielle	Nome Rec Center	3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Master Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Adult Drop-in Soccer	Nome Rec Center	8 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.

#### Saturday, October 3

<b>Unalakleet Native Corporation Nomination deadline (907) 624-3411 for more info</b>	<b>Beam Rd Landfill</b>	<b>10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sat. ONLY</b>
<b>Beam Road Landfill Hours change</b>	Methodist Church	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*UMW Thrift Shop	Nome Rec Center	noon - 3:30 p.m.
*Youth Soccer Camp with Danielle	Nome Rec Center	12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
*Circuit Training with Kelly S.	Nome Rec Center	1:30 p.m.
*Comforting Your Baby video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Intro to Weight Training w/Kelly S.	Nome Rec Center	1:45 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	3:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*The Innocent Victim video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

#### Sunday, October 4

*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Youth Soccer Camp with Danielle	Nome Rec Center	noon - 3:30 p.m.
*Infertility: The New Solution video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Intro to Weight Training w/ Kelly S.	Nome Rec Center	2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	3:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Sudden Infant Death Syndrome video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*AA: Big Book Study	HR Conf. Room, NSHC	6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

#### Monday, October 5

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Morning Laps	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
<b>AKSourceLink Symposium</b>	<b>Pioneer Hall</b>	<b>8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.</b>
<b>For more info call 443-4250 or e-mail lleneham@kawerak.org</b>		
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 10 p.m.
*Muscle Endurance with Jennie	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.
*Labor & Delivery for Teens video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Beginning Yoga with Kari	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*New Baby Care video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
<b>Absentee Ballots Due</b>	<b>City Offices</b>	<b>5 p.m.</b>
*104 Climbing Instruction	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Master Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*AA Meeting "Big Book Study"	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.

#### Tuesday, October 6

*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
<b>Municipal Election</b>	<b>Old St. Joe's Hall</b>	<b>8 a.m. - 8 p.m.</b>
<b>REAA &amp; CRSA Election</b>	<b>1-800-952-8683</b>	<b>8 a.m. - 8 p.m.</b>
<b>AKSourceLink Symposium</b>	<b>Pioneer Hall</b>	<b>8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.</b>
*Preschool Story Hour	Kegoayah Library	10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	noon - 1 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
*Denali KidCare class	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Floor Hockey (3rd-6th grades)	Nome Rec Center	4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Yelling video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Water Aerobics with Liz	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*City League Volleyball	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*AA Teleconference: 1-800-914-3396	(CODE: 3534534#)	7 p.m.
*Thrifty Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY

#### Wednesday, October 7

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Morning Laps	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Rotary Club	Airport Pizza	noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 10 p.m.
*Muscle Endurance with Jennie	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.
*Who's Watching Your Kids? video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Comforting Your Fussy Baby video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Master Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Hello Central (also on Channel 98)	Nome Visitors Center	7:30 p.m.

#### Business hours/long-term community events:

XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Tu - F)
<b>Absentee Ballots Available thru October 5, 2009</b>	<b>City Offices</b>	<b>8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.</b>
Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m. (everyday)
Carrie McLean Memorial Museum	Front Street	10 a.m. - 5 p.m. (M - F)
Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 8 p.m. (M - Th)
*****		noon - 6 p.m. (F - Sa)
Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	2 p.m. - 9 p.m. (M - Th)
*****		1 p.m. - 5 p.m. (Sa)

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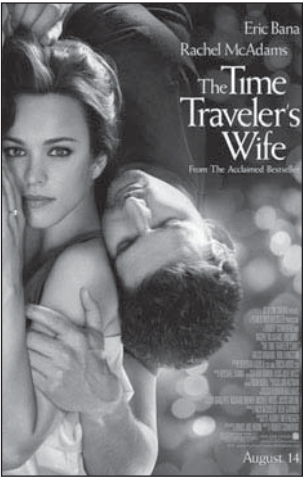
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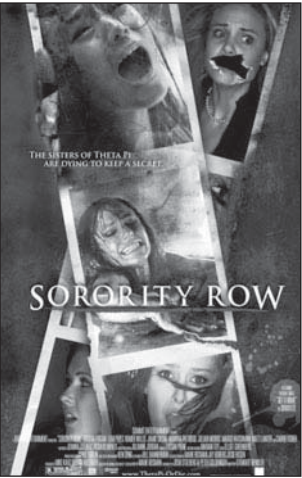


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# Sexual assault, manslaughter cases bound for trials

By Tyler Rhodes

A pair of Nome residents recently indicted in two different matters have both pleaded not guilty and have had their matters set for trials in November.

A trial date of Nov. 17 has been set for both Sylvia Ivanoff, 43, and Danny Wayne Aukon Jr., 49.

A grand jury indicted Ivanoff Sept. 18 on three counts of sexual abuse of a minor, charges stemming from an alleged incident that occurred in Nome in April. Attorney Bob Lewis, representing Ivanoff before Superior

Court Judge Ben Esch Sept. 25, entered not guilty pleas on Ivanoff's behalf to all three of the counts.

The first two counts of sexual assault of a minor in the first degree allege Ivanoff engaged in sexual penetration with two 12-year-old children on or about April 5. The third charge, sexual assault in the second degree, alleges a similar act against a 13-year-old.

Lewis also represented Aukon Sept. 25 before Judge Esch, entering not guilty pleas on his behalf as well. Aukon was indicted Sept. 18 on three

counts surrounding a hit-and-run death on the Nome-Council Highway just east of Nome. Aukon is charged with one count of manslaughter, a count of first-degree witness tampering and one count of failing to render assistance to an injured person after an accident.

Aukon's charges revolve around the Sept. 6 death of Charles Bergamaschi, 54, who was found deceased in the roadway that morning. The Nome Police Department alleges that Aukon was driving a pickup truck that struck and killed Bergamaschi. The police further allege

Aukon left the scene after the incident without rendering aid and warn-

ing others who were riding with him not to speak about what happened.

## • Andersen

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The NSEDC bylaws state that "a 'resident fisherman' shall be an individual with documented commercial or subsistence-fishing activity who is a registered voter residing within the state precinct boundaries encompassing the member community, where he/she maintains a mailing address and permanent domicile and is eligible to receive an Alaska Permanent Fund dividend."

The bylaw gives no mention of a timeframe in which documented fishing must occur to qualify as a resident fisherman. Andersen said his fishing experience may have met the criteria, but did so tenuously. "My eligibility would not be following the spirit of the bylaws when first adopted," he wrote.

Louie Green Jr., a frequent observer of the NSEDC board and a former candidate for the Nome seat, wrote the corporation a letter challenging Andersen's candidacy. "It wasn't a personal thing," Green said. "It was about NSEDC following their own rules."

Green is not in this election for the NSEDC seat, but he is on the ballot for a Nome Common Council seat. Andersen is also running to retain his council seat, but is doing so unopposed and not facing Green. Green is challenging current councilman Randy Pomeranz.

In addition to Green, Andersen cited Tim Smith in his withdrawal letter as another source questioning his eligibility. Smith is running for the NSEDC seat.

Green said he felt Andersen did the right thing by withdrawing. "I admire Stan for stepping down, stepping aside to allow it to be a clean election," he said.

NSEDC was prepared to bring the board together Sept. 28 to discuss the issue and determine Andersen's legitimacy as a candidate. NSEDC vice president and chief executive officer Janis Ivanoff said Andersen's withdrawal from the race eliminated the need for the meeting. "We were looking for the most reasonable and fair way to do this with both parties," Ivanoff said, referring to Andersen

and Green.

Ivanoff said the issue will still be examined at a later time. "If anything has come out of this, we do see there needs to be some clarification," she said.

Ivanoff added that she was a bit dismayed by Andersen's decision to drop out of the election. "It's too bad," she said. "He's a lifetime citizen of Nome and on the city council. And I think he would have represented the city well should he had been elected."

Andersen said he had decided to run for the board to give voters yet another choice in the race on the Oct. 6 ballot that has drawn more interest than the city and school offices also up for grabs that day. He added that as NSEDC has grown, a person who has experience with large budgets could be of particular use on the board. "Since I've been on the [Nome Common] Council, I've had a hand in over \$600 million in budg-

ets," he said.

Still on the ballot for the seat are incumbent Don Stiles and challengers Tim Smith, Robin Thomas and Steve Brock.

Andersen said he felt he had the backing of the NSEDC staff after the question of his eligibility was raised. "NSEDC's staff was real supportive. They felt everybody should have a chance," he said. "They had not run against this fishing thing before."

Andersen suggested that NSEDC offer an at-large seat on its board. "By adding an at-large seat, which would probably come from Nome, you would get somebody else in there with business experience," he said.

As for fishing experience, Andersen said he planned to clear up any future questions over his eligibility to run for the NSEDC board as soon as possible. "Monday, I'm going down to get my subsistence license," he said.

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## • Council

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cuss the issue.

City Clerk Sandy Sturgis-Babcock administered the oath of office to Jack Adams, Nome's newest police officer.

### Animal control ordinance

During a public hearing on a proposed ordinance to extensively revise the City's animal control ordinances, Animal Control Officer Amy Shithisler asked the council not to approve deletion of the following sentence in Section 10.30.030(b): "The owner of any animal shall not permit the same to frequently or habitually growl, snap at, jump upon or otherwise menace, injure or frighten persons within the city. This provision does not apply to persons who are trespassing or otherwise in violation of the law."

The new ordinance proposed to replace that sentence with this one: "Upon receipt of a written statement identifying dates and time period of frequent or prolonged noise signed by at least two persons residing at different physical addresses in the immediate vicinity of the noise has been received by the enforcement officer, the enforcement officer shall order the owner of the animal to immediately comply with 10.30.03(a)."

Knodel made a motion to amend the proposed ordinance to retain the original language, as Smithhisler requested. Knodel said Smithhisler had won a case involving a nuisance dog using the original Section 10.30030(b). The council approved the amendment.

Mike Quinn asked the council not to adopt a new subsection (10) of Section 10.30.150(a) making it unlawful for any person to dispose of the remains of any fur-bearing animal at any place within city limits except the Nome landfill. Quinn said the City already has an ordinance—he cited Title 15.70 Refuse Service—that prohibits depositing refuse on the property of another. Under 15.70.050 Definitions, "'Refuse' means garbage, rubbish, ashes and similar material discharged from the routine operation of a premises, and susceptible of placement in garbage cans."

Quinn said he prefers that the animal control officer deal with live animals, not dead ones. Brown said there is a bit of a difference between the new ordinance and the one on the books. Knodel said Smithhisler receives calls to pick up dead animals that have been hit by a vehicle and left by the side of the road. Councilmen Randy Pomeranz and Neal Foster recommended leaving the proposed ordinance as it is and then seeking a definition. "We'll get back to you and ask you to participate," Mayor Denise Michels told Quinn. He agreed to participate in discussion of the issue.

The council then adopted an ordinance amending sections of the Nome Code of Ordinances to require parvo immunization of animals, regulate animal noise, prohibit disposing of animal remains within the city limits except at the landfill, and increase certain fees.

### Other council actions

The council approved ordinances to amend the City of Nome FY 2009 general fund municipal budget, capital projects fund budget, special revenue fund budget, Port of Nome fund budget and construction capital projects fund budget.

The council approved an ordinance to impose an enhanced 911 surcharge through the local access phone company GTE of \$2 per month per local access line and to include each wireless telephone number that is billed to an address in the City of Nome. Previously the council had imposed a monthly surcharge of 75 cents per local access line to fund an enhanced 911 system.

The council adopted resolutions to:

- Award a contract for furnishing 1,500 tons of crushed aggregate for the road surface course to Northcoast Construction Inc. for \$36,660. Northcoast Construction submitted the lower of two bids at

\$24.44 per ton for road surface materials meeting the technical specifications required.

- Authorize the sale of three city-owned surplus vehicles to the public by means of a sealed bid. The vehicles are a 1992 Chevy Blazer, a 1981 Chevy Stake Bed and 1995 Ford Explorer.

The vehicles were part of an advertised surplus bid sale opened publicly on Aug. 18. At that time the 1992 Chevy Blazer and the 1981 Chevy Stake Bed received no bids and the 1995 Ford Explorer received one bid for \$9.50, which the council rejected at its meeting Aug. 24. At that meeting Councilman Jon Larson he would rather see the vehicles go to the dump than sell them for nothing and have them sit on a lot for years, adding to the community's junk.

At the council meeting on Monday, staff initially presented a resolution to accept bids no lower than \$200 for each vehicle. Foster said a 1995 Ford Explorer is worth more than \$200. Bahnke explained that the vehicle needs a new motor. Brown then made a motion to amend the resolution as follows: Bids of less than \$1,000 per vehicle will not be considered. Purchasers will have nine months to put the vehicle in serviceable

condition or dispose of its remnants. The council approved the amendment and adopted the resolution as amended.

### City Manager's report

Bahnke reported that she has met with Bruce Tungwenuk, land manager for Sitnasuak Native Corp., to discuss plans by the U.S. Air Force cleanup of contaminated soils at the Anvil Mountain White Alice site. Tungwenuk told Bahnke that the SNC board approved the destruction of the White Alice antennas at a meeting in July. Bahnke said she informed Tungwenuk of the city's support for historical preservation of the antennas.

Originally the city worked with the Air Force on cleanup efforts at the site, but due to changes in federal law, SNC now has decision-making authority over the future use of the site, Bahnke said. The Air Force will provide an update on the cleanup project and take public comments at a meeting Oct. 28 at Old St. Joe's Hall.

Bahnke said the City will assume operation of the Nome landfill temporarily on Oct. 1. The road crew will haul 2,700 yards of material to the landfill this week and use it for cover. The City temporarily will limit

public access to the landfill to Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

In answer to a question from Pomeranz, Bahnke said the City will advertise for bids for operation of the landfill as soon as the work is finished. Public Works Director Bill Angus said the project will be finished in one week.

Bahnke said the skate part is open for public use.

A welcoming reception for John Papasadora, who will become Chief of Police Oct. 1, and a farewell to Interim Chief Dallas Massie will take place Oct. 8 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Old St. Joe's Hall.

### Utility Manager's report

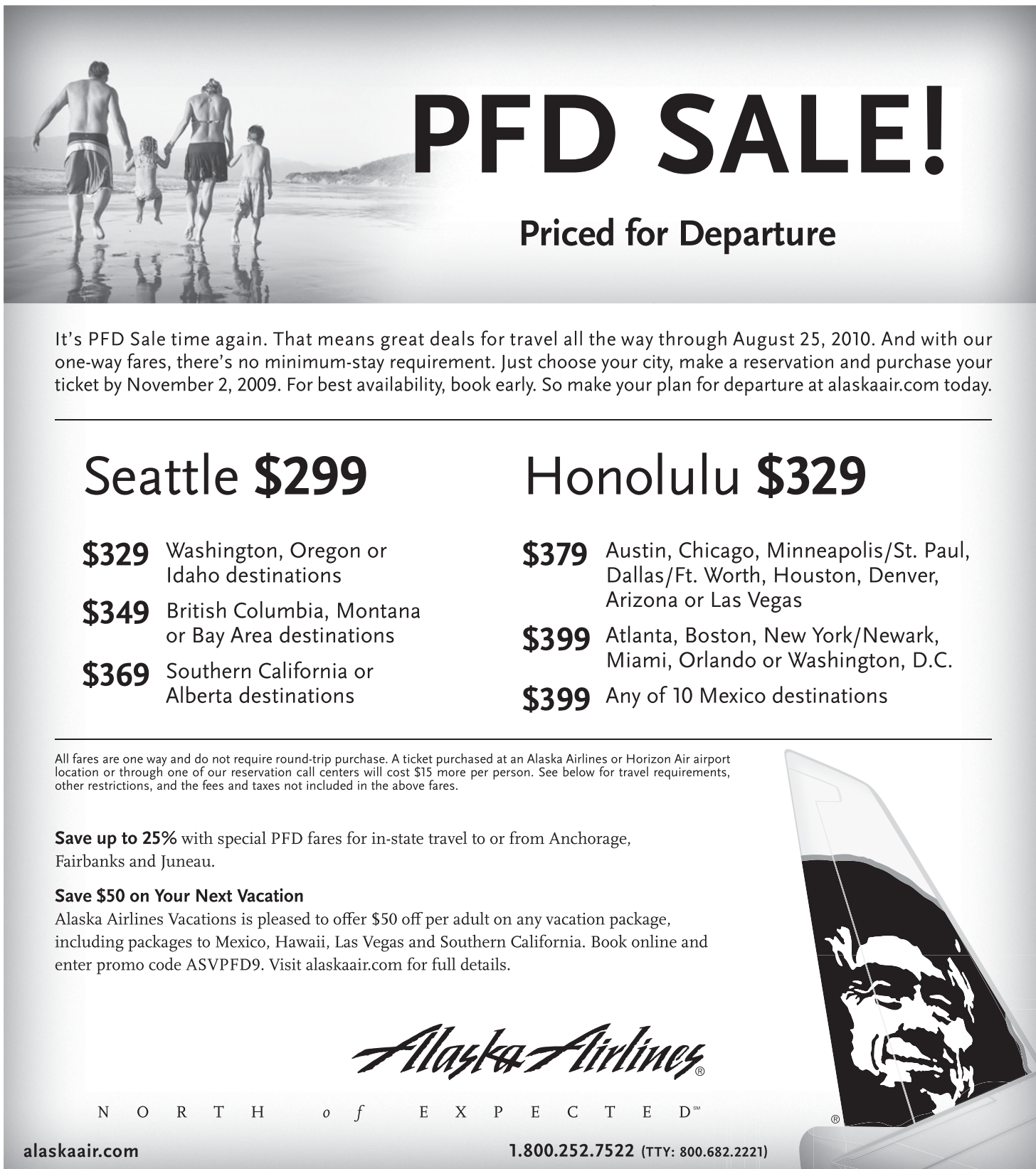
Utility Manager John Handeland said the Nome Joint Utility System board will discuss whether to obtain a loan from Wells Fargo to purchase fuel at a meeting Sept. 29. Foster asked about current fuel prices. Handeland said prices had dropped 26 cents per gallon in the last week. He said NJUS uses \$1.80 per gallon for ultra low sulfur fuel as an index and adds 40 cents to that amount. The average price of fuel in NJUS' tanks now is \$2.98 per gallon, he added.

Councilmen Stan Andersen and Larson were absent from the meeting.



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# In their words: School board candidates answer to the *Nugget*

*Editor's note: The Nome Nugget posed four questions to each of the candidates running for the two open seats on the school board. Candidates were asked to answer the following:*

**1. If funding were of no concern, what would be the highest-priority item (be it related to a program, staffing, materials or facilities) you would fund for the district?**

**2. If Nome were to again experience a significant drop in enrollment this year, thus facing another cut in state funding, where would you further trim the budget to make ends meet?**

**3. On the balance, would you say the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) has been more a help or a hindrance to Nome Public Schools? Why? What in the act has been the most beneficial and/or detrimental?**

**4. What is the most positive thing happening within the district?**

## Seat C (three-year term)

### Joel Alowa (challenger)

1. The NPS District Goals state that it will strive to recruit and retain highly qualified staff. I agree and support that highly qualified staff should be the highest priority for school district funding. Without qualified staffing, the current and future educational materials, programs and facilities cannot be utilized effectively and efficiently in the education of our students. But I also believe and support that funding of the school district should always be a concern to the school board, administration and community. As a taxpayer and community member, I would expect the school board to ensure that any spending for staff, material, program or facility should be done in a prudent and conservative manner to ensure that every dollar spent is spent wisely and effectively. In other words, our limited educational funds should get the most bang for our buck.

2. I believe that the highest priority of the school district is the formal education of our children in the classrooms. If state funding is reduced next year, all staffing, materials, programs and facilities outside of that priority should be reviewed by the school board, in collaboration with the school administration and community, to determine whether or not they can be continually funded with school district funds. This would include athletics, after-school programs, use of school facilities for non-school related activities, etc. With difficult times, comes difficult choices. But difficult times also provides new opportunities, as a community, to build partnerships to share limited resources to maintain high-quality educational services within Nome for our children. If state funding is reduced, the school district should determine what staffing, materials, programs, or facilities could be funded or provided with community partnering. The recent donation by Sitsnasuak to JROTC is an example of a community entity supporting a school program.

3. I believe that NCLB has been both a hindrance and a help. It is a hindrance because NCLB created national educational standards without providing the additional funding to school districts to meet those standards. The Nome School District had to utilize local funds to meet national educational standards that the district had little or no involvement in creating. Additionally, NCLB has incorporated standardized testing that does not take into consideration Nome's diverse student population and educational background. I would support any state and federal legislation that would either provide the federal funding to incorporate NCLB or modify the current law to address the above issues. But I also believe that NCLB has been a help in the fact that it has provoked discussion within our nation and community of what we expect in the education of our children. That parents, community members, and organizations must take a more active role and responsibility in our educational systems.

4. I believe the most recent positive thing that has happened within our school district has been the formal

partnering of the elementary school with Kawerak Head Start and Nome Preschool to standardize the teaching practices and expectation of preschoolers who are entering kindergarten. This will ensure that kids are grade-ready to meet and exceed educational standards and prevent students from falling behind in their grade level.

### Heather Payenna (challenger)

1. If funding were not a problem for our school district, I'd put more of an emphasis on after-school programs. I think it would be beneficial for our kids if we were able to offer more clubs like B.P.A., SkillsUSA, and Spanish Club, not only at the high school level, but also offer more activities for elementary-aged students like Cultural Club. If we were able to offer more variety for more kids, we'd be able to keep more students involved within the school, helping ensure more focus on studies and less time to get in trouble.

2. There is the potential to save the district large amounts of money by exploring electrical and heating alternatives and upgrades. Turning the district towards "greener" methods will save us from budget cuts that we would need to make if we do face another drop in enrollment.

3. The No Child Left Behind act is a big hindrance on the State of Alaska and rural areas, like Nome. Since being implemented, schools and teachers across the board have retuned teaching methods to direct students to pass a standardized test. Schools are tending to be more concerned with the scores and results of each test, since funds may be cut if we don't meet AYP benchmarks.

4. The most positive thing we have going on in the district are our sport and after-school programs, and those dedicated to helping each and every program succeed. As Nanooks and Wolverines, our kids take so much pride in competing and traveling to different schools, knowing that they want to be at their best and prove they're a better competitor than a Whaler or a Warrior, and much more than a Husky. With these programs students form bonds with other kids, not only in our school, but build friendships and maintain relationships with kids from other schools and cities. Building friendships is only one part of the equation; students also rally behind the support of community members, who live and breathe anything that has to do with them, but also create lasting memories of the mentors who take the time to coach, teach, and guide them day in and day out.

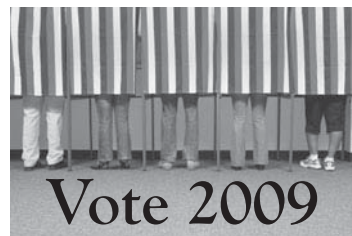
### Lynette Schmidt (incumbent)

1. A few weeks ago, I voted to earmark a portion of the district's stimulus funding toward developing a long-term plan. This will become our vision of Nome Public Schools well into the next decade. I will work with fellow board members to identify ways to best address the needs of all Nome Public Schools students. As a regular attendee of school board meetings for eight years and a contributing participant in the educational system of Nome Public Schools, I'm familiar with the workings of the district and will continue to work hard for the young people of Nome.

2. The proper response to an economic downturn is in a proactive approach. Our school board will pay attention to community cues that tough times are ahead. Our long-term vision will keep the big picture in focus so that our response is planning, not panic. And then, if the need arises, our vision will guide the school board to develop educational solutions and smart money management decisions using previously identified priorities. (For example, our board recently approved the expenditure of stimulus funds for an energy study, the results of which could help us invest in long-term savings.)

3. If NCLB were a good thing, I doubt that we'd still be debating its merits after seven years of implementation. That being said, NCLB has provided a springboard to discourse about education. That's a good thing. However, the idea that

"educrats" in Washington, D.C., could dictate standards by which schools in Nome should be measured is silly. NCLB relies heavily on test scores to grade a district's success or



failure. Standards-based testing measures only what is taught and how much can be synthesized by students. It cannot measure the educational process and the true cognitive gains made by a district's students. One such indicator of our district's success is when we see young people inspired to return as educators.

The number of Alaska districts meeting Adequate Yearly Progress this year declined 6 percent (from 26 to 23 of 54 districts). The standards and rules for AYP change each year with a fluid population of test-takers. Making adequate yearly progress is kind of like trying to shoot a moving target while sitting in the back of a pickup truck driving on a bumpy road. Either stop the target or stop the truck, and don't limit the shooter to just one attempt.

However, if we set aside the numbers and use standards-based testing to refine, improve and tailor a student's learning materials, methodology and environment, students win. If there's any silver lining to NCLB, this would be it.

4. Caring. The people of Nome care about youth. Scholarships, skate parks, sports, mentorships, etc. are all evidence of the sacrifices Nomeites make for our children. Our community and our district staff are investing tremendous energy and resources to enhance young lives and inspire them to become better citizens. We have learned to take lessons from "outside," adapt them to our unique community, then put those ideas to work. That's the Nome way.

I bring a fresh perspective, strong work ethic, experience and dedication to your school board. I would be honored by your vote on Oct. 6.

## Seat D (three-year term)

### Betsy Brennan (incumbent)

1. I can think of so many high priority items if money were of no concern (hot breakfast programs, more technology in our classrooms, continued funding for certified teachers in the Head Start and the Nome Preschool program, to name a few). But I think the highest priority I would advocate for would be to fully fund Nome Public Schools' staffing. The district had to cut approximately \$270,000 from our budget last year due to a drop in student numbers. We still had to heat buildings and pay utility costs no matter how many students we had, so unfortunately some staff positions had to be cut. My idea goes beyond just the positions that were cut last year. This is what I envision as a fully funded Nome Public School staff:

Teachers and aides: Fully staffed teachers would equate to more electives being offered in the high school. Reinstate a business education teacher. I would staff an aide for each grade level. I would advocate reinstating a full-time social worker at the elementary school,

and not sharing that position with the junior high. I would reinstate the junior high counselor or social worker position. I would bring back the days when Nome Public Schools had a staff position dedicated solely to Native Programs. Alaskan Native culture and values in our schools are crucial and can be a main ingredient in the recipe for success of our students. This would also enable the district to focus more on partnering with our local Native organizations. Full funding would include a dedicated technology staff to assist instructors in each building. Fully staffed means never having the library and media centers closed, because we only have one staff member for two different libraries. We could staff more special education positions and a full-time special education director to help those students who are most in need. Another Title I instructor would provide all students the opportunity to be successful. Fully staffed is hiring another position to work under the business manager. That position currently runs the food service program, manages the Beltz apartments, transportation (busses) as well as being accountable for managing district funds. A fully funded staff would include a full time Community Schools Coordinator. This would ensure more after school programs for kids and continued community use of our school buildings. Fully staffed includes a staff position dedicated to manage maintenance and facilities and not put those duties solely on the superintendent.

2. One important fact all Nome school board members keep in mind is our mission statement: "To provide a positive learning environment that educates all students for success in life." With that mission statement in mind, I would advocate for two things:

More cooperation with our community partners in Nome and the Bering Strait School District.

I would advocate for the Nome Public School board to approach the city council and request more funding for the current year to bridge the gap. Obviously this idea may not be a popular option for some. But the district has requested the same funding level from the City of Nome for our budget for the past two years. Student numbers fell abruptly during the 2008-2009 school year. As a result, state funding was reduced while many other expenses increased (fuel, electricity, food costs, insurance premiums). The necessary cuts made by the district to balance the FY2010 budget have really tested our staff, yet they still maintain excellence in education. Whether or not Nome citizens have children in school, we, as taxpayers, all have a stake in public education. Money invested in our schools and staff is money well spent in providing a top-notch education for our students. These students will be Nome's future leaders.

One point I would like to make: If there was another drop in enrollment leading to budget problems for Nome Public Schools, the State of Alaska's "Hold Harmless" provision would go into effect for our district as it did last year. This means the district would lose some funding, but not all. We would still be faced with less money to spend.

3. I believe No Child Left Behind has been a help to Nome Public Schools. The goals of the 2002 No Child Left Behind Act mandate are important—to proclaim that every child can learn, to ensure all children make adequate progress toward academic standards, and to prepare all children to contribute to society. However, there

are challenges in applying this in rural Alaska communities and in other parts of our country. NCLB requires schools to be accountable, and that has been a good thing for Nome Public Schools. We have a report card to the public so all community members can see our student progress. Standardized testing has been a valuable tool in showing school staff specifically where students' skills are lacking and improvements needed, as well as where their strengths are. But the exclusive reliance on annual standardized tests to measure basic skills can undermine the role of other subjects like humanities and the arts. School districts are constantly challenged to locate financial support to realize the unfunded mandates as set by NCLB. Many districts and children continue to be labeled as failures even though they are making consistent progress. The reliance solely on test scores obscures the importance of the quality of the relationship between the child and teacher. The praiseworthy efforts of teachers can be made invisible. During 2010, NCLB is slated to be reauthorized by Congress. This will be a lengthy process. I am hopeful that positive changes can be made to make it more responsive to the real needs of children.

4. The most positive aspect of our district is our extraordinary staff. Despite our drastic budget reductions last year, many staff members have taken on more duties and have done them well. (They created lemonade when they were handed lemons!) We have dedicated teachers, aides and special education staff who truly care about the success of all our students. We have a fantastic music program. Our administrative staff is highly qualified and professional. We have a top-notch technology staff. Our NPS District Office staff gets the job done with style. We have a counselor and social worker who work wonders with our students. We have wonderful cooks and outstanding secretaries who keep everything running smoothly. We have a business manager who is simply amazing. Our superintendent is new to the job and brings the experience of working in our district for the past seven years and many more years working in rural Alaska. Our maintenance and facility staff keeps our buildings tidy, clean and in good repair. Not an easy task when you have over 300 children and adults using each of the two main campuses every day. We have staff that go above and beyond every single day.

### Gloria Karmun (challenger)

1. Student impact funding! We are in the business of educating our children, funding should be allocated to the education of our children, our future. I'd trust administration to allocate funding where the need is highest with guidance, if necessary from the board.

2. Administration, where feasible. Equal cuts across the board where it least impacts students.

3. Federal mandates cannot be ignored; Nome Public Schools must improve where necessary and exceed the standards set. It is the board's responsibility to support administration as they make gains toward meeting or exceeding NCLB mandates.

4. Nome Public Schools has pride from within and support throughout the community; the community supports our great school, along with NPS as a whole, as we all invest in our future, our children!

# In their words: Nome Utility Board

*Editor's note: The Nome Nugget posed three questions to each of the candidates running for the two open seats on the Nome Utility Board. Candidates were asked to answer the following:*

**1. Nome's fuel order in 2008 anticipated a large amount of electricity usage from the Rock Creek Mine. With its unexpected shutdown, other ratepayers were left to pay off the high-cost fuel over a longer period of time. Are there ways to prevent a similar situation from happening in the future?**

**2. Do you support NJUS' investigation of its own wind power system? Are there other so-called alternative energy options you feel NJUS should look into?**

**3. What measures could the utility institute to reduce the cost for ratepayers?**

## Seat A (two-year term)

### Pat Johanson (challenger)

1. Unfortunately a lot of local businesses were left "holding the bag," so

to speak, with the sudden shutdown of the gold company. A possible way to prevent this in the future would be some sort of a tiered rate contract stretched out over the expected life of the additional fuel brought in to please this one customer.

2. I'm in support of a wind generation system as long as it offsets the cost of power to the average ratepayer in Nome. As far as other alternative energy options like natural

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In their words: NSEDC board candidates answer to the Nugget

Editor's note: The Nome Nugget posed three questions to each of the candidates running to serve as Nome's representative on the NSEDC board of directors. The length of responses only allowed the Nugget to print the answers to two questions. For the full transcript of answers, check [www.nomenugget.net](http://www.nomenugget.net). Candidates were asked to answer the following:

1. The issue of salmon bycatch in the pollock industry has been one that has pitted subsistence fishermen against industry. Do you feel the recently enacted bycatch cap is sufficient to protect subsistence interests? If not, is there a better solution to provide balance between industry and subsistence needs?

2. NSEDC's wholly owned for-profit subsidiary, Siu Alaska Corp., manages assets worth about \$40 million, but the Siu Alaska board will not allow the public to attend its meetings, which are held in Anchorage. If you are elected, will you advocate to open Siu Alaska's meetings to the public and to hold them within the Bering Strait region? Please explain the reason for your answer.

Steve Brock (challenger)

1. The bycatch cap will not protect subsistence interests at all. The cap has no scientific data to use to measure the impact on any particular salmon stock. Do all of the salmon caught by multiple vessels at different times come from the same spawning stream? Statistically improbable. The cap is completely an emotional response to an emotion-driven conflict. Subsistence salmon fisherman versus the multi-billion dollar trawling industry. It is a feel-good activity for both sides and the government agency mandated to oversee the fishing activity. How did they arrive at this arbitrary

number? It is a reverse calculation for the trawling industry so that they will not be shut down prior to catching the entire quota. It's based entirely on how many salmon they have caught as bycatch in the past, as a percentage of their total catch. Until empirical data exist to identify through DNA sampling the origin of all of the bycatch, then a scientific solution cannot be obtained.

Even with this data, the term "historical" is very important. The origin of the salmon you caught last year will only tell you where last year's impact was. It does not predict where the salmon you bycatch this year will come from with regard to stream origin.

What the data does allow us to do is eliminate one element or factor affecting a decline in fish populations, say in the Nome subdistrict. If through DNA sampling it is determined that none of the salmon bycatch come from depressed stocks, then a cap is unnecessary. On the other hand, if a large percentage of the bycatch comes from depressed stocks, then even greater fishing restrictions would have to be placed on the trawl fleet.

In 1989 I was involved in a joint data collection project between the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, federal Fish and Wildlife and NOAA. Using a helicopter, we collected salmon tissue samples from streams and tributaries throughout southwest Alaska and the Alaska Peninsula. We collected five types of tissue samples from each fish: liver, muscle, scale, retinal fluid and reproductive. We carried a nitrogen cryogenic tank on the helicopter with us to preserve the samples. Those samples are still sitting in a freezer in Anchorage waiting for someone to spend the money to process and analyze the data. The collection was the least expensive part of this activity.

The point of this example is that the technology has existed for some time to identify down to the smallest stream where the fish originate. The technology is not cheap, but that is not the reason why it has

not been pursued. If the data is cataloged and referenced for anyone to review, then some very concrete conclusions could be reached. The trawl industry, in particular, and the Area M commercial fishermen before them do not want to take the chance and find out what this data could reveal.

I am not a purist or a protectionist. I made a living 25 years ago in the Bering Sea catching pollock and selling them to the Japanese. There were times when the bycatch of non-targeted fish would exceed the percentage of targeted fish. I have fished commercially for salmon in areas that were clearly intercept fisheries. Both activities were sanctioned by the government entities entrusted to manage the resource.

If we want to try to have balance between the trawl industry and the needs of subsistence users, we have to invest in good research and science and let the data speak for itself.

2. I believe the sunshine laws of the state should be enforced where applicable. If Siu Alaska is to be operated as a for-profit entity, then much of its activities must be sheltered from the eyes of the competition. This is just good business. This corporation most importantly is wholly owned by NSEDC. As a board member of NSEDC, I will insist that all board members have complete access to the activities of its subsidiaries. We do not need another Enron in our backyard.

As Nome's board member I will immediately advocate for the relocation of the NSEDC and subsidiary headquarters back in to the region.

Tim Smith (challenger)

1. If harvesting needs to be limited to protect salmon stocks, subsistence comes first. That's the law.

That principal was overlooked in the recent decision by the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council to allow

60,000 king salmon per year to be killed and wasted as bycatch. In Norton Sound, subsistence fishing is a major component of our economy which must be protected. When subsistence fish and game meat is not available, high priced, lower quality food has to be bought at the store with cash, and cash can be hard to come by, particularly in the smaller communities. When it comes to a choice between profits for the industrialized commercial trawl industry and protecting subsistence, there is no choice. Subsistence has to come first.

In April, I spent a week in Anchorage at the NPFMC meeting and told the council that our salmon stocks were in trouble and trawl bycatch was a contributing factor. This year, only 49 king salmon made it back to the Pilgrim River. That population is probably no longer viable and neither is the one on the Fish River system. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game defines a distinct stock as one having 400 fish and these stocks no longer meet that threshold. We cannot sit by and watch our salmon runs and the ones our neighbors on the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta depend upon, fished to extinction just to put more money in the bank or to make our corporate partners richer.

Many good people from western Alaska told the NPFMC that bycatch was too high and it was destroying the subsistence economy. When the council set the bycatch cap at 60,000, I was speechless. I do not believe this decision is consistent with the Alaska Constitution's sustained yield mandates, the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act's subsistence provisions or the U.S. treaty with Canada that sets the number of king salmon that must be allowed to return to their spawning grounds on the upper Yukon River.

The decision by the NPFMC did not strike a balance between industry and subsistence; the trawl industry had its way and subsistence salmon users were ignored.

Our needs were considered insignificant when compared to the profits of the multinational pollock trawler companies. NSEDC should have insisted that the council protect subsistence. They didn't because that would have reduced our corporate partners' profits. That needs to change. NSEDC should put the people who depend on fish for their livelihood ahead of the interests of big business syndicates.

Kawerak, Nome Eskimo Community, Bering Sea Fishermen's Association, The Association of Village Council Presidents and the Yukon River Drainage Fisheries Association asked the council for a bycatch cap of 32,000 or lower. These groups may take the matter to court and are lobbying the U.S. Secretaries of Commerce and State to intervene, but barring a favorable court ruling or government intervention, we will probably have to live with the council's decision for many years to come and that could mean poor or no harvests for subsistence salmon fishermen.

I think we should continue our efforts to reduce bycatch in the Bering Sea trawl fisheries and interception at False Pass. This winter the NPFMC will take action to reduce chum salmon bycatch in the trawl fishery. In 2005, pollock trawlers killed and wasted 700,000 chum salmon and this year, False Pass fishermen caught 708,850 as bycatch in their red salmon fishery. Since 1999, Norton Sound has had the only Tier II subsistence fishery in Alaska for chum salmon. That's the most restrictive management possible short of a total closure. This year was the worst chum salmon return in the Nome area ever recorded.

Bycatch and interception will continue to prevent our salmon stocks from increasing even with draconian limits on local fishing. We need to enhance our salmon runs with hatchery production. Alaska has

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gas and geothermal or solar, maybe in the future, but at this point in time I think wind is our only viable option.

3. Follow your set budget, bid your work under contract and ensure everyone is paying their fair share.

Jim West Jr. (incumbent)

1. Nome has always been dependent on diesel for making electricity. NJUS belongs to the Western Alaska Fuel Group, which consists of several western Alaska communities, and is able to purchase a large volume of diesel at a better rate based on higher volume than if purchasing fuel on its own. Purchase price is based on world market prices. In both 2007 and 2008 NJUS purchased additional fuel for anticipated mine power (with the mine paying additional storage costs). NJUS averages inventory, so costs stayed level despite the market fluctuation over the past couple of years. Today fuel prices are

lower than last year, but are again climbing. Purchasing additional fuel this fall at current prices should allow a further reduction in fuel price based on averaging. Economic growth is good for everyone, and development factors into a healthy economy for the community, but opportunities should be approached cautiously to insure ratepayers benefit and are not saddled with any additional burden in the event of an economic downturn.

2. Yes, I do support NJUS' investigation to develop its own wind power system. We all know that Nome has a lot of wind, inconsistent, but there are other factors to be considered—what will it do to the fuel efficiency of our generators as the wind comes and goes? Along with wind power we need to investigate some type of electrical storage, either batteries or fuel cells, to keep from becoming inefficient. With all this comes the question of dollars, who, what, where. So far we have secured \$4 million from the State of Alaska for the

development of wind power; this is a lot of money but still not enough for the size that is needed, and we have to be dollar-wise and responsible to the ratepayers of Nome. There are alternative energy options—natural gas, geothermal and nuclear out there. We have been successful in securing substantial outside funding (grants) to help in the development and replacement of Nome's utility infrastructure. Continuing to seek out funding opportunities will play a major role in the big picture of what options we can develop and afford. We have to find something to lessen the dependency on diesel. While evaluating and seeking alternatives, we have to continue to be cost effective in the delivery of utility services.

3. Continuing to upgrade old systems with more efficient technology, upgrading power distribution systems to reduce line loss, and further expansion of water-sewer systems through available grant programs are some ways to reduce costs, or keep them rea-

sonable. Nome has not had general utility rate increases in over 10 years. This has been possible by partnering with state and federal agencies to fund infrastructure improvements. Also, by expanding systems we have been able to add to the ratepayer base, spreading the fixed costs over a larger group to keep average costs down. We can and should continue to upgrade our systems, look for alternative energy, and train our people. The employees are a big factor in the equation and they take pride in their work. A little maintenance goes a long way in avoiding larger costs, and the employees do a good job of keeping things running smoothly.

Seat C (three-year term)

Dave Barron (incumbent, unopposed)

1. Nome's fuel order in 2008 anticipated a large amount of electricity usage from the Rock Creek Mine. With its unexpected shutdown, other ratepayers were left to pay off the

high-cost fuel over a longer period of time. Are there ways to prevent a similar situation from happening in the future?

We need to get a purchase agreement between the purchaser and NJUS. If they don't meet the usage they say they are going to use, there should be a penalty. The penalty should be high enough so it does not increase the ratepayer's bill.

2. I do support alternative energy. Wind is one that we can take advantage of. We have to understand wind is not free. We have to get housing for battery banks and how wind would affect generator efficiency. I think we should look at natural gas.

3. The biggest way that we can reduce the rates is to find cheaper fuel. We can keep on updating outdated water and sewer. We can do the same with the electrical products. Things are made now that are more efficient. I want to thank you for your support.



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# In their words: Council candidates answer to the *Nugget*

*Editor's note: The Nome Nugget posed three questions to each of the candidates running for the two open seats on the Nome Common Council. Candidates were asked to answer the following:*

**1. What do you see as Nome's biggest opportunity on the horizon? How do we capitalize on it?**

**2. What do you see as the most significant challenge before Nome? How do we confront it?**

**3. Do you feel the council is doing enough to involve and inform the public of its actions? What measures do you feel work and what else could be done to ensure transparent government and encourage public participation?**

### Seat C (three-year term)

**Louie Green Jr. (challenger)**

1. Tourism could be a golden opportunity if we create more infrastructure. The City of Nome needs to get behind creating a five- to 10-year

plan to motivate new business. The city may also need to extend this idea out to the villages to create more economic development in the region.

Nome has the most extensive road system in rural Alaska (300 miles) and many pristine rivers. We could be a leader in the sport fishing world if we were to enhance our streams with salmon. We need to look at all opportunities for Nome.

2. The current economic situation. The health and welfare of Nome citizens.

The city streets need to be paved to get the dust level down. People spend money on new vehicles that should last five years somewhat trouble-free, but may get only two to three years out of that vehicle. Our streets are turning back into dirt.

Through economic development of small business here in Nome and the surrounding villages we can confront this problem if we start now.

3. No.  
Monthly reports from the mayor

as well as newsletters from the City of Nome. Nome Joint Utility System informs the public through newsletters; it's very effective, everyone checks their mail.

**Randy Pomeranz (incumbent)**

1. One of the biggest opportunities in Nome's future is the region's mineral resources. The problem with this is the logistics to get these materials out of the region. Right now our port facilities can only handle the smaller vessels to dock. We at the city level need to be pushing to get our port extended out to allow the larger ships to be able to come in to dock. This also would allow the larger cruise ships to visit our city. We are getting interest from the cruise industry as we have seen in the increase of ships for the past couple years.

2. One of the challenges that I see is to keep the city's services at the level we are familiar with. In my nine years on the council determining what should get funded and what shouldn't is always hard. We never want to start reducing funds for any

of our departments. A lot of our costs are driven by the cost of fuel in our community. We are in the process of doing energy studies on the city's facilities to try to keep our operating costs as low as possible. We are looking at possible forms of alternative energy to help offset our oil and electricity demands. One of my main personal goals is to try and keep our city taxes low so that it is possible for people to survive and stay living here. I don't feel we should put the burden on the people all the time for our higher costs at the city. We also need to keep our communications open with the school district so that we can work together with their funding needs. Over the past several years that has been very helpful for both administrations.

3. Our meetings are always advertised and open to the public. We could try to advertise more often to advise the public of what is going on. The public needs to want to participate in our meetings. We encourage the public to become involved in our meetings and

work sessions. As elected officials we are representing the people that elected us and listen to their concerns. Unfortunately not all city business is exciting and people lose interest in the public process. As an elected official our phone numbers and e-mail addresses are displayed at all the websites and city hall. I would invite people to contact me if they have issues they would like to be taken to the other council members or if I can answer them myself.

### Seat D (three-year term)

**Stan Andersen (incumbent unopposed)**

1. The port. Add another cell. Coast Guard. Developing our natural resources.

2. How do we support private enterprise without taxpayer money. Keeping the city budget down.

3. Not sure what else can be done. Meetings are open, TV, radio, newspaper, very few executive sessions. More work sessions?

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**Tim Smith (continued)**

34 salmon hatcheries; all south of the Aleutians and the State of Alaska is building two multimillion dollar hatcheries in Anchorage and Fairbanks. About one third of the fish harvested by Alaska commercial salmon fishermen come from these hatcheries. If they need hatcheries in those places in order to preserve fishing opportunity, surely we need one here as well.

Prior to statehood, salmon stocks in Alaska were severely depleted by overfishing and harvests fluctuated between boom and bust cycles. During the 1960s and '70s the state developed a hatchery system that stabilized the oscillations in harvest and increased numbers of fish available for harvesting. Hatchery production has been good for the rest of Alaska. We need to do the same thing here.

Since 2004, with the help of many local people, mostly volunteers, I have operated a hatchery on the Nome River. Fish we produced at the hatchery returned to Hasting Creek in 2006 and again in 2008. We think most of the fish that returned to the Nome River this year were from eggs incubated at the hatchery and this will be confirmed in the laboratory this winter. The Hobson Creek hatchery has proven its value; we have produced hundreds of thousands of salmon fry there and by increasing our production we can help restore salmon harvesting opportunity throughout the Norton Sound region.

Salmon enhancement is one of four program functions used to justify NSEDC's tax-exempt status, and NSEDC has spent millions of dollars on salmon projects; mostly fish counting towers and weirs. As a result, we have increasingly accurate counts of decreasing numbers of fish. I believe NSEDC should get out of the fish counting business and give it back to ADFG whose responsibility it was in the first place. NSEDC should invest our Community Development Quota resources in a serious salmon enhancement program with a proven track record of success.

I believe we should set as our goal, a total return of 200,000 red salmon to the Pilgrim and Sinuk rivers. This will provide for the subsistence needs of local fishermen and allow for a commercial and sport harvest that will enhance our economy. This is something we can and should do to address the impact of bycatch.

2. NSEDC has never fully explained why it created Siu Corp., and it has gotten off to a bad start with its formation cloaked in secrecy. This needs to come to an end. CDQ program funds belong to everyone in the region. There is no justification for moving around millions of dollars behind closed doors.

In forming Siu, NSEDC gave \$40 million to a privately owned, for-profit company having no accountability to the public. In the newsletter it recently sent to all boxholders, NSEDC said Siu was formed as a tax strategy; that their tax advisors told them they had to do it in order to protect NSEDC's tax-exempt status but, they have refused to show the tax advisors' recommendations to the public, the local news organizations or even to NSEDC board members. They say these tax advisors told them they should have been paying income tax since 1998 when they bought 50 percent of the Seattle-based factory trawler corporation, Glacier Fish Co., but they didn't start paying taxes until 2006. The same people on the NSEDC board, who admit they totally failed to understand their tax situation 11 years ago, are asking us to take their word for it now, when they tell us all we need to do to avoid paying more income tax is transfer millions of our dollars to

a shell corporation: Siu, which they control. I think the owners of the CDQ program deserve an explanation of what is going on.

If NSEDC had focused on developing the regional economy instead of trying to model themselves after the Seattle trawler companies, we would not be in the position we find ourselves in today with unresolved liability for who knows how many millions of back taxes hanging over our heads.

Not dealing with this issue will not make it go away. The corporate income tax rate is 35 to 40 percent; with penalties and interest, that could add up to millions of dollars lost to the region if this latest tax scheme fails. NSEDC's two auditing firms disagree on how much NSEDC owes for back taxes. Altman Rogers, the company hired to replace KPMG midway through the 2007 audit, told NSEDC it doesn't know how much is owed. I believe the only responsible action is to obtain an IRS determination of our income tax liability so that we can pay the taxes we owe and stop running up penalties and interest.

The way Siu is being managed, we cannot even find out how much the board of directors is paying its board members. On page 17 of the 2008 NSEDC annual report is a table showing board expenses. The 15 NSEDC board members spent \$666,741 on themselves, including lavish meetings in a Washington casino. Fortunately, the law requires NSEDC board members to tell us how much they pay themselves; we won't be able get that information for the Siu board, and that's just wrong.

The citizens of the 15 Norton Sound communities own our regional CDQ program. The public's business must be done in public and I will push to incorporate appropriate open meetings and open records provisions into the NSEDC bylaws. I believe we should form an independent audit committee to advise the board on financial matters. With millions of dollars at stake, we need full assurance that spending will be for the public benefit and not misused for self-interest. The only way that can be guaranteed is with stringent requirements for openness, transparency and accountability.

All aspects of NSEDC and Siu Corp. business must be made open to the stakeholders. Meetings should be held in the region unless there is a clear reason stated for holding them elsewhere. Accurate and complete minutes should be kept during any meeting where business is conducted and provided to the communities. Books and records should be open to inspection by community members and we should be provided reasonable opportunities to participate in the governance and operations of our regional CDQ corporations.

Because of their responsibility to their owners, publicly owned organizations like NSEDC and Siu Corp. cannot engage in business dealings that require secrecy any more than the City of Nome or a state agency could. If something cannot be done in the open, then it should not be done at all. The public's need to know outweighs any business advantage obtained from secrecy, and the public needs to know about the risks associated with any business ventures NSEDC or Siu Corp. is involved in before they commit to them.

Exemption from corporate income tax is granted to organizations that do things for the public benefit that business corporations would not do. It is not a way to evade taxes or to hide profits. Every year the IRS revokes the tax exemption of nonprofit corporations like NSEDC that violate the tax code, and NSEDC has an obligation to show us how Siu Corp. can legally engage in competitive business activities without risking the loss of NSEDC's tax exempt status.

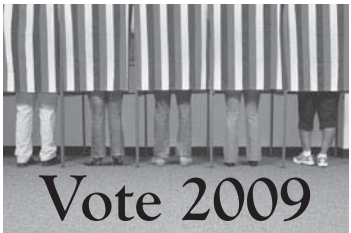
NSEDC and the other five CDQ groups have hired highly paid lobbyists and are in

Washington, D.C., as this is being written asking congress to amend the IRS code to make the commercial fishing businesses they have been operating for years exempt from income tax. If Siu Corp. addresses all of the tax liability issues as we have been told it does, why do we need additional congressional action? We deserve an explanation.

I have been working on CDQ program issues since the program began, and if I am elected to the NSEDC board on Oct. 6, I will continue to work to make the program better serve the needs of all of the people in the region.

**Don Stiles (incumbent)**

1. I would like to applaud the *Nugget* for asking this tough question—this certainly is difficult to answer, in part because the program the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC) developed is very complex and its effectiveness and success is dependent on a number of variables. I think that it is easy to get caught up in misinformation (certainly some people have found it quite effective to provide inflammatory misinformation to further their own goals, whatever they may be). Part of my response will be to describe the action the council has taken as a means to ensure that the reader understands what I'm basing my thinking on, and not to solely rely on what they've heard on the street.



I think that the bycatch cap itself, 60,000 Chinook, would be too high for subsistence interests but, the associated incentive plans and the performance standard of 47,591 Chinook have set the bar lower than 60,000 fish, especially when considered in the long term. There are four different fishing sectors in the Bering Sea pollock fisheries, and each sector has been allocated a percentage of the Chinook bycatch cap based largely on their historical catch of Chinook salmon in the pollock fishery (a contentious issue of its own). The performance standard set by the council dictates that if any sector exceeds its allocated percentage share of 47,591 Chinook in any three out of seven years, that this sector will have its bycatch cap permanently reduced to a share of 47,591. I think that with the performance standard alone, each sector in the industry will strive to keep their numbers below their share of the 47,591 because they do not have the ability to predict the bycatch rates for future years; the timeframe is any seven years, forward or backward. The incentive plan component of the NPFMC action provides its own potentially important reduction measures. This concept provides financial incentives to the industry to keep bycatch rates low. In years like 2008 and 2009, where Chinook bycatch will both likely fall under 20,000 fish, we still want industry to work at keeping bycatch rates down and not give up trying to avoid salmon because they know they aren't going to hit their allocated percentage share of 47,951. An argument can be made that protecting salmon when bycatch is low is more important if bycatch rates are a sign of abundance (salmon need the most protection when their numbers are at their lowest). These incentive plans, which require approval by National Marine Fisheries Service, should provide incentive to the industry to reduce bycatch under all

Questions posed to NSEDC candidates:

1. The issue of salmon bycatch in the pollock industry has been one that has pitted subsistence fishermen against industry. Do you feel the recently enacted bycatch cap is sufficient to protect subsistence interests? If not, is there a better solution to provide balance between industry and subsistence needs?

2. NSEDC's wholly owned for-profit subsidiary, Siu Alaska Corp., manages assets worth about \$40 million, but the Siu Alaska board will not allow the public to attend its meetings, which are held in Anchorage. If you are elected, will you advocate to open Siu Alaska's meetings to the public and to hold them within the Bering Strait region? Please explain the reason for your answer.

conditions. Several specific ideas have been discussed, ranging from taxing for every Chinook caught (progressively, such that the tax gets higher the more fish you catch) and using the money to fund hatcheries, research, and/or payments to commercial fishermen to alternatively implementing a program in which every pollock boat participating would effectively be in competition to have the lowest bycatch—those with higher rates would be required to pay money, and those with the lowest would receive a financial award for their bycatch avoidance. These incentive plan measures still work within the 47,591 performance standard measure. If no incentive plan is approved, the entire fleet is capped at 47,591. If there is an incentive plan approved and portions of the fleet do not participate, they receive an allocated percentage share of 28,496 Chinook. Ultimately, the bycatch rates are going to be based on a number of variables, including the overall mixing of pollock and kings, and the effectiveness of incentive programs. We'll see an annual average bycatch number appear over time and that will most likely be somewhere between 20,000 and 40,000 fish. If it is towards the high end, perhaps we still need to increase the effectiveness. The answer is probably different for everyone. The incentive programs were quite complicated and were met with considerable skepticism initially. NSEDC and other groups hired two independent economists to critique the incentive plans and to comment on how they would compare to hard caps. They both agreed that incentive plans would work to reduce bycatch in all levels of Chinook encounter rates. I myself would like to see the average bycatch be under 30,000 kings. The program the council adopted has a very realistic chance of making that happen. In years like these past two with bycatch coming in under 20,000 I'm hopeful—hopeful for our western Alaska king runs and hopeful for our ability to harvest pollock. The balance between the two is critical as anyone living in western Alaska can attest to—we definitely need our salmon but cannot live on salmon alone.

2. Another great question, and one that is useful in allowing me to expand on why we've taken the approach we have. As the question points out, Siu is the for-profit arm of NSEDC. Its meetings are, and have been held in both Anchorage and within the region, and are held in private. It is easy for those who wish to attack the process we use and to say that all the for-profit decisions we make need to be made only after local consultation and input. But that isn't how things are done in the business world. You don't have to look far to see parallels in other businesses even in our region. Alaska Commercial Co. doesn't share information with Carrs/Safeway—that is par for the course for many for-profit corporations. If we allow the *Nugget* to report on potential business ventures and display plans and details for proposed offers, it would severely hamper our ability to competitively make acquisitions in the fishing industry. The fishing industry isn't any different from other for-profit corporations and competition is very fierce. Confidentiality agreements are commonplace when discussing potential ac-

quisitions. I realize the answer the *Nugget* would approve of is that the candidate will do everything in their power to have the meetings in open session, in Nome, and to share every bit of information that we have. I can respect that these are generally the wishes of press, and understand the opinion from that point of view. However, I also hope the reader can understand where the policy that the Siu board has taken with respect to its meetings comes from and why the normal course of business policy is warranted. I'd like to remind the reader that NSEDC itself does continue to hold open session meetings (unlike any of the other five CDQ groups), even though it isn't required to, and that as a wholly-owned subsidiary, Siu's financials roll up into NSEDC's consolidated financials.

In closing, I would like to thank you for this opportunity to share my vision that I feel will have a profound effect on Nome and the region. I feel that if the region is thriving economically, then Nome will also be thriving economically.

**Robin Thomas (challenger)**

1. I think the bycatch issue is pretty much a cut-and-dried stalemate. NSEDC has managed, once again, to get itself into a conflict of interest. NSEDC supports subsistence values on one hand and commercialization of fisheries on the other.

I think CDQ groups were originally intended to exploit Bering Sea profits and "send home the bacon" as CDQ dollars to try and improve the quality of life of Norton Sound residents through fisheries programs. Unfortunately, Norton Sound was so underdeveloped that not all the communities had commercial fisheries representation so subsistence leaders were included to sit on the board of NSEDC directors. This paradigm remains as status quo, and directors continue to wear three hats: subsistence, commercial fishers and directors; some directors being more devoted to one hat than the other (two).

I feel that certain salmon species are probably at risk of extinction and will need to be replaced by other available marine species for local sustenance. Some commercial fishers are dependant on their fishing jobs to purchase needed equipment to go after subsistence fish and game or berries and greens. This contradiction remains a conundrum as NSEDC provides the means for locals to fish commercially through loans of CDQ funds.

Will the cap work? Maybe (with honest reporting etc. from all sectors), but only time will tell. Other solutions: I see NSEDC making an all-out effort to fill the bycatch void with alternative value-added seafood compensation programs. Commercial fishers can be compensated to harvest existing stocks of cod, pinks or herring or cod (Pacific cod are locally caught CDQ longline halibut bycatch) at a fair market value. This cod, pink salmon or herring can then be value-added into desirable food products (salted, pickled, dried, smoked or canned, to name a few) and distributed in local food banks to subsistence users who have not been able to harvest enough salmon to sustain quality of life

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## New Savoonga School

By Dr. Virginia Degnan, Director of Program Support, District Office

Put a new school building, an excited/grateful village, and local and Russian dancers together and you have the makings of a wonderful school dedication. On September 1, the Bering Strait School District Board of Education dedicated the new Hogarth Kingeekuk, Sr. Memorial School in Savoonga. Following a lavish potluck, Superintendent Jim Hickerson and members of the Board each offered comments about the importance of education and the need for the new building. BSSD Facilities Director Bob Dickens,

building contractor Clayton Arterburn, and architect Terry Hyer spoke about the process of getting funds and the actual construction of the school.

One of the highlights of the evening was entertainment by the Savoonga Eskimo Dancers and the Russian Eskimo Dancers with John Waghiyi narrating and translating. Although the style of dancing was very similar, the beautiful costumes were quite varied. Bering Strait School District is proud to have the new school in Savoonga and looks forward to many years of quality education.





Major Testing Dates for BSSD		
Test	Dates	Grades
HSGQE Tetest	October 6-Reading October 7-Writing October 8-Math	Retest for grades 11 and 12 for students who have not passed all sections
TerraNova	February 2-4	Grades 1, 2, 5, 7
Standards Based Assessments (SBAs)	April 6-8	Grades 3-10
SBA Science	April 9	Grades 4, 8, 10
HSGQE	April 6-8	All Grade 10 and any Grade 11-12 students who have not passed all sections.



## NACTEC Receives a Donation from Siu Alaska Corporation

By Liz Johnson, NACTEC

The Northwestern Alaska Career and Technical Center (NACTEC) staff was elated to attend a donation ceremony with NACTEC’s governing board on Friday, September 18 to accept a monetary donation from Siu Alaska Corporation. In attendance were Bering Strait School District (BSSD) board member Melvin “Dumma” Otton, Nome Public Schools (NPS) board members Betsy Brennan and Lynette Schmidt, Northwest Campus director Lee Haugen, and BSSD Superintendent Jim Hickerson.

After addressing the crowd and expressing appreciation to NACTEC for providing vocational education in the Bering Strait region, Siu Alaska Corporation Chairman Don Stiles presented a check in the amount of \$200,000 to NACTEC director Doug Walrath. After acceptance speeches from both BSSD Superintendent Hickerson and the NACTEC director, NACTEC governing board member representing BSSD, Melvin “Dumma” Otton also expressed appreciation recalling when NACTEC was only a vision during discussions at BSSD school board meetings.

Also present were Siu board members Dan Harrelson of White Mountain, Harvey Sookiayak of Shaktoolik, and Siu President John Eckels. Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation (NSEDC) CEO Janis Ivanoff was also in the audience to support its wholly owned subsidiary Siu Alaska Corporation.

NACTEC has been successfully operat-

ing since 2003 and funded through various grant sources, including most recently H.B. 61. Alaska state lawmakers approved H.B. 61 this year expanding state tax credits for approved secondary vocational education. Siu Alaska Corporation has contributed \$200,000 to the NACTEC program. This is a tax credit benefit for businesses or others that contribute to vocational education through a local school, school district or state-funded vocational program.

The NACTEC program is a joint venture regional vocational training center located in Nome. The goal is to prepare students for the world of work after high school. The continued development and success of NACTEC has been accomplished through cooperation and partnerships with the Bering Strait School District, Nome Public Schools, Northwest Campus/ University of Alaska Fairbanks, Kawerak, Inc., Bering Straits Native Corporation, Norton Sound Health Corporation, the sixteen regional communities of Brevig Mission, Elim, Gambell, Golovin, Koyuk, Little Diomed, Nome, Savoonga, Shaktoolik, Shishmaref, St. Michael, Stebbins, Teller, Unalakleet, Wales and White Mountain, the Nome Common Council, and the Alaska Department of Labor.

Thank you to Siu Alaska Corporation and NSEDC for showing support to NACTEC!

For more information about the NACTEC program, visit [www.nacteconline.org](http://www.nacteconline.org).

## Unalakleet High School Retreat

By Pete Katongan, Student, Unalakleet

This year Frank A. Degnan High School went to Bible Camp to work on teamwork, leadership activities, getting to know each other, and to have fun.

We planned this retreat at the beginning of the week, left on Thursday, and returned on Friday. We traveled up North River to Bible Camp. Each of the advisory groups had a committee to plan this whole retreat. The freshman decided what we ate and who was going to prepare the food, the sophomores had the activities, the juniors planned the scheduling for what we were going to do, and the seniors decided how we were going to get to camp.



Once we got to camp, we participated in leadership activities such as “chocolate river,” where the high schoolers had to work their way across the river from bank to bank in hula-hoops. Without the “marshmallows,” hula hoops floated down river, we had to wait for each student to get onto a marshmallow in order for us to get to the other side. With five hula hoops we had to fit 40 people in each one. All the hoops were crowded and people went on shoulders and backs. The human knot was another leadership game we played. We had to untangle each team with

talking and without talking. We also had a scavenger hunt. This is where each team had to go and find items the staff came up with and take pictures of them.

After the evening games such as bucketball and blob tag, we had a bonfire and then went to the cabins and went to bed. The following morning we listened to guest speakers who talked about what you can do with your life. The speakers were Karl Erickson and Heidi Ivanoff.

My favorite part of the retreat was a game called “capture the flag.” At the beginning of the game we started out with some rules and in the middle of the game we made rules up that weren’t mentioned. People were getting frustrated because we forgot about the rules, and in the end people were happy that the game was over.



## Countdown to 2010 Census

We’re fast heading into the 2010 Census – which will be done in Alaska from January – March 2010. According to the Constitution (Article I, Section 2), a Census is done every ten years. Here’s why it matters.

Simply stated, Census means money and power.

First, money. Each person counted brings in \$2,200 in federal funding to our community each year. That’s \$22,000 in ten years. Or put another way, if a family of four is missed, \$88,000 is lost. More than 170 federal programs – from Medicaid to highways to schools – distribute funds according to the Census count.

Second, power. The Census count allots seats in the House of Representatives and the electoral college. States and school districts use the Census to draw their boundaries.

So why doesn’t everyone participate? “People don’t realize how much the Census matters,” said Kim Leming, Anchorage Census partnership specialist. “We could build more local schools, fund more children’s health programs, day care programs – if we had a more accurate local count of children,” she added.

Filling out the Census form is easy. “The 2010 Census survey is brief – 10 questions, 10 minutes,” said Deni Luna, Census media specialist. “Your bank or child’s school probably asks more questions. Also, we do NOT ask income or immigration status,” she added.

Information is kept private. The Census does not share information on individuals with anyone, including government officials such as welfare, police or tax officials. “Even the President of the United States cannot get Census information about a particular person,” said Eric Morrison, a Census partnership specialist based in Anchorage. All Census employees take a lifetime oath to keep information confidential – under penalty of \$250,000 and/or five years in prison. By law, all information is kept confidential for 72 years.





There’s no “I” in Team

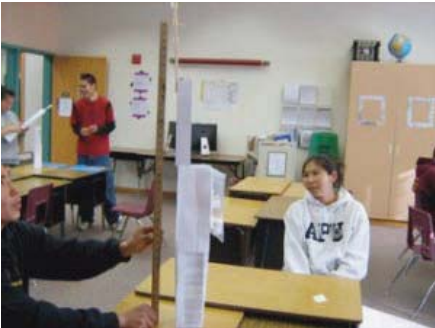
By Stebbins School Staff

What do Chinese Oil companies and Stebbins Students have in common? Analysts say Chinese oil companies have realized it is time to help each other in order to continue to grab distressed overseas assets in major oil firms. Stebbins secondary students practiced these same cooperative learning and conflict resolution strategies during the first days of school.



Monday was devoted to reacquainting everyone with rules and procedures, examining test data and progress reports, and filling out short term objectives on Notices of Graduation. Tuesday was another story.

In an effort to develop business skills, students tackled various problem solving tasks throughout the day. Building the tallest tower out of a set of objects, completing a scavenger hunt race, and constructing an airplane with a teammate using non-dominant hands were some of the activities that promoted problem solving, role specialization, critical thinking, conflict resolution and communication.



Other activities, such as the “Name Game” (in which participants must guess through a process of yes or no questions the name of the person on the paper that is taped on their back) and “The Green Glass Door” encouraged students to look for patterns, form group consensus, and strategize.



A favorite of all was the frozen T-Shirt: teams of students raced to thaw out a frozen t-shirt and be the first group to don the damp clothing. Thumping, tugging, pulling, body heat and sunshine were all strategies students documented.



All activities were developed to encourage camaraderie and promote cooperative learning and discussion in all the content area classes. Some debriefing sessions were held to analyze what was effective strategy, and what hampered teamwork.

Chinese companies that learn the art of working together may win the oil game, but Stebbins students are mastering that art as well.



Kindergarten students watch as Brittany Weyiouanna measures the distance her airplane flew.

Paper Airplane Science

By Ken Stenek, Teacher, Shishmaref

Can you really complete standards and have fun doing it? Levels 3 and 4 Science students in Shishmaref are doing just that. Shishmaref students have been flying airplanes as a part of an experimental process to show proficiency on process skill standards.

Students first asked the question “What paper airplane design flies the furthest distance?” They researched different plane designs and wrote a hypothesis. As a class the students wrote a set of procedures to follow and went to the gym and tested their designs.

By measuring the distance their planes flew in meters, they also got a dose of measurement, which was a skill we needed to work on as a group for standardized testing.

After collecting data, students went back to the classroom and found averages for each plane, computed the range, etc. Students then analyzed the data and made conclusions.

For this part of the experiment students worked directly with their teacher to model the process. For the next, students worked on a similar activity where they chose their favorite plane and chose modifications that would allow their plane to fly farther. This time students worked with minimal help from their teacher to show proficiency on the many standards they were working on.

Students had lots of fun and it was great to see them engaged while completing many standards.



Nellie Okpowruk crunches data to find the mean and range for each plane she flew.





# Welcome New Teachers

## Shishmaref



Amy Cellar, Matt Palmer, Bob Young

## NACTEC



Erin Forton

## Shaktoolik



Sandra Cross

## Savoonga



Amy Maguire, Craig Sherwood, Zach Budrew, Martha Crawford, Sarah Novak

## Gambell



Alan Swenson, Amy Peeke, Andrew Kaminski, Ashley Watson



Dawn Johnson, Elizabeth Teixeira, Mary Ellen Young, Megan Collier



Natalie Price, Shannon Lemcke, Sherry Parish, Tyler Schoagenhauf

## Koyuk



Joel Gerweck, Emily Priest

## Unalakleet



Ann Marie Stone, Reid Tulloch



# 2009-2010



## Brevig Mission



Elizabeth Anderson, Scott Bendlock, Tim Dorsey, Zach Gould

## St. Michael



Carrie Sanchez, Cody Thomason, Krystin Wilburn, Roberta Lyon, Sara Minion, Tim Winker

## Stebbins



Dennis Gardella, Joyce Gardella, Kaisa Tabor



Pam Mendoza, Prophetess Hayden, Troy Charlesworth



Ruth Ann Black, Tom Erickson, Bonnie Pickner

## Golovin



Jill Mucci, Justin DiPola

## Teller



Nicole Borque, Nicole Connolly

## Elim



Dianna Clingan, Jonathan Crocker





## Youth Leadership Retreat

By Dorinda Sagoonick, Student, Shaktoolik

Last weekend Emily Jordan took Agnes Etageak, Dorinda Sagoonick, and Heather Jackson to Stebbins for a Youth Leadership Retreat. Michelle Woods and Reynold Okitun from Hooper Bay, and Roger Franklin from Nome, put the whole Youth Leadership Retreat together. This year is their 6th year doing this Leadership.

In Stebbins there were high school students from the Lower Yukon School District and the Bering Strait School District. In the LYSD there were villages from Emmonak, Hooper Bay, and Scammon Bay. In BSSD the villages who went to Stebbins were St. Michael, Unalakleet, Shaktoolik, Koyuk, Elim, Golovin, White Mountain, Diomed, Gambell, Wales, and Stebbins.

During our first night in Stebbins we played a couple of games where we were in different teams with some LYSD and BSSD students and we had to learn their names. Also we played three

different games and in those games we had to be leaders, had to learn how to communicate with each other, and work as a team.

The second day we went back into our groups and rotated around. Michelle was talking about bullying, Roger was talking to us about suicide and Reynold was talking about self-esteem. Also with a couple of ladies from from Nome we played a game against other teams. We had to read about suicide on how come some people committed it, where can they go for help, and other things about suicide. The last night after dinner we made a big circle with the LYSD and BSSD students and we had a sharing circle. They asked questions like who we valued in our lives and what was the biggest effect in our lives.

In the Youth Leadership Program we three girls have learned about suicide and bullying. We hope in our school that bullying can stop so others won't get hurt. Also we hope that suicide can stop in our village so families, friends, cousins, and the community won't feel depression.

**Note:** The article author, Dorinda Sagoonick, was one of about a hundred students who descended on Stebbins during the weekend of September 19th to participate in this retreat. The students were all identified by peers at their sites as natural leaders that other kids would go to for advice and support.

The retreat focused on teaching skills to help these natural leaders become intentional peer leaders at their sites. Among other things, the topics of dealing with bullying and suicide intervention were focal points. Each site sent an adult sponsor who stepped forward to provide guidance for the youth leaders at the retreat and then will continue guidance at their sites. It is hoped that over time, these youth leaders will be able to make a positive impact back at home.

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Live from the North River Bridge

By Ann Marie Stone, Teacher, Unalakleet

Why can't more days at school include grilled hot dogs, fishing rods with a silver on the end of the line, and your peers chasing you around like a crazed moose in an ecosystem that has reached its carrying capacity? Unalakleet Middle School loaded into the trucks on a misty, foggy September morning and traveled up to the North River Bridge for an all day, salmon-themed field trip. Students started out the day by playing games on a sand spit that mimicked population patterns and introduced the concept of carrying capacity. Despite a vicious onslaught of gnats, students entertained and informed their peers across the country and across the globe (via a live stream on the internet) with salmon myths they created and performed. Their creativity was rewarded with a break in the weather and the gnats as lunch rolled around.

The afternoon turned brilliant with sun warming the spit and the bridge, the catch of four large salmon, and an engaging ecosystem scavenger hunt. Students unearthed mushrooms, snapped photos of a dead seagull swarming with maggots, and collected lichens and berries—all for the thrill of the hunt! The field trip closed with a stream velocity activity in which students tracked and timed Damon Hargraves floating downstream in a small rubber raft. They brought their data back to the classroom for further calculations. Unalakleet Middle School would like to thank everyone who contributed to the success of their field trip!



Theme Units, Setting the Stage for Learning

By Jim Nelson, Instructional Model Support, District Office

In a standards-based school district such as the BSSD, the thematic unit—a body of study based on a single overarching idea, or theme—is a powerful way to spark excitement, create meaning, and promote the achievement of several or more standards in several or more content areas. In plain words, it is an educational “two-fer,”...or even a three-fer, four-fer or more-fer.”

The early days of the school year are a prime opportunity to “set the stage” for these units, because the weather is fine and the out of doors and local community abound with opportunities to explore and gather data for future study.

In White Mountain, on a gloriously sunny afternoon, the middle school students of teacher Mike Skelton purposefully move through the village, capturing photographic and videographic images of each classmate in front of his or her own home.

According to Skelton, his students will use the captured images throughout the year to write about their lives and to practice various technology skills

such as image enhancement, sequencing, and film editing. Each student can attack standards that he or she is in need of completing, because the theme of self and home is an open-ended theme that can lead to numerous language arts activities accessible to students at all levels.

Eight miles out from Unalakleet, at the North River Bridge, the eighth grade classes of Jessica Keller and Ann Stone convene to use the spawning grounds of pink and silver salmon to engage students in the study of ecology, earth science, mathematics, and language arts.

For Keller and Stone, the activities generated by their Salmon Day will include mathematics through calculation of stream flow, and science through further study and discussion about the life cycle of salmon. Additionally, there is the language arts related writing and retelling of salmon myths, and the integration of technology through the implementation of the internet. “Live from the North River Bridge, its Unalakleet School’s Salmon Day!”

One important element that can emerge from thematic units is the collaboration between teach-

ers, parents, the community, and students. In the case of Keller and Stone, their initial collaboration expanded to include Damon Hargraves, BSSD Distance Learning Facilitator. Hargraves facilitated an internet broadcast which was viewable live at sbt.bssd.org. Hargraves also provided a boat and stopwatch, which he used to float down a known distance of stream while calling off the time elapsed as he went. Students recorded the data in ten foot increments as he called from the bank and students later calculated stream flow from the information collected.

Learning and education is vital. It is the great leveler in the playing field of life. Many teachers in the Bering Strait School District are effectively drawing their students into the act of learning by making it relevant to their lives. While doing this, teachers also maximize the need to cover a broad range of levels, standards and content areas by creating thematic units which drive instruction and create motivation to delve deeper and deeper into the theme.

Suzette Carroll, one of BSSD's Instructional Model Support persons, has ten years of experience using the thematic unit approach in the village of Noatak. She brings a wealth of ideas to Bering Strait School District and is an excellent resource for teachers who would like to take the plunge into thematic units for the first time, or refine what they are currently doing. Her email is scarroll@bssd.





Teachers Katie Mecsey, Pam Henderson, Joe Quinn, Sandra Quinn, and Willis Ferenbaugh stand in front of the crab boat INALIQ, which will transport them to their school on Little Diomede.



## Crab Boat to Little Diomede

By Willis Ferenbaugh, Teacher, Diomede

People in rural Alaska know what comes with the territory. Teachers out here quickly learn about the particular circumstances they face, and they learn that even these circumstances may change from day to day. Flexibility is essential in this part of the world.

Getting out to Little Diomede Island has always been a significant task, from boats to ice runways to the weekly helicopter service that has delivered mail for almost 30 years. But passenger service was not available in August, and so the staff of the Diomede School jumped on the crab boat INALIQ in Nome so that the school year could start on time. This trip was unusual and unexpected for both the teachers and the crew of the boat, and we all cozied up for an overnight trip with some weather coming into the Bering Strait area.

Five teachers hunkered down with the captain and two crew members in the comfortable but crowded quarters. Departing just after noon, we watched Nome drift away slowly... extremely slowly, having become accustomed to the whizzing of the helicopter. The adventure of the trip was tempered by waves on the open ocean and the rocking in our heads and stomachs. We took shifts for napping in the four bunks, and it's safe to say that it wasn't the most sound sleep for anyone. It was a long night at sea. But when dawn brightened the night's thick fog, we could see the south side of our little island destination.

Because Diomede doesn't have a large boat dock, this was not the end of our journey. The seas weren't calm enough to attempt a landing, so we sat anchored near the north side of the island until evening. The ocean wasn't settling down, so some of the local men of the village braved the waves in a small skiff to transfer passengers and many boxes to the island. Men, women, and children helped to transfer all of the cargo up the slippery rocks on the shore. And finally, about 30 hours after sailing out of Nome, everything had been transferred to the Diomede School. We were all tired, and there was a lot of sleeping to be done before our preparations could begin to start the school year in less than four days. But we had arrived.

We are looking forward to a great year at the Diomede School. Many thanks to Captain Greg Alexander and crew members Louis and Thomas for keeping the cramped quarters comfy — as much as possible. (Greg should be especially complimented for his fine cooking, though some of us weren't able to fully enjoy a big meal.) And thanks to NSEDC for helping to arrange the trip with BSSD.

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## In their words: Mayoral candidate answers to the Nugget

### Mayor (two-year term) Denise Michels (incumbent unopposed)

Editor's note: *The Nome Nugget* posed three questions to incumbent mayoral candidate Denise Michels. She was asked to answer the following:

**What do you see as Nome's biggest opportunity on the horizon? How do we capitalize on it?**

The biggest opportunity on the horizon for the City of Nome is the opening of the Arctic which will result in community and economic development; educational opportunities; research and science activities; and ultimately, inter-modal creation with the port, airport and a western corridor from the Interior. As your mayor, I continue to capitalize and promote Nome, because of our strategic location in the Bering Sea/Norton Sound. As a regional hub we have made strides in getting infrastructure in place, and I will continue to work further to promote Nome's businesses that support those needed services. We continue to engage with the private, public, state and federal government to identify needs, barriers, access resources and, finally, implement the needed changes—all with input from the public. Most importantly we need to continue our work toward building our infrastructure for safety and environmental protection while balancing sustainable development. There continue to be many exciting opportunities for Nome!

**What do you see as the most significant challenge before Nome? How do we confront it?**

Locally, the biggest challenge is to keep our property and sales tax at the lowest possible rates, while at the same time, providing the best services we can for our citizens.

Other challenges we face are social service issues that include the need for a detox center, senior and veterans services and changing the social norms about alcohol and domestic violence. We also must continue to support education while we all battle the high costs of operation in rural Alaska.

On the state and federal fronts, the biggest challenge I see is that public funding is not easy to access. While this continues to be a challenge, Nome has been very successful over the past several years in accessing funding for much-needed services, such as the public safety building and the port improvement project. As mayor I continue to provide information and documentation needed so lawmakers, agencies and the private sector can make an informed decision to help invest in our community. We also must continue to engage with policy and lawmakers and other agencies to ensure we are consulted with at the local level.

**Do you feel the council is doing enough to involve and inform the public of its actions? What measures do you feel work and what else**

**could be done to ensure transparent government and encourage public participation?**

The City of Nome follows the Open Meeting Act. The city posts meeting notices, advertises and provides public announcements. The city holds work sessions and public hearings on issues brought before the council and provides opportunities for the public input in the processes. The council meetings are aired on radio and televised for the public. As citizens of this wonderful community, it is our responsibility to stay involved and be engaged in the public process, and provide correct information so the policy makers have all pertinent information when making decisions.

I do feel that the city can provide more information to the public through the Internet; for example the City's website should have a section for the public to e-mail recommendations for improvement. The website should also have a link for conflict resolution for citizens' complaints and grievances, and the steps or procedures to follow the complaint until it is addressed.

I continue to encourage citizens to call in their concerns, write letters and ask questions, and stay involved in the public process.

Thank you for this opportunity. As a proud citizen of Nome, I have been honored to serve as your mayor for the past three terms, and I would appreciate your vote so that we can continue making progress.

## Road to Nome may lead along the Yukon

By Diana Haecker

As Department of Transportation officials and their consultants continue to study the best way to connect the Alaska highway system with the Seward Peninsula and the road system around Nome, one of three alternatives is rising to the top. Favored is a route along the Yukon and on to the Seward Peninsula, connecting to the Nome-Council highway, said Department of Transportation Northern Region's chief of planning and support services Gerald Rafson on Monday.

Rafson said that the western access planning study is a \$1 million study, partially funded with former governor Frank Murkowski's Roads to Resources program. The objective of the study is to find out if it is feasible and economically viable to build a connection between the Alaska highway system and the road system around Nome.

A DOT briefing paper to the Institute of the North — an Anchorage based think tank, which gave the impetus for studying the possibility of a road to Nome — identified three routes. Route one is the northernmost alternative, which would lead from Dalton to just south of the Ambler mining district and on to Nome. Route two, or the middle road, would lead along the Yukon. Route three, the longest and most expensive road, would begin in Nenana and head south of the Yukon, possibly connect the Donlin mining area along the Kuskokwim with a major traffic artery.

Rafson said that drawbacks for route one, the shortest and least expensive alternative at 440 miles and a price tag of \$3.1 billion, include that the route would cross the Koyukuk national wildlife refuge. Rafson said from his experience with a proposed road in the Izembek National wildlife refuge, crossing a federalized area designated for wildlife protection could mean a lot of trouble for a road project in terms of permitting.

Alternative number three, Rafson said would also cross federal lands and it is the longest and most expensive alternative at 620 miles and an estimated cost of \$5 billion.

"We are leaning toward route 2, the middle route. It would be of the most service to the villages," Rafson said. Mining interests would benefit from the other two alternatives.

The study is at a reconnaissance level right now, said Rafson, but some thinking went into the possibility to have spur roads built that could connect the Yukon route with

either the northern Ambler district or the southern Donlin mining district. "People need to understand that we're going into an analysis of benefits building this road and that we are refining cost estimates — right

now we have rough cost estimates from \$3 to \$5 billion. We think we can reduce these cost estimates. At the same time we have to figure in

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## Family Doctor

**Vitamin D: Will it Ward off the Flu?**

**Bob Lawrence, MD Alaska Family Doctor**

Vitamin D may help prevent serious respiratory infections including influenza, tuberculosis, and common viral upper respiratory infections according to research out of Emory University published last month in the journal *Endocrine Practice*. The systematic review of research published since 1948 serves as an invitation for scientists to evaluate whether vitamin D supplementation can strengthen the immune system against serious viral illnesses like influenza.

Since the 1930s, fish oils have been known to lower the incidence of respiratory infections. In 2004, researchers demonstrated that Vitamin D given daily as cod liver oil reduced the average number of wintertime pediatric visits for respiratory infections in a group of New York City children.

Vitamin D is a steroid hormone produced in the skin after sun exposure. Unless supplemented in the diet, vitamin D levels in the blood drop significantly in the winter months due to reduced exposure to solar radiation. This effect is seen year-round in those who remain exclusively indoors, like some nursing home patients.

Increasingly, scientists from various medical fields suggest that a deficiency of vitamin D explains why the elderly, malnourished, and children are more susceptible to influenza. In 1987, the late British epidemiologist Edgar Hope-Simpson published a radical theory suggesting that influenza does not obey the rules of infectious disease. Rather, the flu seems to respond to what Hope-Simpson called a "seasonal stimulus." He believed this seasonal stimulus was directly related to a lack of solar radiation during the winter months in the northern hemisphere.

Vitamin D levels may be maintained at a healthy level throughout winter months by supplementing the diet. Traditionally, adequate amounts of vitamin D are obtained by eating wild salmon, seal oil, or other marine foods. In this sense, the Norton Sound region is one of the best places in the world to prevent vitamin D deficiency. Over-the-counter vitamin supplements containing at least 2000 units of vitamin D, equivalent to a single serving of wild salmon, may also help maintain steady levels throughout the winter when taken daily.

Though the news out of Emory and other research centers is encouraging, vitamin D is not considered the cure for the common cold nor should supplementing with vitamin D be considered a replacement for other measures recommended by the Centers for Disease Control including vaccination, frequent hand washing, and avoiding public settings when suffering from viral syndrome symptoms. From a public health point of view, however, especially here in the Arctic, vitamin D supplementation should be seen as a daily dose of sunshine even through the long, dark months of winter.

Dear Voters,

This is a letter of recommendation to elect Tim Smith to the NSEDC board. Tim Smith has been involved with Fish & Game biological studies and management since the '70s. He worked with musk ox in the '70s and then had a career as a biologist with Fish & Game in Nome working with fisheries and caribou, moose, bear etc. Smith was the original proponent of Salmon Lake fertilization that resulted in record numbers of red salmon and no-limit seining.

In the last six to eight years Smith and his wife Rita Smith have been managing and working the Hobson Creek hatchery and have hired me to help catch spawners and assist in egg-take. The hatchery has been inactive the last two years due to lack of funding but the last year in operation we counted almost 250,000 fry.

Along with the great things NSEDC does (grants, scholarships, etc.) a member on the NSEDC board has the potential to influence Fish & Game management and to promote fishery enhancement.

I am very concerned over the poor fish runs recently and would like someone on the board who understands the problem and has some good ideas on restoring the fish to a point where the racks are full and you don't have to count the survivors.

We need someone to vote for a minimal king and chum cap in the polluck bycatch fishery in which currently around half a million king and chum are thrown overboard that were headed to Western Alaska. The king crab appears to be thinned out by the way it took a record amount of time to catch the quota this year.

Smith is interested in exploring the potential of other fisheries to keep the fishing fleet going and bring jobs and capital to Western Alaska. A vote for Tim Smith is a vote for abundant fish and game.

Sincerely,  
Roger Thompson

Paid for by Roger Thompson

*I offer experience and dedication and have the desire to serve our great community for our greatest asset, our future, our children!*



**Please exercise your right to vote on October 6!**

*Thank you! ~Gloria Ann Karmun*

paid for by Gloria Karmun



## Obituaries

### Paul Raymond Phenix

Nome resident Paul Raymond Phenix, 59, died August 27 in Anchorage of congestive heart failure.

Paul was born August 21, 1950 in Fall River, Massachusetts to Raymond Phillip Phenix and Doris Gagnon. The family relocated to Burbank, California in 1953. An employment opportunity as aviation mechanic for Paul's father made the family embark upon an adventurous journey north to Alaska nine months after the birth of Paul's brother Roger. As one of the many "California 59ers" the Phenix family arrived in Anchorage on March 17, 1959 after enduring a two months journey up the frozen Alcan.

Paul graduated from Dimond High School, Anchorage in 1968. He joined the Army the same year and received his first training in avionic mechanics. He served his country in Vietnam from 1969 to 1970 and was honorably discharged a year later.

Paul counted fish for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game at Kvichik River in Bristol Bay and was a laborer for four years at Shemya AFB in the Aleutian Islands.

In 1979 he bought a 22 foot skiff and moved to Seldovia, working as a technician for Sea Galley Cannery until their closure in 1989. Paul then took on a job with the Aleutian Dragon Fisheries in Chignik for two years before relocating to Anchorage. He attended UAA's Electronics' Technology Program, earning a 4.00 GPA and the distinction of being a Chancellor's scholar.

Paul was hired as an Electronic Technician by the FAA in Nome in 1994 and ever since, has called this community his home. He loved his job and worked continuously for the FAA the past 15 years. During that time Paul obtained certifications and accomplished training courses too numerous to list. Two years ago he achieved the status of Airway Transportation System Specialist.

Paul was a very private man and spent most of his spare time reading, listening to audio books and watching movies and TV. He loved sports and was a devoted fan of the ACES.

The majority of Paul's estate has been donated to the communities of Nome and Teller. Paul's family would like to extend their appreciation to Cathy Chamberlain for all her support during this difficult time and for organizing the volunteer effort to distribute Paul's belongings. Paul's ashes were spread on Anvil Mountain on the evening of September 11. Paul's family wishes to thank everyone who attended the simple ceremony and provided great comfort by sharing memories.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents Doris and Ray Phenix. He is survived by his brother Roger and sister-in-law Anja Phenix of Healy.

### Yvonne Mozee

Yvonne Mozee, photographer and writer, was remembered Sept. 26 at a gathering of family and friends at UAS-Sitka.

Along with the sharing of memories was a display of some of Yvonne's photographs, taken over a lifetime filled with travel, interesting work and lasting friendships.

Mozee died Aug. 18 at SEARHC-Mt. Edgecumbe Hospital a few hours after suffering a stroke at the Sitka Pioneers Home, where she had been residing since February. She was 85.

Yvonne Yolande Mozee was born

April 25, 1924, in Anchorage, the daughter of Benjamin B. and Jessie (Harper) Mozee.

When she was 2, Yvonne and her two older sisters, Jeanne and Bonnie, went to live with family friends, Anna and Chet Edgar, on a farm near Portland, Ore.

At age 11 she moved to Nome where her father was the U.S. marshal. She graduated from Nome High School in 1941, and attended Willamette University, Salem, Ore., graduating in 1945.

She treasured her Nome friends, maintained contact with them throughout her life and made a number of trips to Nome to visit them.

After graduation Mozee went to New York City, where she became friends with members of the international peace organization Moral Rearmament. She joined the organization, and traveled widely during her 20 years with MRA, based at different times in New York City and Los Angeles, and also at MRA headquarters at Mackinac Island, Mich.

Mozee began her career as a photographer in 1965, when she joined the editorial staff of *PACE*, a general circulation magazine founded by MRA.

When word of Mozee's death was spread through the informal network linking her old MRA associates and friends, her editor at *PACE*, Bob Fleming, now of Kingston, Ontario, recalled her as a woman of "determination, charm (and) originality."

Susan Vilbert Hoar, a writer who worked with her at *PACE*, recalls Mozee as "highly intelligent and stimulating company, and her sense of humor was sparkling and reliably irreverent.

"Yvonne could have done the interviewing and writing as well as the photography," said Hoar, who now lives in England. "She was very sensitive about people and they opened up to her."

Mozee returned to Alaska in 1969 and joined the staff of the *Juneau Empire*. In the 1970s she lived for a year in Albuquerque, N.M., where her father and stepmother were living, before returning to Alaska, settling in Anchorage. She worked as a freelance photographer and traveled around the state and abroad, making new friends all the while.

She worked for the Tanana Chiefs Conference in Fairbanks from 1980 until

1982. She moved to Sitka in 1986 to be close to some longtime friends. She worked part-time for the *Daily Sitka Sentinel* for the next 10 years.

In Sitka Mozee became thoroughly involved in community activities, gaining many new friends. She hosted a show on Public Radio Station KCAW-FM for several years, and enjoyed cultural and music events of all kinds.

Mozee was proud of her heritage on both her mother's and father's sides. Her mother was the older sister of Walter Harper, an Athabascan Native who in 1913 became the first man to reach the summit of Mt. McKinley. Mozee devoted many years to organizing and archiving the papers of her father, Ben Mozee. She donated the papers to the Rasmuson Library at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks.

In addition to the publications she worked for, Mozee's photographs appeared in publications including *Alaska Journal*, *Alaska Woman*, *Alaska Magazine*, a bicentennial history of Alaska, and in exhibits at the Alaska State Museum, the Anchorage Historical and Fine Arts Museum and at the Alaska centennial celebration in Fairbanks. At the time of her death Mozee was working on a book of her photos.

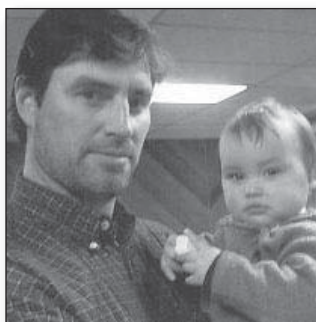
Survivors include a half-brother, Elliott "Bo" Mozee of Albuquerque, N.M.,



Yvonne Mozee

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### Ina Rene' Parker

Ina Rene' Parker was born to Grace and Wallace Parker, September 4, 1963 in Nome. Ina Rene' went to be with her Lord on August 28, in Nome.

Ina Rene' was raised and cared for by her parents, Grace, Wally and stepmother Shirley; her Auntie Lilly and Uncle Linne Rose; her Tlingit family, the Hopes; and her cousin Kathy and Chuck Holmes. As a result of her up-bringing Ina was a very compassionate person—helping others in any way she could, never saying no if she had the ability and means to provide assistance.

Ina Rene' valued education. She was unable to graduate from high school, but made sure to earn her GED. During the

course of her life, Ina Rene' took advantage of every educational opportunity given her—specializing in and honing her clerical and office management skills.

Ina Rene' was a "people person" so her career choices always included working with people. Attention to detail was a must; this work ethic of Ina's was invaluable. She was often recognized by her employers for the impressive work she accomplished.

Ina Rene' loved to travel—this she got from the Hope family; while living with them she went on all family vacations to California, Arizona, Seattle and Mexico. These vacations gave her an appetite for traveling. In 1988 Ina was offered a trip to Hawaii—she grabbed the brass ring and jumped on a plane—staying for nine years.

Ina Rene's Inupiaq heritage was her mainstay—giving her hope. She returned home from Hawaii to learn her cultural traditions. She loved to dance with the Kingikmuit Dance Group. She loved to gather and process her native foods. She loved family gatherings and was responsible for instigating and organizing many. She treasured her inherent cultural values.

No one will question the unconditional love, pride, hope and yearning Ina Rene' had for her children, the loves of her life Crystal, Stephanie, Cody, Shelby and Katherine. If she could move the world for her children she would move the world and at times she did. She moved the world.

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 <b>CAPRICORN</b> December 22–January 19 Nice guys do not always finish last, Capricorn. It's ok to be upbeat. In fact, that is the very attitude your supervisor seeks this week. A special prize is in store.	 <b>ARIES</b> March 21–April 19 A cheeky retort gets your mind working, and new possibilities become clear. Make no mistake about it. A family member isn't happy about a recent decision but will come to terms with it in time.	 <b>CANCER</b> June 22–July 22 Yes, oh yes, Cancer. The struggle to reach the top is worth it, and you will not fail. A furry friend's health crisis passes. Get them a little something to celebrate.	 <b>LIBRA</b> September 23–October 22 You like flying solo, but a tough assignment calls for some teamwork, Libra. Gather the troops and divide and conquer. Someone new comes into your life.
 <b>AQUARIUS</b> January 20–February 18 Pay no heed to the expectations of others, Aquarius. You only need to satisfy yourself. A courageous friend gets off to a rocky start. Lend them your support.	 <b>TAURUS</b> April 20–May 20 It's never too late to teach an old dog new tricks. Go ahead and trade up, Taurus. You will handle the matter with ease. A conflict is resolved at home.	 <b>LEO</b> July 23–August 22 What happens at home this week is nothing short of a miracle. Get out the party hats and horns and invite everyone over for a fine feast, Leo. You all deserve it!	 <b>SCORPIO</b> October 23–November 21 Believe in yourself, Scorpio, and you will not only meet but exceed your wildest expectations. Travel plans hit a major snag. No need to fear. Help is on the way!
 <b>PISCES</b> February 19–March 20 You don't like to say "I told you so," but this is your chance, Pisces. All of those naysayers have it coming. A report raises more questions than are answered.	 <b>GEMINI</b> May 21–June 21 No, no, no, Gemini. Your desire to please certain people no matter what the cost is allowing them to walk all over you. Stand up for yourself. A financial snafu is a blessing in disguise.	 <b>VIRGO</b> August 23–September 22 A mistake in judgment comes back to haunt you. Fess up, Virgo. If you don't, you will never hear the end of it. Make a point to be extra nice at home, and attitudes will change.	 <b>SAGITTARIUS</b> November 22–December 21 From failure often comes success, Sagittarius. Keep that in mind this week at work. If at first you don't succeed, try and try again. You will be victorious.

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Ina Rene’ is survived by her children Crystal and Stephanie Campbell of Montana, Cody Cordeiro of Hawaii, Shelby Cordeiro and Katherine Scott of Nome; mother Grace Tungwenuk Parker of Nome; sisters and brothers, Jill Kirkman, Dean, Wanda, Michael, Timothy and Candice Parker; aunts Lilly Rose, Sophie Nothstine, Reba Dickson, uncle Linne Rose and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Ina Rene’ was preceded in death by an infant sister Carla; her father Wallace Parker, step mother Shirley Parker; great-grandparents Adele and Louis Tungwenuk; and aunts Virginia, Louise, Amy, Mina and uncle Thomas.

In saying our final farewells to Ina Rene’, may we remember the way she lit up the room by her mere presence, the comfort she so willingly gave, her great sense of humor and easy laugh, and most important, her unconditional love for her family and friends. We are going to miss you so very, very, very much.



Ina Rene’ Parker

**Andrew James Goldsberry “Kunayak”  
Dec. 8, 1983-Sept. 12, 2009**

Andrew was born in Nome on December 8, 1983 to Nancy and Victor Goldsberry. He was named for various Andrews and Jameses in his family, especially his uncles Andrew Kunayak, Sr., and James Kiminock. His Inupiaq name came for his deceased apa John Kunayak.

While it was not easy growing up as the sixth of what would be seven children, Andrew loved his family and grew up accustomed to large extended families. He was a natural athlete who im-

proved his skills by running, working out and playing sports; especially basketball. He played basketball beginning in elementary school and continuing through adulthood until the last couple of years when the physical pain of playing just became too much. He competed at numerous city league tournaments throughout the Seward Peninsula. His pleasant manner, smiles and superb “hoop” skills were familiar in many villages. He also organized, played on and managed basketball teams for the Iditarod Basketball Tournament. He won that tournament three times. In the summers he kept active playing city league softball for as long as he was physically able. He loved to fish and hunt, most recently bird hunting with his brother Ayaqa and his lab Dozer he’d trained to be a good retriever.

Like every teenager, Andrew went through a trial and error period. He hit a couple of rocky patches but was always able to pull through. He obtained his GED, straightened himself out, got his life together and went to work. Andrew was pleasant, polite, and popular. He was always the first to lend a hand to friends and relatives. He was young, hard working, smart, eager to learn and enjoyed his life.

Andrew’s life changed once again for the better with the birth of his son Caden in June of 2004. While it wasn’t easy at times being a young dad and learning how to be a father, Andrew always supported Caden and recently had been more involved in his life. His last week alive he picked up Caden everyday from school and when Caden’s mom picked him up on Friday she got an earfull from Caden! He wanted his dad!

Andrew worked from an early age at various jobs until he got his dream job that was to be his undoing. Dependable, eager to learn, a hard worker, strong and young he went to work on the construction of the new Nome Joint Utilities power plant. He was learning construction from start to, he hoped, finish. He was making enough money to fix up his house (and learning the skills to do it), buy a decent truck and snowmachine, and attend a friend’s wedding in Hawaii, and his brother’s wedding in Wasilla. He’d been a good barber for years. He considered attending formal schooling and opening his own barbershop/beauty salon. Earlier thoughts of formal schooling and becoming a personal trainer resurfaced. The skills he was learning would hopefully lead to other jobs; perhaps he would have a career in a construction trade. He was dependable, sober, with simple tastes, saving money for his and his son’s future. He was on a roll with a bright future ahead of him.

Then disaster struck. A panel weighing about 150 pounds was being placed at the powerhouse. It slipped. Andrew caught it. He tried to continue working,

couldn’t, was sent to the hospital where a two year and nine months boondoggle of errors and bureaucratic shuffling began that ended with his death on September 12. After a lay off, the hospital cleared him to return to work. He tried but couldn’t. The pain was too much. Not diagnosed, then misdiagnosed a couple of times he used up his savings traveling to Anchorage to see specialist doctors. He was told he would never work construction again. He was not to lift more than five pounds. He had constant and sometimes as he described it “unimaginable” pain. He received workers’ compensation for a while till it was denied. Lawyers would tell him, if they answered his calls, that he had a good case. But he had no money to hire a lawyer. He then went to work at Subway, always smiling, always in pain. He had one operation on his spinal cord. It helped a bit but not for long. He had muscle tears in his back and shoulder that needed repair. He had nerve damage tending towards numbness on one side and constant to “unimaginable” pain. He had discs that needed to be repaired and vertebrae that needed to be fused. He had spinal cord operations that needed to be done with only a 50/50 chance of improvement that the surgeons did not wish to perform now because of his young age. Arthritis was setting in. The neurosurgeon prescribed a pain treatment regimen that worked. Another doctor would change it and return him to the “unimaginable” pain that at rest could bring tears streaming from his eyes and down his face, and crying himself to sleep at night till 3:30 or 5:30 in the morning and leaving him unable to get out of bed on his days off as he lay exhausted in tears. Then the system of revolving doctors would give him a doctor who would listen to him and look at his, by this time, almost 4 inches tall stack of medical reports, change his medication and he would have a brief respite from the unimaginable pain till he got a new doctor. He spent hours and days on the computer researching his condition, possible medication. He was nervous about his prescriptions, worried about addiction, worried about physical damage, worried about his kidneys, his liver. He only knew he would never be made whole again. He was a tough young man. Pain he could bear— his increasing deteriorating physical condition and the increasingly “unimaginable” pain he couldn’t. He was trying to survive until some surgery, some surgeon, some pharmaceutical could be effective enough for him to have a life and did not appreciate being called an addict by a doctor. He had decided the janitorial at Subway in the evenings was contributing to his problems. He had to quit that and had to have a day or two off in a week so he could recuperate enough to go back to work. His family said they’d help more with his bills, suggested other ways of

making a living. He was looking into the possibility of disability through Medicare.

Slightly after midnight and work at Subway on now September 12, he called friends who were showing pictures of a trip to Cape Espenberg he’d been invited on but had been unable to go on because of his work. He went by later, talked, saw someone home, parked his truck, walked back to his friends, chatted, went home about 5:00 a.m. At home he wrote a composed, thoughtful, loving letter to his family. The discordant note was his damning to Hell by name five persons who could have made a difference for him from the time of his injury on, but didn’t. He tried hard. He tried to do things right. The system failed him. He did not fail the system. Then he lay down and went to sleep forever to the realm where there is no pain. The pain in Andrew’s back left him feeling hopeless. He had constant pain. This he could bear.

The increasingly more frequent and more severe “unimaginable” debilitating pain he could not. He went from being the star athlete to watching on the sidelines. A man who could once bench-press 400 pounds was told by doctors to lift no more than five pounds. It seemed every other doctor would listen to him, try to help him. Every other one would treat him as some kind of malingering drug addict. He’d come home from the hospital with tears of frustration as well as pain. His future to him was more of the same, only worse.

Andrew always loved life, he had a smile that could make everything seem better and people instantly feel happy. He loved life so much that once he felt he could no longer live with increasingly unimaginable pain, he couldn’t bear to go on. Among Andrew’s final thoughts were these “Rhonda, tell Caden I love him dearly and he was the best thing that could have happened to both of us,” “Love you son and all my family,” “I love everybody that has taken part in my life,” “Life is too short so live it while you can,” and finally “Love all and everybody.” Andrew Goldsberry left us on September 12, 2009. He is finally free from pain.

Passing before Andrew were his brothers Kevin in 1990 and Kavi in 2007; his grandparents John and Florence Kiminock, Victor and Joanne Goldsberry; aunts, uncles, cousins from both side of his family. He is survived by his beloved son Caden Hanebuth and his mother Rhonda Hanebuth; his brothers LieuDell and wife Carmill Goldsberry, Harry, and Samuel Goldsberry; his sister Lillian Buffas, and his nephews and nieces. He is survived and will be remembered by his friends and relatives from Barrow to Anchorage and beyond and in Chukotka, especially his Diomed Islands and King Island aunts, uncles,

and cousins the Kunayaks, Kiminocks, Alvannas, Muktoyuks, Soolooks, Moggs, Ozennas, Angusucs and all in those communities.

Even though he was in constant pain it was Andrew’s manner to be smiling whether to customers at Subway or passers by on the street. Even though he was in pain it was in Andrew’s nature to still help in anyway he could. His son Caden growing up will now only know his dad from stories. His family and friends will miss the stop-bys for a cup of coffee and a chat, and the just-checking-in-on-you. His dog Dozer that waited with him till he was found will miss the walks with and retrieving for his master. Friends and relatives will miss the smiling young man who showed up with his hair clippers and scissors. Friends and relatives will miss the lift to the store, the ride to the airport. He always had a helping hand even when he could no longer do what he once was able to do. All who knew him will miss him. Remember him as that strong, healthy, smiling, young man he was for such a brief period of time. He had grown into a fine, sensible, young man mature beyond his years. His family loved him and is proud of him.

Funeral services for Andrew were held Sunday, September 20, by Pastor Arnold at the Nome Rec Center, “Also please have my funeral at the Rec Center so everyone will attend,” as he requested. The Rec Center was full. Burial was immediately after the service at the Nome Cemetery and he was buried, “I would like to be buried right next to my brother” as he asked. A potluck and Eskimo Dancing by his Diomed Islands and King Island relatives and other relatives and friends followed as requested by a couple of the drummers, his uncles.



Andrew James Goldsberry

*Church Services Directory*

**Bible Baptist Church Service Schedule, 443-2144**  
**Sunday** School 10 a.m./**Worship** Hour 11 a.m.

**Community Baptist Church-SBC**  
108 West Third, **443-5448**  
**Small Group Bible Study** 10 a.m.  
**Sunday** Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
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**Community United Methodist**  
2nd Ave. West, **443-2865**  
**Sunday** 11 a.m. Worship  
**Tuesday** 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

**Thrift Shop** — Tuesday & Thursday 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

**Nome Covenant Church**  
101 Bering St. **443-2565 • Pastor Harvey**  
**Sunday** School 9:45 a.m./**Sunday** Worship 11 a.m.  
**Wednesday:** Fellowship Meal 5:30 p.m./Ladies’ Bible Study, Mens’ Fraternity & Children’s Choir 6:30 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** Youth Group 7 p.m. (call 443-7218 for location)  
**Friday:** Community Soup Kitchen 6 - 7 p.m.

**Our Savior Lutheran Church**  
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Sunday School & Bible Study 9:45 a.m.  
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**River of Life Assembly of God, 443-5333**  
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**Sunday** Worship Service 11 a.m.  
**Wednesday** Night Service 6:30 p.m.

**St. Joseph Catholic Church, 443-5527**  
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**Mass Schedule: Saturday** 5:30 p.m./**Sunday** 10:30 a.m.

**Seventh-Day Adventist (Icy View), 443-5137**  
**Saturday** Sabbath School 10 a.m.  
**Saturday** Morning Worship 11 a.m.

**Nome Church of Nazarene**  
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**Sunday:** Prayer Meeting 9:30 a.m./Sunday School 9:45 a.m./ Worship Service 11 a.m.

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**NOME ESKIMO COMMUNITY** is requesting proposals from qualified, licensed and insured **ELECTRICIANS** for work on a major home renovation in Nome. Written proposals will be accepted until 12:00 pm (noon) on 2 October 2009, at the Nome Eskimo Community offices at 200 West 5th Ave. Bid packages including scopes of work, bid forms, wage determinations, bid rating factors and other required information may be obtained from the NEC Housing office in the shop building behind NEC's Administrative offices. Bidders will be required to visit the project site prior to submitting their proposal to gain a clear understanding of the scope of work. Contact Glen Pardy, Housing Director, at (907) 443-9105, for more information. 9/24/ 10/1

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9/24; 10-1

## Trooper Beat

On September 17, at approximately 12:00 p.m., Merrissa Acoman, 20, of St. Michael, and Darcy Chiskok, 19, of St. Michael, were both arrested after investigation by the VPO in St. Michael revealed that they had assaulted two different individuals and violated their probation by consuming alcohol. Investigation also determined that Darcy Chiskok resisted arrest and assaulted a family member.

On September 17, at 1:45 p.m., Darlene Chiskok, 29, of St. Michael, was arrested after investigation by the VPO revealed that she violated her probation by consuming alcohol.

On September 17, at 2:30 p.m., Ronald Otten, 37, of St. Michael was arrested after investigation by VPO revealed that he violated his probation by consuming alcohol.

On September 19, Nome Alaska Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Enforcement arrested Timothy L. Moore, 39, of Elim, on an outstanding warrant for Evidence Tampering, Felony Alcohol Importation, Misd Alcohol Importation and Violate Conditions of Release. Incident to arrest, Moore was found to be in possession of illegal prescription narcotics and in violation of his conditions of release. Moore was transported to AMCC. Charges will be forwarded to the Nome DAO.

On September 19, at 3:52 a.m., Brevig Mission VPSO Winfred Olanna received a report from a village resident who said she just heard a gunshot in the area and her brother, Harry Olanna, has been drinking. Investigation revealed Olanna, 19, of Brevig Mission, fired a 22 rifle in his room after drinking two bottles of R & R whiskey. Olanna was arrested for Misconduct Involving Weapon IV and Minor Consuming Alcohol and transported to Nome where he was lodged at AMCC.

On September 19, at about 3:50 p.m., the Saint Michael medical personnel notified Nome AST of the unexpected death of a 22-year old male, Francis A. Johnson of Saint Michael. Next of kin were notified. Alcohol does not appear to

be a factor. Foul play is not suspected. The remains were sent to the State Medical Examiner's Office. The investigation is on going.

On September 19, at about 10:00 p.m., a Gambell VPO observed an intoxicated Dana James, 27, of Gambell, drive a four wheeler from a local store. James was subsequently arrested for Driving Under the Influence, Assault IV on a peace officer, Resisting Arrest, and probation violation. James was telephonically arraigned then transported to Nome where he was lodged at AMCC.

On September 20, at about 7:00 a.m., the Gambell VPO was requested to remove Stephan Apangalook, 19, of Gambell, from his residence. Apangalook was subsequently arrested for Habitual MCA and probation violation and telephonically arraigned. Apangalook was then transported to Nome where he was lodged at AMCC.

On September 20, at about 11:16 a.m., Nome AST was notified of the death of 22-year-old female, Tammy Dickson in Teller. Next of kin was notified and the State Medical Examiner's Office requested the remains be sent to Anchorage for autopsy. The investigation is on going.

On September 21, at approximately 8:45 a.m., Stebbins VPO Dan contacted Nome AST to report an overdue boat. VPO Dan reported that Bruce Pete, 33, and Opal Dan, 37, both of Stebbins, had left the village on September 20, to go fishing and had not returned. Searchers located Pete and Dan approximately 13 miles from Stebbins. The pair experienced motor trouble and had become stranded. No injuries were reported and both Pete and Dan were in good condition. AST thanks VPO Dan and Stebbins searchers for their efficient and professional response to this incident.

On September 24, Unalakleet AST learned of a theft of an Ipod from the St. Michael School that occurred during the middle of the month. The Ipod was recovered but was broken, two juvenile suspects have been identified and charges are being forwarded to the Juvenile Probation office.

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## Seawall

**9/22**  
Edward Muktoyuk, DOB: 11/7/66, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault in the 4th Degree.

**9/23**  
Natham Skains, DOB: 5/21/81m received a citation for Failing to Stop at a Stop Sign.  
Roger Gomez, DOB: 8/6/81, was arrested and booked into AMCC on an Arrest Warrant.

**9/24**  
Burlene Oliver, DOB: 1/23/76, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Probation Violation.

**9/25**  
Harvey Agloinga, DOB: 3/13/75, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Probation Violation.  
Nellie Trigg, DOB: 6/30/85, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Tampering with Physical Evidence.

**9/26**  
Vincent Kavairlook, DOB: 7/7/76, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Drunk on Licensed Premises.

Thomas Saccheus, DOB: 12/13/87, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Criminal Trespass.

A Nome juvenile female received a citation for Failure to Stop at a Stop Sign.

**9/27**  
Mary Weinard, DOB: 12/26/87, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Disorderly Conduct.  
Daisy Weinard, DOB: 5/9/90, received a citation for Minor Consuming Alcohol.

Mary Iyakitan, DOB: 4/17/90, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Probation Violation.  
Nicholas Oozeva, DOB: 12/7/83, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Probation Violation.

**9/28**  
Delight Aukon, DOB: 3/22/87, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Disorderly Conduct.  
During this reporting period we had five (5) persons transported to the hospital for a Title 47, Protective Custody Hold.

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## Legals

**In the Superior Court for the State of Alaska Second Judicial District at Nome**  
In the Matter for the Change of Name for:  
**Maliya Malani Ozenna,**  
Current name of Minor,  
Notice of Petition to Change Name

A petition has been filed in the Superior Court (Case # 2NO-09-00235CI) requesting a name change from (current name) **Maliya Malani**

**Ozenna to Maliya Malani Ivanoff.** A hearing on this request will be held on October 26, 2009 at 1 p.m. at the Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street P.O. BOX 1110 Nome, AK. 9/10-17-24-10/1

**In the Superior Court for the State of Alaska Second Judicial District at Nome**  
In the Matter for the Change of Name for:  
**Makaya Marlie Ozenna,**

Current name of Minor,  
Notice of Petition to Change Name

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### •Road to Nome

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money for those spur roads, to connect to those mineral resources,” Rafson explained. He also said that a mining company shouldered the cost to build a road to the Pogo mine. “I would expect that would be a model in the future,” Rafson said.

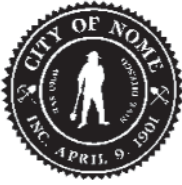
But before any more thoughts go into accommodating resource developers, the DOT needs more funds to even pursue whatever comes out of the study. Surveys, environmental studies and public involvement are steps in the process to get a major project such as this off the ground. While no official public involvement has been invited – yet – Rafson said he welcomes people’s comments. “I think there is a lot of interest from the villages,” Rafson said. With the high cost of fuel, power and the transportation costs for the basic necessities, a road, railroad connection or even a gas line, could mean wel-

come energy cost relief. “But there is also reservation how a road would affect their subsistence resources,” Rafson said.

Blazing the trail with a road to

connect the rest of Alaska to Nome ideas are being tossed around as it could lead to development of a railroad nearby, a gas line or even build-

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• More Obituaries

Charles Gilbert Bergamaschi

Charles Gilbert Bergamaschi was born to Mary Laura Bergamaschi and James Bergamaschi in Nome, Alaska on January 11, 1956. He was fondly called "Charlie" by everyone except when he was a child when he was called "Little Gil" after one of the uncles from whom he got his middle name. Charlie was raised in Nome for the first six years of his life. In January 1960 he and all his siblings were sent to the Jesse Lee Home in Seward. The Home was later moved to Anchorage.

Charlie graduated from high school and then went on to trade school. He worked for years with Montgomery Ward and Johnson Tires where he won awards for work excellence. Charlie came to

Nome in the late seventies when he met his partner Betty Attatayuk and together they had three children. He worked for MJW, Inc. and Alaska Cab Garage. He then moved to Anchorage and returned home to Nome in 2007. He continued to work for MJW, Inc.

Charles loved to fish, drive, camp, walk and find small treasures. He loved cats as well. Charles also loved to watch his grandchildren. He would give anyone the shirt off his back and was truly loved by his family and friends.

Charles is survived by his siblings Cheryl Bergamaschi Earnshaw and husband Vernon of Nome; Raymond J. Ozenna and wife Cheryl of Orange County, CA; James Bergamaschi and wife Kathy of White Mountain; Napoleon J. Bergamaschi of Nome; Esther M. Rowland and husband David of Brookville, FL; Dorothy Peterson and husband Karl of Nome; and Laura Fahey of Nome; children Joseph Attatayuk and wife Edna Eakon; Mary Bergamaschi and fiancé' Darren Iyatunguk; and Ada Bergamaschi

and partner Dale Ahnangnatoguk; nieces and nephews Shawn Bergamaschi; Terrence Earnshaw and wife Jennifer; Loren Earnshaw and wife Jeanette; Michael Bergamaschi Earnshaw; January Bergamaschi Earnshaw; J.R. Ozenna; Theodore Willoya; Aaliq Rowland; Cindy Shawn, Shane, Chipper, Asa, and Melody Bergamaschi; and grandchildren Mary Ann, Dolly, Jamie, and Allen Ahnangnatoguk; Thomas Sinnock; Naomi Minix; Winona, Johanna, Michael, and Giada Iyatunguk. Charles was preceded in death by his

parents Mary Laura Ozenna Bergamaschi and James Bergamaschi, Sr.; uncles John Kolowigi, John Bergamaschi Sr., Napoleon Bergamaschi Sr., and others; aunt Pauline Farkas; sister Bessie Ann Bergamaschi; and grandparents Napoleon J. Bessie Bergamaschi, and Jackson and Anne Ozenna.  
May Charles rest in peace safely in God's loving arms.

Happy Birthday Greetings  
October 1,  
Auntie Edna Sue Oliver  
October 2,  
Cousin Danielle Scott

Love, Laraine Rose Olanna  
Enjoy!

Thanks

Andrew Goldsberry's family gives their heartfelt thanks to all of Andrew's friends, acquaintances and relatives who shared their love for Andrew and grief at his loss with us. Your visits, assistance, phone calls, cards and letters of condolence and remembrance are appreciated and will be remembered. Thanks to all of you who attended the funeral services and burial and all who brought food for and attended the potluck and celebrated his life with the dancing afterwards.

Andrew was a helpful young man with a ready smile who had many friends and a large family. He touched many lives. There are too many of you to mention individually but we would especially like to thank Pastor Arnold, Jon Berkeley, Kerry Brunette, Bering Straits Native Corporation, City of Nome/Nome Rec Center/Chip Leeper, Diomed Drummers and Dancers, Jim Dory and Carol Gales, Al Haddadi, Willie Hoogendorn, Otis Hukill, King Island Choir, King Island Dancers and Drummers and Dancers, Mary Knodel, Jon and Angela Larson, Kendra Nichols, Nome Public Schools, Nome Youth Facility, Randy Pomeranz and Subway, Kris Busk, Igor Soudakov, Don Stiles, Michael and Etta Tall, Nolan Vacek, Bryan Weyauvanna and Karen Olanna.

Again thank all of you who cared and shared. — Andrew Goldsberry's family

Unalakleet Native Corporation  
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To the Unalakleet Native Corporation Shareholders:

Nomination forms are now available for shareholders interested in running for a two (2) year term for the Board of Directors. Closing Date is **3rd of October 2009**. Please write to Box 100 or call at **(907) 624-3411** to request a nomination form.

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Land Department Daily Summer/Fall Office Schedule

Dear SNC Shareholders and Non-shareholder Permit Holders:

The SNC Land Department will be available Monday through Friday during summer (when fishing season starts) and fall (when hunting season starts), from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Though staff may be available from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, it is only guaranteed staff will be available from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Monday through Friday, during the summer and fall. The remaining office hours of the work day may be reserved for field work. Prior to freeze-up, SNC Land staff conducts campsite and other permit holder's corner post marking as well as other field examination work, which necessitates normal office hours closure.

If any SNC permit holders find that this schedule is inconvenient, please call Land Manager Bruce Tungwenuk at **907-387-1220** or Land Technician Theresa Kenick at **907-387-1224**. Staff will always be available for prearranged appointments, during the summer and fall.

Winter (at freeze-up) and spring (when the snow starts melting) the SNC Land Department hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.



NOTICE OF ANNUAL  
AT-LARGE MEMBER SELECTION

NSED is seeking individuals interested in serving a one-year term as an at-large member on the NSED Finance Committee.

The Financial Advisory Committee reviews financial reports, including investment performance, to help insure the Corporation's financial stability. Without limitation of the foregoing, the Committee will review:

- a. Investment performance and asset allocation at least once each quarter,
- b. All loan programs by the fourth quarter, annually, and
- c. All loan portfolios quarterly.

Interested individuals should submit a Statement of Interest with:

- 1. their name, address, and contact information;
- 2. a brief summary of their background, especially as it relates to this position;

The deadline to submit Statements of Interest is **October 9, 2009**. The Board of Directors will review each Statement at the Annual Meeting of Directors in November. Please contact Kathy Wheelehan at **800 650-2248** if you have any questions. Thank you for your interest.

Statements may be faxed to **(907) 274-2249**, emailed to **Kathy@nsedc.com**, or mailed to:

NSED Board of Directors  
420 L Street Suite 310  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

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SOLOMON NATIVE CORPORATION  
SPECIAL ANNUAL MEETING OF  
SHAREHOLDERS

- Special meeting to be held at
  - > Pioneer Hall
  - > 2:00PM
  - > October 10, 2009.
- Shareholders have been mailed a newsletter of the Notice and an ANNUAL MEETING PACKET.
- Shareholders can either e-mail, fax, mail or call the Corporation in Anchorage or Nome for more information.

Contact number in Nome is **907-443-7526** and Anchorage **907-222-6668** fax is same and the e-mail listed in the mailout Solomon Native Corporation sent to all shareholders.

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CITY OF NOME

PUBLIC NOTICE OF IDENTITY OF CANDIDATES

The following persons have filed for elected office in the October 6, 2009 City of Nome Municipal, School Board, Utility Board and NSED Member Representative Election:

<u>MAYOR</u>	<u>TWO (2 YEAR TERM)</u> Michels, Denise L.
<u>CITY COUNCIL</u> Seat C	<u>THREE (3) YEAR TERM</u> Pomeranz, Randy Green Jr., Louie
<u>CITY COUNCIL</u> Seat D	<u>THREE (3) YEAR TERM</u> Andersen, Stan
<u>UTILITY BOARD</u> Seat A	<u>TWO (2) YEAR TERM</u> West Jr, Jim Johanson, Patrick S
<u>UTILITY BOARD</u> Seat C	<u>THREE (3) YEAR TERM</u> Barron, Dave P.
<u>SCHOOL BOARD</u> Seat C	<u>THREE (3) YEAR TERM</u> Schmidt, Lynette Payenna, Heather M. Alowa, Joel K
<u>SCHOOL BOARD</u> Seat D	<u>THREE (3) YEAR TERM</u> Brennan, Elisabeth "Betsy" Karmun, Gloria A.
<u>NSED Member Representative</u>	<u>THREE (3) YEAR TERM</u> Stiles, Don Smith, Tim Andersen, Stan Thomas, Robin Brock, Steve

Any person having information intending to establish that any City of Nome Municipal, School Board or Utility board candidate may be ineligible to fill the office for which he or she has declared may challenge the eligibility of the candidate to hold office. A challenge may be submitted at any time preceding the date and time of the municipal election and must be submitted to the City Clerk, City Hall, located at 102 Division Street, Nome, Alaska.

**NSED** - Any person having information intended to establish that any candidate for NSED Member Representative may be ineligible to fill that office may challenge the eligibility of the candidate by submitting the information in writing to **NSED, 420 L Street, Suite 420, Anchorage, AK 99501**, Attn: Kathy Wheelehan. Challenges may be submitted by mail; by fax: **(907) 274-2249**; or by email: **kathy@nsedc.com**, at any time preceding the date and time of the election.

Sandy Babcock, City Clerk/Treasurer

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• *Road to Nome*

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ing a power line.

Asked if the road would be kept open year-round, Rafson said that he

was not sure about that part. He has done some cost estimates and it would cost \$15 million a year just for routine maintenance. And as for road construction and design, he said the

department has learned valuable lessons from the Nome-Council Highway which is not open beyond Farley's camp after October as the deep cuts drift in with snow.

Once the final report comes out by the end of 2009, a potential road to Nome needs to get the state's approval before additional funding is allocated. Then a formal public in-

volvement period would begin. But for now, Rafson said, he welcomes people's thoughts and input.

Court

Week ending 9/25

Civil

Panzone, Mark et al vs. Richards, William et al; Intentional Tort - Superior Court  
State of Alaska, Dept of Revenue, CSSD vs. Stone, Howard A.; Petition for Order re PFD or Native Dividend

Small Claims

Cornerstone Credit Services LLC vs. Kuzuguk, Stephanie K.; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Deft. Cert Mail  
Cornerstone Credit Services LLC vs. Ferreira, Johnnie; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Deft. Cert Mail

Criminal

State of Alaska v. David Walluk (12/6/82); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110700909; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 5 days, remanded into custody; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Courtney Amakttoolik (12/5/90); 2NO-09-32CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110700387; Violated conditions of probation; No action taken; Probation terminated.

State of Alaska v. Courtney Amakttoolik (12/5/90); 2NO-09-165CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110701278; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All Remaining Time; This Court Recommends placement at Seaside CRC; Remanded into custody.

State of Alaska v. Courtney Amakttoolik (12/5/90); 2NO-09-582CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Minor Consuming Alcohol—Habitual; Filed by the DAs Office 9/17/09.

State of Alaska v. Jonathan Elachik (8/17/76); 2NO-08-519CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110126628; Violated conditions of probation; No action is taken; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Jonathan Elachik (8/17/76); 2NO-09-324CR Assault 4°; Date of offense: 6/5/09; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 360 days, 180 days suspended; Unsuspended 180 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 11/24/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall not contact, directly or indirectly, with P.M. without her consent; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store.

State of Alaska v. Jonathan Elachik (8/17/76); 2NO-09-493CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Violation of Conditions of Release; Filed by the DAs Office 9/21/09.

State of Alaska v. Peter Waghiyi (8/19/63); Importation of Alcohol; Date of offense: 9/08/08; Any appearance of performance bond is exonerated; 4 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 4 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Fine: \$1500 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$1500 fine through Nome Trial Courts within 9 months; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated.

State of Alaska v. Reginald Bright (7/3/50); Judgment of Acquittal of Counts 1, 2, and 3; Count 1: Assault 4°—Reckless Injury; Count 002: Assault 4—Cause Fear Of Injury; Count 003: Assault 4—Cause Fear Of Injury; Defendant came before the court for a court trial on 9/22/09, with counsel, William McMillen, Public Defender, and Wayne Cary, DA present; The jury has returned a verdict of NOT GUILTY; IT IS THEREFORE ORDRED that the defendant is acquitted and discharged and that any appearance or performance bond executed on behalf of the defendant is exonerated, and any cash or other security posted as bail be refunded or released to depositors.

State of Alaska v. Geoffrey Milligrock (4/29/84); Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 8/3/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance of performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 30 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days have been served; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 4/1/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not contact K.T.—G. without consent.

State of Alaska v. Jeffrey L. Avery (8/14/57); 2NO-09-378CR Count 001: DUI; Date of offense: 6/27/09; CTN Chrgs Dismissed: 002 (ct 2), 003 (ct 3); 60 days, with 57 days suspended; Report by 11/1/09 to: AMCC; Consecutive to count 4; Fine: \$1500 with \$0 suspended; \$1500 due 10/15/09; Police Training Surcharge: \$75, \$0 suspended; \$75 due 10 days from date of this judgment (9/21/09); Jail Surcharge \$150 with \$100 suspended; \$50 due, payable to Collections Unit, AGs Office, Anchorage; Cost of Imprisonment: \$330, \$0 suspended; Full amount due payable to Collections Unit, AGs Office, Anchorage; Complete Substance Abuse Treatment

Assessment: Contact local ASAP (likely Wasilla area) by 11/30/09; Complete screening, evaluation and recommended program; Program may include residential treatment up to 60 days plus required aftercare in addition to any jail time ordered above; Defendant responsible for costs; File proof by 12/1/90 that you received an assessment, and file proof by 9/1/10 that you followed all assessment recommendations; Obey Driver's License Directives; Driver's license revoked for 90 days; Concurrent with DMV action; Use an Ignition Interlock Device: Costs of IID will be deducted from fine if you file proof of payment before fine due date; After you regain privilege to drive or obtain a limited license, you must use an ignition interlock device (IID) as directed in the IID Information Sheet (CR-483) for 12 months during your probation period; Probation until 9/21/09; (3 years) subject to following conditions: Obey all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Commit no jailable offenses; Do not possess or consume alcohol for a period ending 3 years from date of this judgment; Other: Subject to warrantless search of person and baggage at airports en route to local option communities; Warrantless breath test upon request of any peace officer; Warrantless arrest for any violation of probation.

State of Alaska v. Jeffrey Lin Avery (8/14/57); 2NO-09-378CR Count 4: Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 6/27/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: 2, 3, (002, 003); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 60 days, 45 days suspended; Unsuspended 15 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC consecutive to count 1; Forfeit alcohol to State; Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 9/21/11, subject tot conditions set forth in court 1.

State of Alaska v. Neil Hoogendorn (7/10/89); 2NO-09-235CR Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 4/6/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance of performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 30 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 9/21/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not contact Andrea Douglas without consent; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in his residence, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer.

State of Alaska v. Neil Hoogendorn (7/10/89); 2NO-09-545CR Count 2: Minor Consuming Alcoholic Beverage; Date of offense: 5/23/09; Count 1 (001) dismissed by S.O.A.; Fined: \$300 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$200 to Nome Clerk of Court, or show proof of completing 66 hours of community work service, by 12/1/09; Shall attend Alcohol Information School at his own expense and show proof of completion to court within 90 days; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 9/21/09); shall not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages; Shall pay the fine or show proof of community work service, as ordered; Shall show proof of completing Alcohol Information School if ordered.

State of Alaska v. Ryan Antoghame (10/16/76); 2NO-09-420CR Count 2: Assault 4°; Date of offense: 7/12/09; Partial Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: Cts 1 (001) and 3 (003); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 180 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 180 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC consecutive to 2NO-09-443CR; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Redistributed with Dismissed charges.

State of Alaska v. Larry Custer (4/21/76); 2NO-09-478CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110702934; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, remanded into custody.

State of Alaska v. Larry Custer (4/21/76); 2NO-09-581CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Indecent Exposure; Filed by the DAs Office 9/21/09.

State of Alaska v. Darrel Harrison (4/4/59); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Disorderly Conduct; Filed by the DAs Office 9/18/09.

State of Alaska v. Andrei McQuesten (12/18/89); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Vehicle Theft Second Degree; Filed by the DAs Office 9/18/09.

State of Alaska v. Darlene Chiskok (7/17/80); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110128023; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 15 days, remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Laura Gipson (2/28/65); Count 1: Assault 4°; Date of offense: 6/9/09; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: counts 2, 3, (002, 003); Any appearance of performance bond is exonerated; 120 days, 120 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 9/16/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol or controlled substances without prescription; Subject to warrantless

breath testing at request of any peace officer; Alcohol/Controlled Substance/Mental Health Assessment by 10/15/09.

State of Alaska v. Lorraine Jungers (1/29/63); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110827971; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: ADDED: Shall not return to Nome without court permission; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 30 days, remanded into custody; All other term and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Lynn Takak Jr. (9/4/61); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110068029; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to 8/27/10; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 45 days, shall report to AMCC by 11/1/09; Release or bail conditions remain in effect until defendant reports to serve sentence; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; All other conditions remain in effect; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Shaun A. Mokiyyuk (2/17/81); 2NO-07-576CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109523619; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Shaun Mokiyyuk (2/17/81); 2NO-09-396CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110127087; Violated conditions of probation; No Action Taken; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Nancy Iyapana (2/6/88); 2NO-09-513CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault Fourth Degree; Filed by the DAs Office 9/17/09.

State of Alaska v. Nancy Iyapana (2/6/88); 2NO-09-554CR Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 8/30/09; Any appearance of performance bond is exonerated; 50 days, 30 days suspended; Unsuspended 20 days have been served; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 3/17/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer for alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Ruby Topkok (11/28/61); DUI; Date of offense: 5/31/09; 30 days, with 27 days suspended; Report by 10/15/09 to: AMCC; Fine: \$1500 with \$0 suspended; \$1500 due 12/1/09; Police Training Surcharge: \$75, \$0 suspended; \$75 due 10 days from date of this judgment (9/17/09); Jail Surcharge \$150 with \$100 suspended; \$50 due, payable to Collections Unit, AGs Office, Anchorage; Cost of Imprisonment: \$330, \$0 suspended; Full amount due payable to Collections Unit, AGs Office, Anchorage; Complete Substance Abuse Treatment Assessment: other: NSHC by 11/1/09; Complete screening, evaluation and recommended program; Defendant responsible for costs; Use an Ignition Interlock Device: After you regain privilege to drive or obtain a limited license, you must use an ignition interlock device (IID) as directed in the IID Information Sheet (CR-483) for 12 months during your probation period; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 9/17/09) subject to following conditions: Obey all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Commit no jailable offenses; Do not possess or consume alcohol for a period ending 1 year from date of this judgment.

State of Alaska v. Sebastian R. Mike (8/29/73); Count 1: Assault 4°; Date of offense: 6/9/09; Partial Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: counts 2 (002); Any appearance of performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 90 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 9/17/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not contact, directly or indirectly F.M. without consent; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer for alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Robin Booshu (4/20/86); 2NO-09-361CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault Fourth Degree; filed by the DAs office 9/17/09.

State of Alaska v. Robin Booshu (4/20/86); 2NO-09-381CR Count 1: Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 6/28/09; Any appearance of performance bond is exonerated; 45 days, 45 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 9/17/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol in any dry or damp community; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer in such community; Other: Show proof of 20 hours work service by 11/1/09.

State of Alaska v. Lisa Larsen (4/28/89); Dismissal; The following charges are hereby dismissed without prejudice by the prosecuting attorney pursuant to Criminal rule 43(a): Count 1: Minor Consuming or in Possession; AS 04.16.050(B), chg. Nbr. 1; Filed by the DAs Office 9/24/09.

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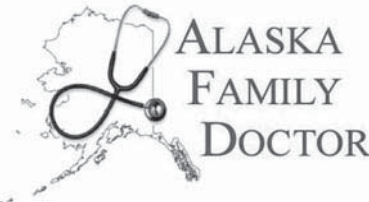
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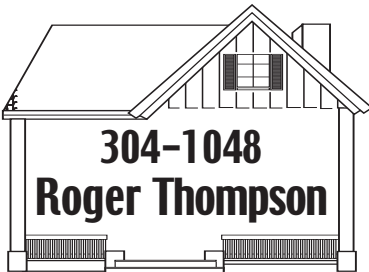
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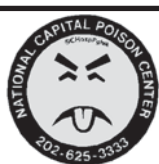
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# Nanooks notch a perfect regional race

*Nome boys notch a 15 to take regional title as Teddy Payenna, AnnieKate Olson earn individual wins*

By Tyler Rhodes

Despite clouds, the finish line in Unalakleet Saturday made up for gray with a sea of nothing but Nanook blue.

Led by Nome's Teddy Payenna, a parade of azure jerseys crossed the tape as runner after runner finished the boys varsity race at the Region I North Cross Country Regional Championships Sept. 26. Packing the top five, the Nanooks scored a perfect 15 to claim the regional title.

Nome also crowned two regional champions with AnnieKate Olson scoring a commanding win in the girls' varsity race in addition to Payenna's victory for the boys. Olson's performance was followed-up by strong finishes by her three teammates in the race, all who placed in the top 15. As a result, all Nome varsity runners will be heading to Palmer this weekend for the state meet.

For the Nanook boys on Saturday, the race came as a perfect storm before the storm. Under clouds—but on a dry course—Nome captain Jeremy Head started strong out of the gate to lead the race early on. Payenna, however, mounted a charge on the beach section of the course and powered to the regional title with a time of 18 minutes, three seconds. Head would find the finish line nearly a minute later in 18:53. Payenna's win comes as a late-season surge has lifted him into Nome's number-one spot for two races in a row. The intra-squad rivalry should serve the duo of Head and Payenna well as they both battle for the podium at the state meet.

After Head, the Nanook parade continued at the finish line with Emerson Conger, Nathan Blandford and Tim Sullivan completing the sweep with third through fifth places. White Mountain's Asa Bergamaschi would slip in the ranks for sixth place before Nome's Tim Schmidt crossed to take seventh place. Nome's seventh and final varsity runner, Jeremiah Johnson, finished just short of the top 10 in 11th as the Nanooks dominated the competition. Even if Nome would not have won the race to earn a trip to state, each boy would have qualified by placing in the top 15.

The runner-up boys team honors



Photo by Erika Eaton

**LEADING THE PACK**—Nome's Teddy Payenna nears the finish line in Unalakleet Sept. 26 to win the regional cross country championships. Four other Nanooks crossed the line next, earning Nome a perfect score of 15.

went to Kotzebue who scored 70.

For the girls, their only route to state would be to each finish in the top 15 since they lacked a fifth runner to qualify as a full team. To add to their challenge, the skies opened as their race began, dumping wet, heavy snowflakes that chilled the runners, dramatically cut visibility and turned the course to mud.

Despite the turn in the weather, the Lady Nanooks persisted to all qualify. If they had been able to add that valuable fifth harrier to their ranks, the team would have given the regional champion Kotzebue Huskies a run for their money.

Olson dominated the girls race, running alone to the tape with a time of 23:41. As she has all season, Kotzebue's Winona Hickerson chased after Olson to take the runner-up honors with a time of 24:03. Olson and Hickerson had more than a minute to congratulate each other before Nome's second runner, Richelle Horner, would cross the line to claim third place in 25:12. Horner led a pack to the finish, which included Nome's Caitlin Tozier, who finished sixth at 25:31. The Lady Nanooks' fourth runner, Billie Cosca, earned her trip to state, slipping into the top 15 in 15th place at 27:02.

In team competition, the Barrow

Whalers took the runner-up honors with 88 points, well behind Kotzebue who scored 43.

In small-school team competition, Buckland edged out White Mountain in the boys race with 54 points. White Mountain scored 60. On the girls' side, Kiana led the way with 60 points, beating runners-up Point Hope.

Not content to only lead the varsity races, Nome coaches Jeff Collins and Erika Eaton took the top spots for men and women, respectively, in the open race. The first young runner in the competition to cross the line was White Mountain's Jesse Ashenfelter, an eighth grader who finished third overall. Nome's Taylor Romenesko finished fifth overall in the open race, while Zach Sullivan crossed the line in seventh. The two Nanooks placed second and third compared to other youth running. Nome's Oliver Hoogendorn crossed the line in 15th overall. Even a couple of Nanook parents got in on the action. Sharon Keeney Olson and David Head braved the weather to finish 20th and 23rd, respectively.

**Region I North Cross Country Championships, Unalakleet, Sept. 26**  
**Team Scores**

**Boys large schools:** 1) Nome, 15; 2) Kotzebue, 70.  
**Boys small schools:** 1) Buckland, 54; 2) White

Mountain, 60.

**Girls large schools:** 1) Kotzebue, 43; 2) Barrow, 88.

**Girls small schools:** 1) Kiana, 60; 2) Point Hope, 77.

**Individual results**

**Boys varsity**

**1) Teddy Payenna, 18:03, Nome; 2) Jeremy Head, 18:53, Nome; 3) Emerson Conger, 19:36, Nome; 4) Nathan Blandford, 19:38, Nome; 5) Tim Sullivan, 19:44, Nome; 6) Asa Bergamaschi, 19:55, White Mountain; 7) Tim Schmidt, 20:08, Nome; 8) Linus Ballot, 20:13, Buckland; 9) Sam George, 20:19, Barrow; 10) Jared Miller, 20:29, Kotzebue; 11) Jeremiah Johnson, 20:48, Nome; 12) Grant Magdanz, 20:51, Kotzebue; 13) Sam Atkinson, 20:59, Kotzebue; 14) Nasuayaq Solomon, 21:04, Barrow; 15) Johnathon Westlake, 21:10, Kiana; 16) Vincent Tomalonis, 21:12, White Mountain; 17) Andrew West, 21:25, Kotzebue; 18) Tim Smith, 21:51, Kotzebue; 19) Larry Jones, 21:57, Selawik; 20) Landon Eck, 21:59, Kotzebue; 21) Alex Otten, 22:00, Saint Michael; 22) Doug Brown, 22:02, Selawik; 23) Ralph Stalker, 22:04, Buckland; 24) Preston Thomas, 22:04, Buckland; 25) Danny Wells, 22:11, Noorvik; 26) Matthew Hoogendorn, 22:11, Koyuk; 27) Irving Morris, 22:23, Kiana; 28) Patrick Barr, 22:27, Buckland; 29) Alfonso Page, 22:52, Barrow; 30) Deion Foote, 23:11, Unalakleet; 31) Aaron Roseberry, 23:18, Barrow; 32) Jerry McCall, 23:26, Kotzebue; 33) Lee Stahl, 23:27, Kiana; 34) Raymond Koelg, 23:29, Point Hope; 35) Billy Thompson, 23:31, Barrow; 36) Kevin Ione, 23:41, Golovin; 37) Tory Sagonick, 23:42, Shaktolik; 38) Scottie Ashenfelter, 23:43, White Mountain; 39) Jared Ramoth, 23:44, Selawik; 40) Sydney Sarren, 23:55, Wainwright; 41) Simon Kunaknana, 23:57, Nuiqsut; 42) Petey Lockwood, 24:41, Saint Michael; 43) Andrew Kunyak, 24:45, Gambell; 44) Elmer Cambell,**

25:17, Gambell; 45) Lawrence Miizuk, Nayokpuk, 26:00, Shishmaref; 46) Robert Seevean, 26:03, Wainwright; 47) Elmer Thompson, 26:10, Barrow; 48) Henry Attungana, 27:51, Point Hope; 49) Jacob Okbaok, 28:38, Teller; 50) Olaf Aueoganna, 28:42, Wainwright; 51) Ian John Brower, 29:58, Barrow; 52) Robert Pikok, 30:11, Barrow.

**Girls varsity**

**1) AnnieKate Olson, 23:41, Nome; 2) Winona Hickerson, 24:03, Kotzebue; 3) Richelle Horner, 25:12, Nome; 4) Julie Reed, 25:17, Kiana; 5) Sierra Corsetti, 25:20, IDEA-Galena; 6) Caitlin Tozier, 25:31, Nome; 7) Flora Simmonds, 25:34, Barrow; 8) Darlyn Nelson, 25:37, Kotzebue; 9) Ruth Jackson, 25:52, Noorvik; 10) Elizabeth Ferguson, 26:02, Kotzebue; 11) Heather Gallahorn, 26:30, Kotzebue; 12) Jamie Erlich, 26:33, Kotzebue; 13) Marina Koonooka, 26:36, Gambell; 14) Robin Commack, 27:01, Selawik; 15) Billie Cosca, 27:02, Nome; 16) April Prociu, 27:13, Barrow; 17) Roberta Charles, 27:18, White Mountain; 18) Jasmine Elkins, 27:33, Barrow; 19) Precious Lincoln, 27:56, White Mountain; 20) Abbie Koenig, 28:04, Point Hope; 21) Willow Leedy, 28:08, Unalakleet; 22) Paige Bowen, 28:10, Barrow; 23) Michelle Lane, 28:24, Point Hope; 24) Joanne Semaken, 28:47, Unalakleet; 25) Sierra Sampson, 29:04, Kiana; 26) Tiana Elkins, 29:04, Barrow; 27) Ana Otton, 29:09, Koyuk; 28) Sherry Ahamaogag, 29:34, Wainwright; 29) Denali Whiting, 29:35, Kotzebue; 30) M. Jacui Lambert, 29:37, Kotzebue; 31) Wendy Walker, 29:38, Kiana; 32) Nikki Gavin, 29:45, Buckland; 33) Jodi Gilley, 30:02, Unalakleet; 34) Donna Nash, 30:22, Point Hope; 35) Jenna Homekingkeo, 31:20, Koyuk; 36) Jennie Katchatag, 31:26, Unalakleet; 37) Emma Weyiouanna, 31:43, Shishmaref; 38) Janice Homekingkeo, 31:52, Koyuk; 39) Dorinda Sagoonick, 33:50, Shaktolik; 40) Laura Reed, 33:51, Kiana; 41) Nancy Sheldon, 34:55, Buckland; 42) Cora Foster, 35:42, Buckland; 43) Sandra Norton, 36:02, Kivalina.**

**Open race**

**1) Jeff Collins, 19:21, Nome; 2) Clint Shultz, 22:09, White Mountain; 3) Jesse Ashenfelter, 22:23, White Mountain; 4) Nick Hanson, 22:36, Unalakleet; 5) Taylor Romenesko, 23:44, Nome; 6) Erika Eaton, 24:59, Nome; 7) Zach Sullivan, 25:03, Nome; 8) Sig Brown, 25:11, White Mountain; 9) Solomon Frankson, 25:28, Point Hope; 10) Brandon Cassidus, 25:34, Point Hope; 11) Jim Hickerson, 25:41, Unalakleet; 12) David Olanna, 26:12, Shishmaref; 13) Leonard B, 26:34, Point Hope; 14) Sawyer T, 26:53, Point Hope; 15) Olivier Hoogendorn, 26:59, Nome; 16) Jessica Keller, 27:03, Unalakleet; 17) Nick Piscoya, 27:40, Golovin; 18) Renatta Olson, 27:52, Golovin; 19) Season Haugen, 28:24, Unalakleet; 20) Sharon Keeney, 29:03, Nome; 21) Dion Foote, 30:44, Unalakleet; 22) Kirsten Haugen, 30:50, Unalakleet; 23) David Head, 31:13, Nome; 24) Ted Van-Bronkhorst, 32:39, Unalakleet; 25) Roberta Walker, 32:59, Unalakleet; 26) Adrianna Brown, 33:19, Unalakleet; 27) Adrian Pleasant, 34:18, Unalakleet; 28) Anna Prentice, 34:32, White Mountain; 29) Laurel Katchatag, 34:41, Unalakleet; 30) Tim Sagoonick, 35:33, Unalakleet; 31) EJ Rochan, 37:58, Unalakleet; 32) Summer Sagoonick, 38:06, Unalakleet; 33) Tony Haugen Jr., 40:37, Unalakleet.**

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throughout the winter. This trade-off will also generate support for the local commercial fishing fleet from the subsistence community and encourage the age-old tradition of sharing. The value-added process will take CDQ dollars to initiate and coordinate but will also create jobs.

2. As a commercial fisherman who has donated 110 percent to developing commercial fisheries in Norton Sound since the inception of NSEDC in 1992, I feel that the bulk of CDQ royalties were reinvested into the Bering Sea pollock industry and only minimal amounts were invested into local fishery development. Siu has inherited the growth and assets (and tax liabilities) of these CDQ dollar investments. On one hand I am proud of the growth, but I am also sad to see the assets moved into privatization where the local harvesters and com-

munity may or may not benefit or control, directly or immediately, Siu activities.

As a fisher I have tolerated many years of growing pains on the production and marketing end of the local fishing economy, which NSEDC has created and also chosen to become the major player. The grounds price for fish deliveries has not increased with energy costs and spikes in the cost of living in Western Alaska. When fishers ask for "more CDQ money" there is much squabbling and eventually, token settlements are issued to the fishers just prior to Christmas; usually chump change, disguised as a benevolent gift for harvesters in a struggling market economy.

Commercial fishers are expected to carry the financial burdens of developing fisheries and markets while millions of CDQ dollars are budgeted for subsidizing large institutions such as Siu, Norton Sound Seafood Products, NIC, Nome Joint Utility System, Alaska Village Electric Cooperative, ADF&G, and NSEDC, and

cooperate projects within Norton Sound Health Corp., Kawerak and Sitnasuak. Community outreach, benefits and grants, fisheries enhancement projects like fish counting, ear bone studies and in-stream egg incubation, fuel vendors—all these are subsidized by NSEDC.

Fishers like myself keep tightening our belts and maxing out credit cards, all the while groveling for more fisheries infrastructure and support dollars. Fishers are faced with frequent fish plant management, deckhand and plant processor turnover and also expensive learning curves with each new NSEDC manager or turn in the economy. Fishers are faced with bare bones marketing schemes and high costs of operations, yet rarely get any handouts and are expected to become "self-sufficient" as if by some economic miracle. I feel fishers concerns have been put on the side burner while the non-profit NSEDC has grown so large that it has had to split up its assets for tax purposes.

Should Siu operations be open to public scrutiny? As a Norton Sound CDQ businessman/fisherman, I do not appreciate having my livelihood controlled by a popular vote of the community; however, this is exactly why I am running for a seat on the NSEDC board of directors for Nome. This popular voting option was decided by another vote of the community after a lawsuit was enforced, asking for some sort of legal election process for NSEDC community directors. The NSEDC mission statement no longer says "supports local fisheries development;" it now says "will support local economic development through aggressively investing in fisheries in the Bering Sea." Now Siu wants to be (is) privatized. I am sure many local fishers would also like to be privatized and regain control of CDQ dollars, which were originally intended for the development of local fishers, developments that in turn could be instrumental in enhancing the quality of life and economy within Norton Sound.



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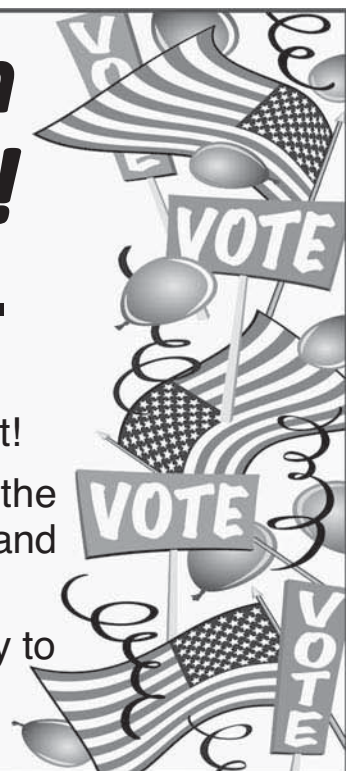






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CLASH OF THE SEASONS—The hillside at the foot of King Mountain holds on to the last bit of fall color as the Kigluaik Mountains show the white signs of what is soon to come.

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## Coast Guard eyes Arctic operations

*Nome likely to see more of the Coast Guard, just how is uncertain*

By Tyler Rhodes

Coast Guard brass visiting Nome late last week signaled that while the city will likely continue to see an increased presence, it will not play permanent host to one of its larger boats any time soon.

"To be frank, I don't think you'll see us stationing one of our existing cutters up here," Vice Adm. Jody Breckenridge told a small audience gathered at Nome City Hall Oct. 16. Breckenridge, the new Coast Guard Pacific Area Commander, was passing through Nome on a short visit

along with Rear Adm. Chris Colvin, the Coast Guard's 17th District Commander.

The admirals participated in a brief Friday morning meeting with Nome Mayor Denise Michels, City Manager Josie Bahnke, Port Director Joy Baker and Fire Chief Matt Johnson. The discussion ranged from a quick summary of the Coast Guard's Arctic Crossroads operation primarily based out of Nome this summer to its future needs in the Arctic and what role

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## Tight timeline to fill Foster's seat

By Tyler Rhodes

As Democratic leaders in the region mourn the loss of Rep. Richard Foster who died Oct. 13 of a heart attack, they also have work ahead of them to find a replacement for his legislative seat.

To fill the seat, the party leaders are now accepting applications from candidates in the district through Oct. 26. The district encompasses the Norton Sound region from Wales at its northwest point, and running south to include all the coastal villages through Hooper Bay, ending at Hazen Bay. The district also includes St. Lawrence and Little Diomed islands.

To apply for the seat, a nominee must have been a registered voter in House District 39 since June 1, 2007, and have been a registered Democrat in the dis-

trict since June 1, 2008. Applications are due at 5 p.m. Oct. 26. A list of candidates is to be published on Oct. 27 on the Alaska Democratic Party's website and candidate interviews are to be held in Nome Oct. 28.

The state Democratic Party calls for the interview committee to be made up of at least five members, including the district chair, vice chair, secretary, treasurer, central committee man and woman, and precinct chairs. Following the interviews, the public will be given a chance to comment on the candidates. District Chair

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Photo by Tyler Rhodes

MIX AND MATCH—White Mountain's Scotty Ashenfelter takes to the air as he spikes the ball back to Nome's junior varsity squad during the Nome Mixed Six Tournament Friday evening at Nome-Beltz. Nome's Martina Painter (left) and Becca Sherman-Luce work the net. For more on the tourney, see page 12.

## NovaGold reports third-quarter loss

By Tyler Rhodes

Rock Creek Mine owner NovaGold Resources reported an \$18.1 million (Canadian) loss for the third quarter ending Aug. 31.

The loss compares to earnings of \$1.6 million (all dollar amounts reported are Canadian, unless otherwise indicated) reported for the same time period in 2008. The Canadian mining firm attributes the difference in fortunes between the two corresponding periods to a number of factors, including the disposal of investments in 2008 that brought in \$33.5 million and the increased costs of maintaining the infrastructure at

two mines that are producing no gold.

NovaGold reports spending \$8.6 million this year on what it deems "care and maintenance" at Nome's Rock Creek Mine and the Galore Creek Mine in British Columbia. Last year the firm spent \$5.4 million on care and maintenance activities, primarily at Galore Creek. The Rock Creek Mine was shuttered in November 2008.

For its year-to-date status, NovaGold reported a net loss of \$51.4 million compared to net earnings of \$2.6 million for the same nine-month period in 2008.

The third-quarter report gives no indication of hope for action any time soon at the Rock Creek

Mine. "The company does not currently plan to restart commissioning activities at the Rock Creek mine in the near term," the report states. The report, however, also indicates the firm is still examining a potential restart or sale of part or all of the property—a position NovaGold has held for most of 2009.

The gold mine just northwest of Nome was shuttered just as it was moving toward production last fall. Kinks in the production cycle combined with a shortfall of funds led NovaGold to pull the plug just as winter hit in 2008.

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Letters

Dear Editor,

I have lived in Nome since 1993 and the events this morning, a Wednesday, have prompted me to write my first letter to the editor.

My daughter left the house for the bus stop at approximately 8:30 a.m. She returned almost immediately because there were two men on the corner of Spokane and First arguing about a drug deal. “Where’s my weed?” the one was demanding. I recognized the one individual but was unable to identify the dealer driving a 4-wheeler. He was wearing a dark jacket and had on a ball cap with white, red and blue colors. You both know who I am. As soon as you saw an adult approaching you both left. Guaranteed I will be talking with you soon.

Nome is not an inner city ghetto. Our children should be able to walk the streets and not be exposed to illegal behaviors and actions. Many visitors to Nome have told me how fortunate we are to live in such a safe community. Hmmm? Is that really true?

Drug and alcohol abuse is rampant in our small isolated community. So many of us continue to turn our heads and look the other way. Local folks know who are the little dealers and who the major players in this town are. I hear lots of public outcry that law enforcement doesn’t do their job and why don’t they bust the big dealers? All the cops do is arrest the little guys, the nickel and dimers. Guess what, folks? The way the laws are written is to allow us to live in a free society and not a police state. Just saying someone is a drug dealer doesn’t get them charged. Law enforcement needs help from the citizenry.

We all buy into the hypocrisy.” Yeah, I know he sells dope, but he’s a hell of a nice guy.” “He’s never done anything wrong to me personally.”

Now we can all get together and make noise and be indignant and maybe establish patrols for the bus stops or we can walk our talk and help eradicate drug sales in and around our community. The illegal

drug sales in Nome are not limited to marijuana and cocaine. We have it all and it’s all being offered to, sold to and used by our children and their friends.

Sine’ Holly  
Nome, AK

Dear Editor,

Many people in Unalakleet know that there are a few loose dogs in town. Now I had my dog for the last six years and trained him as a house-dog. Therefore I’ve never kept him on a leash. I let him outside two or three times a day for an hour or so. In the morning by himself and in the afternoon and night, I let him tag along with me.

On September 28 he was spotted at Happy Valley that morning. Since he wasn’t home for a day, I went to go look for him but couldn’t find him. Later that afternoon a friend

called me and told me that they saw him dead on our dike. I found him maliciously shot and killed afterwards.

I know someone in Unalakleet knows about it and I hope they can come forward and tell me. I doubt that whoever has done it will confess.

This is one of the reasons that I’m

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Letters to the editor must be signed and include an address and phone number. Thank yous and political endorsements are considered ads.

Editorial

**Up a Rocky Creek**

Is NovaGold really putting the Rock Creek Mine up for sale? What a bargain! A steal! A fire sale! What a challenge for a serious entrepreneur. Surely Nomeites can have some speculative and spurious takes on the Alaskan version of Let’s Make a Deal.

We could lease it to a hotel. Never mind Paris Hilton; visualize the Rock Creek Hilton. Think of waltzing under the stars in the ball crusher room, fine dining at the gold table, chamber music in the trommel suites and taking a moonlight dip in the cyanide lake. It could be a haven for birders and bathers. Tourists could line up head to toe in winter to view the fantastic dancing aurora borealis and in summer they could pose with a grizzly. Think of the potential.

Then there’s the last hurrah at the Big Hurrah mine site thrown in as a satellite deal. Imagine a chalet and a ski lift with pit slalom events. In summer there could be mud wrestling and a health spa with healing mineral packs. It could be a moneymaker.

The Nome Chamber of Commerce needs to take up the challenge. There’s bound to be some innovative ideas out there. There’s an old saying about when given a bag of lemons, make lemonade. So, Nomeites start squeezing. — N.L.M.—



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**JUST ONE MORE FOR JIM WEST SR. —** Australian born Nome photographer Arthur Bell is pictured on the right shooting pool with a buddy at the Board of Trade Saloon in 1909.

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	10/28/09	10:36 a.m.	Low Temp	
			Peak Wind	
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# Alaska state news

Compiled by Diana Haecker

**Denali plane crash kills wolf biologist; burned pilot walks to safety**

A Cessna 185 carrying renowned wolf biologist Gordon Haber, 67, crashed inside the Denali National Park last week. Inside the burned plane, searchers found the remains of what they first thought were two people. A day after the plane was discovered, the 35-year old pilot Dan McGregor turned up after he had hiked about 20 miles to safety. He had walked from the crash site to the Parks Road and found two campers at a park campsite. They took him to his home outside the park boundaries. Emergency responders then medivaced him to a Seattle burn center to receive treatment for his burns. McGregor confirmed that the remains inside the plane are those of Haber. Haber has researched Denali wolves as an independent scientist since 1966 and was a staunch advocate against the state’s predator control program. The National Transportation Safety Board is investigating the circumstances leading to the plane crash.



**Governor wants to beef up VPSO program**

During a visit to Bethel and attending the 45th annual convention of the Association of Village Council Presidents, Governor Sean Parnell advocated for a greater partnership between the state and communities to increase training, recruiting and retention in the Village Public Safety Officer program. Across the state, there are 71 funded VPSO positions, but only 52 are filled. Parnell said he’d like to see a greater and more meaningful law enforcement presence in the villages and asked the vil-

lage council presidents to help identify solid prospects for these law enforcement positions. Parnell also spoke on fisheries and energy issues.

In a letter to Commerce Secretary Gary Locke, Parnell requested the declaration of a fishery disaster because of the dismal escapement numbers of king salmon in the Yukon River. Parnell said the state should provide better in-season assessment, management and more opportunities to harvest other species during times of weak chinook runs. An extension of a special subsistence season for moose hunting is also considered.

**Feds OK Shell exploration in Beaufort Sea**

The federal Minerals Management Service on Monday announced that it approved Shell’s exploration plan for two oil and gas leases in the Beaufort Sea. The leases are located in Camden Bay, 16 and 23 miles north of Point Thomson.

Shell Offshore, Inc. obtained the rights to the leases during Beaufort Sea oil and gas lease sales in 2005 and 2007. The company proposes to drill two exploration wells during the July to October 2010 open water drilling season. Shell’s plans include a mid-drilling season break in activities and removal of the drillship from the area to accommodate fall subsistence bowhead whaling by the Native Villages of Kaktovik and Nuiqsut.

Prior to any drilling activities taking place, the plan must be consistent with the Alaska Coastal Zone Management Program and Shell must obtain an approved Application for Permit to Drill from the MMS. Shell must also meet the air and water quality rules by the Environmental Protection Agency, and Marine Mammal Protection Act requirements of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service.

When proposing to drill more than 12 wells in the area two years ago, villagers opposed Shell’s plans. Before going forward with the exploration, Shell needs to secure federal and state permits. Alaska Senators Lisa Murkowski and Mark Begich welcomed the news. Murkowski said she would continue to work with the

Obama administration to ensure that environmentally responsible exploration is also allowed to move forward in the Chukchi Sea, and to secure revenue sharing for Alaska. Begich commented on the announcement even before it was officially made. He said that Alaska has long been America’s energy storehouse and that this development demonstrates Alaska’s role in helping to meet the nation’s energy needs.

**Second trip to the bush: Attorney General goes to Barrow**

Head of the rural subcabinet, attorney general Dan Sullivan scheduled a second trip to rural Alaska in order to continue public hearings. Accompanying Sullivan are Emil Notti, the commerce commissioner, Joseph Masters, the public safety commissioner and Bill Hogan, the commissioner of health and social services. They are visiting Barrow next Friday. Separate meetings have been scheduled with North Slope Borough Mayor Edward Itta and City of Barrow Mayor Pro Tem Lloyd Leavitt, among other local leaders. The subcabinet has to submit a report to Governor Parnell in December concerning long-term strategies for lowering the cost of living and improving the quality of life in rural Alaska. The subcabinet’s first visit to the bush took them to Unalakleet and Kotzebue.

**New study shows Arctic can alter Earth’s climate**

University of Fairbanks ecology researchers found that Arctic change could alter Earth’s climate. Ecologists estimate that arctic lands and oceans hold up to 25 percent of the world’s atmospheric carbon dioxide. Climate change could potentially accelerating predicted rates of change when releasing the carbon dioxide. The study will be published in the November edition of *Ecological Monographs*. In their review paper, David McGuire of the Institute of Arctic Biology and Alaska Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research and his colleagues show that the Arctic has been a carbon sink since the end of the last Ice Age. Over time, it has

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### October 22 - 28, 2009

EVENT	PLACE	TIME
<b>Thursday, October 22</b>		
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*High School Practice	Pool	6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*Preschool Story Hour	Kegoayah Library	10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	noon - 1 p.m.
*Pregnant Teens - Taking Care video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Making a Difference video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Water Aerobics	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
*Swing Dancing with Selji	Nome Rec Center	7:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.

### Friday, October 23

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
<b>CAMP Farmers' Market Health Fair</b>	<b>Nome Rec Center</b>	<b>10 a.m. - 2 p.m.</b>
*Muscle Endurance with Jennie	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.
*Breast Self Exam-Early Detection Begins with You video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
<b>CAMP Farmers' Market Health Fair</b>	<b>Nome Rec Center</b>	<b>4 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.</b>
*Be Who You Are video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Master Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.

### Saturday, October 24

<b>CAMP Farmers' Market Health Fair</b>	<b>Nome Rec Center</b>	<b>8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.</b>
<b>District 39 Democrats meeting</b>	<b>Council Chambers</b>	<b>10 a.m.</b>
*UMW Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Circuit Training with Kelly S.	Nome Rec Center	12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
*Water Aerobics	Pool	1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
*Knowing the Unborn video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	3:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Look Who’s Balking video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

### Sunday, October 25

*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Be Who You Are: Wellness From Within video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Aids & Women/The Greatest Gambler video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.

### Monday, October 26

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 10 p.m.
*Smoking-A Time To Quit video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Beginning Yoga with Karl	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Babies In Waiting video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Circuit Training with Kelly S.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*10+ (Youth) Climbing Instruction	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Water Aerobics	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Master Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.

### Tuesday, October 27

*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*High School Practice	Pool	6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*Preschool Story Hour	Kegoayah Library	10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	noon - 1 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
*Ear Infection video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Floor Hockey (3rd-6th grades)	Nome Rec Center	4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Discipline/I am Your Child video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*City League Volleyball	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*AA Teleconference: 1-800-914-3396	(CODE: 3534534#)	
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY

### Wednesday, October 28

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Morning Laps	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
<b>AK Democratic Party meeting</b>	<b>Council Chambers</b>	<b>10 a.m. - noon</b>
<b>AK Democratic Party Public Comments</b>	<b>Council Chambers</b>	<b>noon</b>
*Rotary Club	Airport Pizza	noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 6:30 p.m.
*The Medela Pump video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*The First Years Last Forever video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Step Box with Kelly S.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Open Climb	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Master Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
<b>City League Volleyball Playoffs</b>	<b>Nome Rec Center</b>	<b>7 p.m. - 10 p.m.</b>
*Hello Central (also on Channel 98)	Nome Visitors Center	7:30 p.m.
*Open Space Yoga	Nome Rec Center	9 p.m. - 10 p.m.

**Business hours/long-term community events:**

XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Tu - F)
Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (M - F)
Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	noon - 5 p.m. (M - F)
Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	additional hours by appointment noon - 8 p.m. (M - Th)
Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	noon - 6 p.m. (F - Sa) 2 p.m. - 9 p.m. (M - Th) 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. (Sa)



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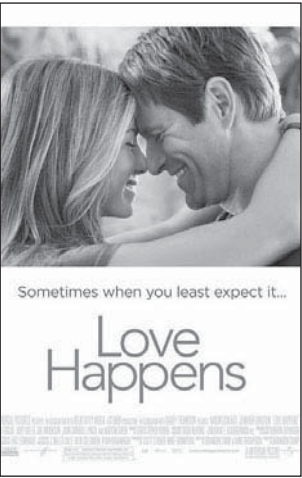
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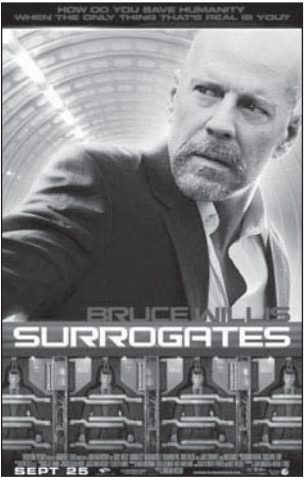


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## • Seat

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Louie Green Sr. said the work to form the committee was still underway Oct. 20. At that point he said Nome residents Rose Fosdick, Nancy Green, Perry Mendenhal, Lew Tobin and Roy Agloinga were slated to serve.

Green said his attempts to get representatives from the villages were so far unsuccessful with many people in transit for this week's Alaska Federation of Natives conference in Anchorage. "I tried calling quite a few," he said.

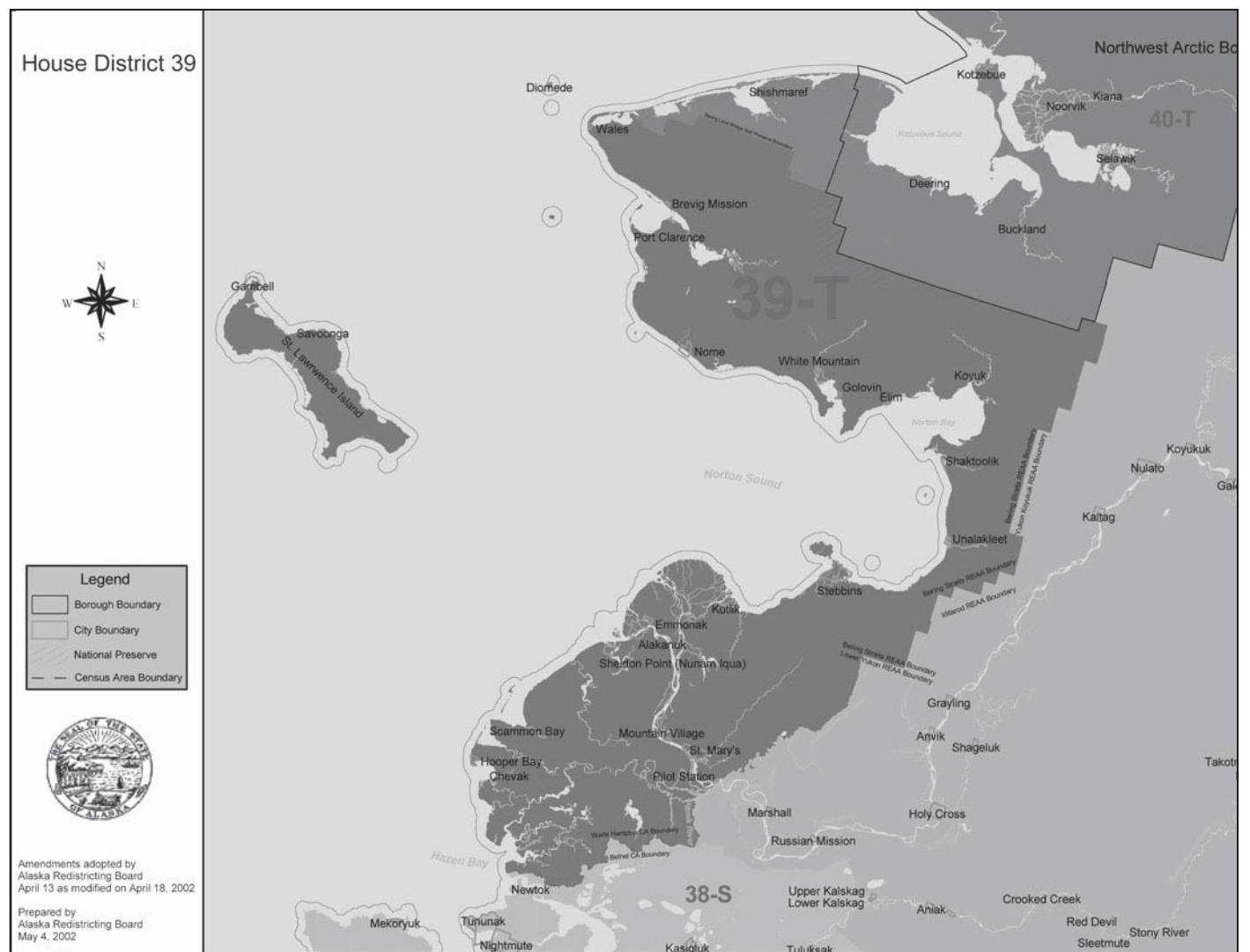
According to Kevin Harun, communications director for the Alaska Democratic Party, the interviews are slated to be held in public at 10 a.m. Oct. 28 in the council chambers at Nome City Hall. A public comment period is called for at noon. Harun said if additional time is needed for interviews, they will be held after the public comment period.

Noting that it could prove difficult for village residents to make it to Nome to participate in the process—especially for those in the southern end where it would require a flight to Bethel and Anchorage before hopping on a plane to Nome—Harun said a toll-free number is being set up to allow participation via conference call. That number is 1-800-270-1153 with a pass code of 174265 followed by the # sign.

Of the names so far submitted for the seat, Green said he was only aware of Nome Mayor Denise Michels. Application packets are available online at [www.alaskademocrats.org](http://www.alaskademocrats.org), or in person by contacting Green at (907) 304-1231. Packets can be submitted electronically by e-mail to [dwilliams@alaskademocrats.org](mailto:dwilliams@alaskademocrats.org), or in person to Green.

Once the interviews and public comment period has wrapped up, the committee will meet again to whittle the candidate list down to three names which will be submitted to Gov. Sean Parnell who will choose from the list. The deadline to submit the names is Oct. 29. By law, the governor is required to make an appointment to the seat within 30 days of its vacancy.

According to a cover letter in the appli-



State of Alaska map

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lators and the media; The candidate's expressed vision for the position; and the candidate's articulation of how he/she will be effective as a legislator."

## Death an apparent suicide

Police were called to a Nome residence after its occupant was found dead inside Oct. 18.

According to the Nome Police Department, Logan Green-Reader, 25, was the victim of an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound. Police received the call around 11 a.m. Sunday.

In a statement, Chief John Paspodora said members of his department investigated the incident in consultation with the state medical examiner's office. Green-Reader's remains were transported to the state medical examiner's office for an autopsy. Next of kin have been notified.

"The Nome Police Department extends condolences to Mr. Green-Reader's family," the statement read.

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# New chief brings a new vision

Story and photo by Tyler Rhodes

When John Papasodora fist came to Nome he was impressed with the city's police department.

He also saw some room for improvement, which is part of what compelled him to toss his hat in the ring and ultimately accept the job to become Nome's new police chief.

After being on the job for a few short weeks, Papasodora is still taking inventory of both his department and the needs of the city as he works to put together a game plan of how to administer and move forward the organization.

It was Nome's interim chief, Dallas Massie, who first alerted Papasodora to the job opening. "Dallas recognized that the Nome Police Department was a great opportunity to basically revise and build a department that could far surpass any expectations they had for themselves," Papasodora said.

Both Massie and Papasodora are former Alaska State Troopers. Papasodora grabs the reins from Massie, who served as the department's interim chief since early in 2009. Massie stepped in to the fill the shoes of former chief Paul Burke. Burke left the position in late December 2008 to move closer to his daughter who was seriously injured in an automobile accident near Lake Tahoe in California.

After speaking with Massie, Papasodora came to Nome to see for himself. He liked what he found. "I basically evaluated the opportunity to see if this is something that fit me," he said. "I was impressed with a variety of things. I like the sense of

community; that's a big thing for me. ...I like the area. I always wanted to work on the west coast."

While this will be Papasodora's first go-around as a police chief, it won't be his first rodeo. His law enforcement career started nearly 25 years ago and includes several supervisory positions. That career started with the Soldotna Police Department in 1985 after he graduated from the University of Alaska Anchorage where he studied criminal justice and history.

Papasodora is also familiar with a wide swath of the state. He spent the majority of his childhood in Anchorage, graduating from Service High School. After five years with the Soldotna Police Department, he obtained a post with the Troopers, a goal he had harbored ever since graduating college. "It broadened my experience," he said.

While his first Trooper posting was back in Soldotna, the job required him to work in other areas of the Kenai Peninsula. Papasodora later accepted a post in Northway, along the Alaska Highway in the Interior. "I had the opportunity to go out there and work with some really great people," he said. "I spent 2 1/2 years out there. I really have a strong affinity for the Athabaskan people and the way they do things."

As he advanced through the ranks within the Troopers organization, he received posts in Anchorage and Fairbanks. Before taking the job in Nome, Papasodora served at the Captain and Commander of the Alaska Bureau of Investigation, an

arm of the Troopers. "I had pretty broad exposure to administration with the Troopers," he said.

Papasodora is determined to make this new twist in his career path a good one. "This is my first stint as a chief. I'm going to do my best to make sure it comes off as a positive for everybody," he said.

Now that he is in Nome and back serving a police force, Papasodora is working to build off the strengths the department already has. "Right now law enforcement in Nome is stable," he said. "We have people who are committed to providing quality law enforcement services. They are committed, and I'm drawing on that commitment."

Currently, Papasodora said the department does a good job with what he called "maintenance" issues, such as those that surround public intoxication and incidents arising at Nome's bars. "The work up to this point has been within the means and resources of this department," he said.

But he wants to see more done. "Let's start looking at drug offenses. Let's look at sexual offenses—not only how to address them, but how to prevent them," he said.

He admits that broadening the department's scope without augmenting the number of officers will be a challenge. "We're still going to have to do all these things we have done before, but we are going to have to develop processes to free up time to handle other issues," he said.

One of Papasodora's first tasks will be to fill the one remaining open position on the force. He said Massie did a good job filling vacancies, leaving him with just one officer to find. "We will be looking at different



**MEET THE NEW BOSS**—John Papasodora, Nome's new police chief, greets a Nomeite at a reception for the new chief at Old St. Joe's Oct. 8.

ways of doing that, externally or internally," he said. "I am assessing what skill sets are present right now to see what kind of person we want to bring in. We've got a lot of tools in the box right now, it's just a question of having all the right tools."

Papasodora said as he works to move the department forward, he plans on reaching out and partnering with other community organizations, such as the hospital, the office of children's services and the district attorney, among others. "We're not

carrying the ball forward by ourselves," he said.

While he has a large agenda before him, Papasodora said he plans to go about implementing change at a metered pace. "To bring the Nome Police Department to modern standards is going to be a lot of work. We're making change where change matters and making change for good reason," he said. "We're making change that's going to have some legacy, that's going to leave a foundation in place that's worth building upon."

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## Landfill operator bids open this week

By Sandra L. Medearis

A drive by the Beam Road Landfill revealed a groomed appearance that would put quite a few Nome residential yards to shame. On top of that, the ravens seemed few and hungry, cheated of organic discard from Nome households.

Or maybe the ravens just don't like petroleum-impacted fill that has been used to cover garbage in almost daily attention from City of Nome's public works personnel. The City took charge of the dumpsite on Oct. 1 after Gary Hart declined to apply for renewal of his contract to wrangle ravens and push garbage.

The City has issued a request for proposals to find a new contractor to manage the site. Pending selection of a new operator, the gates of the land-

fill will be open only on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The landfill is at Mile Four on Beam Road.

Meanwhile, City crews have been trucking 2,700 yards of oily dirt to the dump from a tank farm cleanup site near Port Road, according to terms of a disposal agreement with Crowley and Chevron. At the same time, the City has cleaned up financially to the tune of \$45 per yard removal fee from Crowley Maritime.

According to documents at City Hall, the state Department of Environmental Conservation last month signed off on the transfer and use of the fill from West Tank Farm for covering an older part of the landfill.

Public works employees have done additional work on the dumpsite. A turn-around area has been enlarged so

that a refuse truck can, according to original design for landfill operation, drive along the east fence and around to dump refuse off a drop-off.

City staff was to open bids on Oct. 22 to determine a contractor to run the site beginning Nov. 1 for a term of two years on a month-to-month basis.

The successful contractor must agree to operate the landfill according to state DEC requirements and under all laws and ordinances. The operator must hand over 90 percent of dump fees without deductions to the City with payments on the first and 15th of the month. The new manager must keep a minimum of 1,000 cubic yards of fill on site. All books on user receipts must be open to inspection.

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# H1N1 Flu vaccine trickles in

**By Tyler Rhodes**  
Little by little, Nome and the Norton Sound region are receiving doses of H1N1 flu vaccine.

The limited supply of vaccine arriving to thwart what was initially known as swine flu is being distributed to Nome and the surrounding villages in proportion with the communities' population, said Norton Sound Health Corp.'s Director of Public Health Nursing. "Right now the shipments are so small, we are challenged to split them in the region," she said.

As of Oct. 14, NSHC had received one small delivery of the vaccine, which was completely comprised of the nasal spray variety. The vaccine is also being distributed in a shot form. Under the circumstances with which the health corporation received the vaccine, the nasal spray can only be distributed to patients between the ages of 2 and 19.

With such a small amount of the vaccine available, NSHC is only offering the initial shipments to children between the ages of 2 and 4 who are completely healthy. Younger children are considered to be among those most at risk of complications from the flu, thus

putting them first in line. Kilby said the initial shipment of 60 doses received last week has been split up so that Nome gets roughly a third of the supply and the villages receive anywhere from five doses to a single dose. With demand outpacing supply, Kilby said the names of those children whose parents want them vaccinated are placed in a bag and drawn lottery-style to see who will receive the vaccine in what order.

The need for the children to be healthy before receiving the nasal spray vaccine is dictated by the fact that it carries a weakened live-virus component. While it will not cause the full-blown flu, the vaccine can cause very mild flu-like symptoms, Norton Sound Physician's Assistant John Salmon said. The mild side effects have the potential to further complicate respiratory problems of those who either have pre-existing conditions, like asthma, or are suffering from a cold or other illness.

The upside of the nasal spray, Kilby said, is that it provides a very brisk response in girding the immune system, especially for younger children.

The vaccines are being offered

free of charge. Kilby's comments came at an evening town hall meeting to address the H1N1 flu and vaccines, and to answer questions the community may have regarding the flu. The meeting drew one sole attendee, a *Nome Nugget* reporter. Despite the no-show from the public, Kilby did give an update on the flu and its effect in Nome and the region.

The H1N1 flu has been present in the region since late summer, striking the region's communities in varying degrees. Some villages were hit hard in the late summer with a large number of residents sick. In other communities, like Nome, the effect has been noticed, but it has been muted. "We've had a few upticks of people with classic [flu] symptoms, but that's been going on since September," Salmon said.

Kilby said the fact that the clinic has yet to be overwhelmed in Nome with flu patients is a sign that the prevention campaign centered around hand washing and hygiene lodged since the summer has had a positive effect.

Kilby said more shipments of vaccine are expected soon, noting that it should continue to trickle in week by

week. She said the next two shipments are planned to be used first for pregnant women, followed by health care workers. Like young children, pregnant women are also included in the higher-risk group for developing complications from the flu.

When health care providers are sick, it can make the flu even more difficult for those they treat. Kilby said the effect of a sick health aide in a village is magnified since there is often little to no back up for providers. "We are seeing signs in the region that [the flu] is causing difficulties in keeping clinics open and keeping enough providers," Kilby said. "It is a huge challenge for that village to have their health care providers go down sick."

All adults older than 18 will be receiving the shot version of the vaccine, which does not have the live-virus component. Children can

receive either version of the vaccine.

As more doses become available, Kilby said she has the approval of both the Nome and Bering Strait school district superintendents to allow the vaccine to be administered at the region's schools. She said parents should be seeing information sent home from the schools soon. Parental permission will be required for students to get vaccinated. Parents will also select which version of the vaccine their child or children are to receive.

Due to the sporadic arrival of the vaccine, Kilby said she is unable to predict when specific schools and grades will be targeted. "It is going to be supply-dependent," she said. "It's nearly impossible for me to say, 'We're going to immunize this grade level on this day.'"

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Photo by Tyler Rhodes

**THIS WON'T HURT A BIT**—Norton Sound Health Corp. Public Health Nurse Joy Marchbanks administers a seasonal flu shot to Marguerite La Riveriere during last year's health fair at the Nome Recreation Center as her daughter, Ava Earthman looks on. Norton Sound is hoping to have its shipment of seasonal flu vaccine arrive this week so it can offer it at this year's health fair on Friday as well as in the region's villages. The health corporation is also receiving small shipments of vaccine for the H1N1 flu.

### Farmers' Market Health Fair at the Nome Recreation Center

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Heart, liver, muscle function	Blood Urea Nitrogen (BUN)
	Creatinine
Coronary heart disease	Bilirubin, Total
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**Both pairs must belong to the same person.** Offer includes Oakley perscription and non-perscription sunglasses.

### Farmers' Market Health Fair

**October 23, 2009**  
• 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. &  
• 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

**October 24, 2009**  
• 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Those who complete and turn in the health fair booth questions will get a free pumpkin or bag of produce!**

**Friday, Oct. 23:**  
Tae Kwon Do Demo 5:15 p.m.  
Girl Scout Skits 6 p.m.

**Saturday, Oct. 24:**  
Child Cook-off Contest 11 a.m.  
Cooking Demo noon  
Adult Cook-off Contest 1 p.m. and More

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She did note, however, that the plan is to start with the younger grades and progressively offer the vaccine to older students. "The younger you are, the weaker your immune system will be," she said.

Kilby said she is worried that some parents will opt to not have their children immunized against the H1N1 flu based on rumors that have gained traction nationwide she says are false. "It's potentially tragic for parents to be automatically turning down this vaccine," Kilby said.

While there is a faction nationwide that resists vaccinating their children in general, there has been an additional sense of worry surrounding the H1N1 vaccine. Among the concerns is that the vaccine was rushed to production, shortcutting clinical trials. Kilby and Salmon said that is false. "The H1N1 vaccine is made using the exact same process as the seasonal vaccine," Salmon said. A small number of clinical trials were performed on the vaccine to determine the dosage.

Kilby said there also have been questions about the safety of pregnant women getting vaccinated. "Pregnant women are actually at the top of the list for both seasonal and H1N1 [flu] vaccination," she said.

The H1N1 virus appears to be particularly tough on children, young adults and pregnant women. Unlike the seasonal flu, older people seem to display more resistance. "Elders are not as much at risk as the small children for this one," Kilby said.

### Seasonal flu vaccine also on its way

In addition to the H1N1 doses bound for Nome, vaccine for the seasonal variety of the flu is also on its way.

Kilby said all the publicity and media attention surrounding the H1N1 virus has spurred more demand for the seasonal flu virus. As of press time, the health corporation's main shipment of the seasonal virus had yet to arrive.

Kilby said the vaccine was expected to arrive in time to be distributed at this year's health fair this Friday. "It is our intent to do an all-region flu shot day," Kilby said. "Any one at all the villages can come to the local clinic or to the health fair in Nome and a seasonal flu shot on Friday, Oct. 23."

If the vaccine does not arrive as planned, Kilby said the flu shot clinics may have to be scheduled at a later time.

While there may be an impression that the seasonal flu vaccine is slow in arriving in the region, Kilby said the shot has traditionally been given in November. "This is as early as we've given it here," she said of the plan to offer the shot Friday.

Kilby said the seasonal flu is not normally seen in the region until December or January, and peaks in March. "In past years it was recommended we not give the shot too early so immunity would not wane," she said.

While the health corporation is not testing current flu cases to determine if they are from the H1N1 virus or not, she said it is assumed that most cases being seen now are due to the new virus.

Specifically created to counter the H1N1 virus, the new vaccine will not protect from the seasonal flu. Those looking to protect themselves from both varieties of flu will need to get both vaccines, Kilby said.

To help inform the public and answer questions regarding the flu, Norton Sound has set up a telephone line that is either manned or closely monitored so that calls can be returned quickly. Kilby said the line is designed to help people who think they may have the flu and want advice on whether they should seek treatment, as well as being available for general questions on the flu. The line can be reached at 1-888-559-3311, extension 4500, from the region's villages or at 443-4500 in Nome.



Photo by Nikolai Ivanoff

**CATCHING THE LATE FLIGHT**—A family of swans takes its sweet time in heading south for the winter, hanging out near Nome during unseasonably warm weather in mid-October.

### Farmers' Market Health Fair

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*Most health care plans impacted by this legislation will have to be compliant by January, 2010.

A message from the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority and our partner, the Alaska Mental Health Board.



# Richard Foster leaves behind legacy of service, friendship

**Neal "Richard" Foster**  
**Aug. 6, 1946 - Oct. 13, 2009**

Neal "Richard" Foster died from a heart attack in Puyallup, Wash., Oct. 13. He was born in Nome Aug. 9, 1946 to Neal "Willie" Foster and Jane Nelson Foster. He had an older brother, Jimmy, and two younger sisters, Jeannie and Iris.

He was married to Hoanhi Nguyen in 1971 and to Cathryn McAbee Weber in 1989.

Richard attended Nome and Kotzebue elementary schools. He graduated from Nome High School in 1964 and from the University of Alaska with a degree in Business Administration in 1968.

He received a commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army through the University of Alaska Army ROTC program. He served two tours of duty in Vietnam in Military Intelligence where he attained the rank of Captain and was awarded a Bronze Star. He later served with the Alaska Army National Guard in Nome.

On returning to Nome he took over management of the family owned air taxi operation, Foster Aviation, which had been started by his father in 1946.

Richard became very involved in community affairs and served on several boards including Bering Straits Native Corporation, Sitnak Native Corporation, Nome Eskimo Community, Northwest Community College and many civic organizations.

In 1981 he was elected to the Nome City School Board and to the Nome Common Council in 1984. He was elected to the Alaska House of Representatives in 1988 where he had served nearly 21 years at the

time of his death. During all of that time he was a member of the Bush Caucus. He chaired and served on numerous committees. He was Majority Whip from 1993 to 2007. His longest tenure was on the House Finance Committee where he served from 1993 until his death. In the Legislature he kept the needs of rural Alaska and his district in the forefront, even when his position was not popular.

In 2005, he received the Patrick Henry Award from the National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS). It is the civilian counterpart to the Guard's Distinguished Service Award and is given in recognition of outstanding and exceptional service to the Armed Forces of the United States and the National Guard.

In 2009, he was honored as a University of Alaska Distinguished Alumni because of his dedication to public service.

One of the special things about Richard was his lack of pretension. He had a great love of life which was reflected in his memory and consideration for others. He remembered birthdays, sent cards and gifts, knew your spouse's name, your children's names and how old they were. He was known for his jokes and his infectious laughter which could be heard down the hall long before he arrived at the office. Both legislators and the public looked forward to his birthday roasts which he did under special orders for several years. His poster boards which span two decades are a collage of people whom he photographed during session. Extra prints were made into post cards, given captions, and sent to the people who visited his office. He did not let politics stand

in the way of friendship and was loved and respected by people in both the majority and the minority. He could be generous to a fault and would literally give a person or organization his last dollar.

His special interests included the history of the Seward Peninsula and military history, particularly the Civil War and World War II. He was interested in and an avid collector of military weapons of all kinds and loved to make a machine gun "rock" when he had the ammunition.

He loved Nome and loved being out in the surrounding country, going on picnics and going to Hannum Creek where he spent his summers working on the family mining claims. During the summer of 2002 Richard, his sister, Iris, and son, Neal, walked the 80-mile historic mining trail from Quartz Creek to Hannum Creek for the experience of seeing what it was like for the "old timers."

Family was very important to him and he often showed pictures and told people about his family ties on the Seward Peninsula. Richard always had pictures of his children, sister and wife displayed in the office.

His office became the home of a long-running session tradition, Friday at Fosters, where he kept time to the music with his instrument of choice, the knife and hammer. People gathered in his office on Friday after work and participated in the jam sessions which he sponsored for over 17 years. He tried to keep politics out of it and all were welcome. The group included legislators, staff, administration, lobbyists and visitors to the Capitol.

Richard is survived by his wife, Cathryn, of Eatonville, Wash.; seven



sons, Neal Foster of Nome, James Foster of Anchorage, Nathan Foster of Ellendale, N.D.; 1st Lt. Jason Weber, LCpl Richard Foster, Ramsey Foster and Chandler Foster all of Eatonville, Wash.; and two daughters, Maria Stevens of Tacoma, Wash., Tiffany Sanchez of Miami, Okla.; and sister Margaret "Iris" Magnell of Laguna Hills, Calif.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Willie and Jane, his brother, James, and sister, Jeannie.

Services will be held in Nome Fri-

day, Oct. 30 at 3 p.m. at the Nome Recreation Center. Interment will be at the family plot at Hannum Creek during the summer of 2010.

A memorial service will be held in Anchorage on Friday, Nov. 6 at 2 p.m. at the National Guard Armory at Fort Richardson.

Those who wish to make memorial donations to fund a dialysis center in Nome can send donations to Arctic ICAN's Foster Memorial Dialysis Fund, P.O. Box 610, Nome, AK 99762.

## Lawmakers, friends pay tribute to Rep. Richard Foster

*(Editor's note: The Nome Nugget received a host of press releases and letters passing on sympathies and paying respects to the late Rep. Richard Foster. We have decided to print them all together as a tribute.)*

### U.S. Sen. Mark Begich

U.S. Sen. Mark Begich released the following statement on the passing of Rep. Richard Foster:

"I was saddened to learn of the death of Richard Foster. Rep. Foster served the people of

Alaska for more than two decades and committed himself to improving the lives of those he represented. The people of Nome had an ardent advocate who was always working on ways to make rural Alaska stronger and healthier.

"Alaska has lost a true public servant. My thoughts and prayers are with Rep. Foster's family, friends and wide circle of colleagues across this state."

### U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski

U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, issued

the following statement on the passing of Rep. Richard Foster:

"I am deeply saddened to learn of Richard Foster's passing. Richard and I served in the Legislature together. Richard was a kind and thoughtful man who would, among other gestures, lead the birthday song for other members of the Legislature. Richard loved Alaska history and, in his spare time, he would pore through the archives, reading old newspaper accounts about life in Alaska. He would share copies of stories about my

mother's family when they lived in Nome in the 1930s. He also sent "pick-me up" postcards to members, which also brought smiles. On so many occasions during serious and tense moments of debate, Richard was the one who would make a joke and bring some levity to the room. Richard was a fierce representative of the people of Nome and rural Alaska, and always looked out for their best interests.

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## Preventing fever may weaken body's response to vaccination

**By Bob Lawrence, MD**  
**Alaska Family Doctor**

A study out of Europe this month may change the way we use medication, like acetaminophen, to prevent fever in children after routine immunization injections.

Low-grade fever is a common and largely normal response to vaccination in children and adults up to 72 hours after injection. Experts believe a low-grade fever after vaccination is a sign of a positive response to the injection.

In the 1980s, acetaminophen, commonly sold as Tylenol, was shown to lower the risk of post-vaccination fever and irritability. Since then the use of acetaminophen has become routine. Now, experts believe that preventing a normal low-grade fever may prevent the vaccination from being effective.

Last week, researchers from the Czech Republic published findings of a study in the journal *Lancet* showing that lowering the risk of fever with acetaminophen comes at a price. According to the research, acetaminophen may hamper a proper immune response to the vaccination. In the study, 459 healthy children were divided into two groups. Both groups received a common series of vaccinations, similar in most respects to the series given to children in the United States. The first group received acetaminophen for 24 hours after their initial shots and again after subsequent booster shots. The second group received no acetaminophen.

The group receiving acetaminophen



had significantly fewer fevers compared with the group of children who did not receive medication at the time of vaccination. Children who received acetaminophen did not show as strong of an immune response as the children who received no medication. This poor response persisted for some vaccinations even after booster shots were given. In other words, by preventing fever, acetaminophen may inadvertently block the ability of a vaccine to cause an effective immune response. In a sense it is like telling an athlete to lift weights to become stronger, then removing the heavier weights because it gives the athlete sore muscles.

In the case of vaccinations, low-grade fever is associated with a positive response to the vaccine, and medication is not needed to reduce a low-grade fever. Experts, therefore, recommend reserving the use of medications like acetaminophen to treat discomfort instead of using the medication merely to reduce a fever.

The new data shows that the routine use of acetaminophen may be unwarranted for otherwise healthy children after vaccinations. Talk with your provider about how this new data applies to you and your children.

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• Foster tributes

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“Richard’s passing is a real loss for the people of Nome, and for our state. He truly was one of my favorite people. He genuinely loved people and he was loved in return. I extend my sincere sympathies to his family, friends and colleagues during this difficult time.”

U.S. Rep. Don Young

Alaskan Congressman Don Young released the following statement today on the passing of Rep. Richard Foster:

“Alaska suffers a great loss today. I have worked with Richard for years and have always known him to be an excellent advocate for the people he represents. He believed in the freedom of people and was always a staunch defender of our Second Amendment rights, an issue I hold near and dear to my heart. He always looked out for the best interests of Nome, and had a passion for public service. I am fortunate to have known and worked with him, and I extend my deepest condolences to his family, friends, loved ones, and the people of Nome. May God bless you all.”

House Bush Caucus

Rep. Reggie Joule, D-Kotzebue, and fellow members of the Alaska Legislature’s House Bush Caucus, released the following statements today regarding the death yesterday of Rep. Richard Foster, D-Nome:

“Richard Foster was the most senior member of the House of Representatives, who, since being elected in 1988, served with every majority caucus and worked hard using that position to build bridges of understanding on issues of importance to his district and all of rural Alaska.

“Richard was a public servant in many, many senses of the word. And that’s how he treated his district. Richard was a statesman. You can’t underestimate his contributions to the quality of life in Bush Alaska, from watching the budget to making sure his office was always available for the caucus.

“He was vocal about the issues that affected Bush Alaska, including suicide prevention, making sure we take care of our veterans, as well as matters before the finance committee.

“He was a very gracious man, who always made sure we gave proper thanks to those who helped us gain passage of spending items or legislation.

“His passing leaves a hole not only in our caucus, but also in the state.

“On behalf of the caucus and me, our thoughts and our prayers are with the family going forward.”

Fellow caucus members Rep. Bill Thomas, R-Haines, and Bryce Edgmon, D-Dillingham, stated the following:

“This loss of a fellow Vietnam veteran is hard to stomach,” Thomas said. “Not only to this caucus but the Veteran’s Caucus as well. He was a tireless advocate for our causes and I’ll miss him. All of Bush Alaska will miss him.”

“We played music in Richard’s office every Friday night, which was a really unique experience,” Edgmon said. “Fridays at Foster’s was just a way to get people together and put politics aside—to really get a sense of enjoyment and togetherness outside of legislative duties and just connect in that way. Richard was the real spirit and en-

abler of that group, so I don’t know what it’ll be like there on Friday nights during the legislative session without him. Amongst all the humor and the jokes and the temperament that disarmed people, what I’ll really take away from my time around Richard above all was that he could read people better than anyone I have ever met. When you think about Richard you think about people and all the better qualities in life, and I think Richard had that figured out better than anyone.”

Foster was the most senior member of the House Bush Caucus, whose composition is made up of the following rural legislators: House Majority Leader Kyle Johansen, R-Ketchikan; Peggy Wilson, R-Wrangell; House Minority Leader Beth Kertulla, D-Juneau; Cathy Muñoz, R-Juneau; Bill Thomas, R-Haines; John Harris, R-Valdez; Woody Salmon, D-Chalkyitsik; Alan Austerman, R-Kodiak; Bryce Edgmon, D-Dillingham; Bob Herron, D-Bethel; and Reggie Joule, D-Kotzebue.

Gail Phillips, lifelong friend and former Speaker of the House

“Alaska lost a great champion today with the passing away of Rep. Richard Foster. His years of dedicated service in the Alaska Legislature can easily be measured by the good he accomplished for our state and particularly for Northwest Alaska. Richard was the right person, in the right place, doing the right job at the right time. His life counted.

“I knew Richard for most of my life. Our families grew up together in Nome and remained close friends. Both of our families were involved in gold mining, and Richard and his father were bush pilots who provided essential air service into our remote mining sites.

“After graduating from Nome High School, Richard served valiantly and heroically in the U.S. Army in Vietnam. The military and America’s defense was a major part of Richard’s legislative agenda, and annually he made certain that Alaska’s veterans, military and National Guard were properly funded, honored and given due respect.

“Richard followed in his father’s footsteps in pioneering air routes and providing essential air service to communities in western and northern Alaska. Many times he risked his life bringing supplies to stranded miners, patients into the hospital at Nome and other missions of mercy. Foster Aviation provided dependable and reliable essential air service for many years.

“Richard served the State of Alaska honorably in the Alaska Legislature for over 20 years. He was first elected to office from Nome in 1988 and was continually re-elected by wide margins of support from his constituents. As the legislative representative from Northwest Alaska, Richard was responsible for countless improvements in transportation, education, health care and law enforcement. He worked tirelessly for the folks of Northwest Alaska and his efforts are evident in every city, village and community in his district.

“Richard loved mining. He was happiest when he was out “digging in the muck” searching for the elusive yellow color of gold. He spent many summers working his

claims on Hannum Creek. The amount of gold he was able to extract never mattered to him as much as the joy and happiness he felt just being out in his remote camp; at peace with himself, the land and nature.

“Richard Foster was recently honored by the University of Alaska Fairbanks Alumni Association with its Distinguished Alumnus award. He certainly was one of Alaska’s and the University of Alaska’s true success stories. He steadfastly put his life and his education to work for the people of Alaska. He was an “old school” political person—one you could count on to do the right thing, one who kept his promises, one who firmly believed in the people he represented. Richard will be greatly missed—not only in the Legislature but also by family and friends throughout the State of Alaska.”

House Speaker Mike Chenault

House Speaker Mike Chenault, R-Nikiski, was shocked and saddened to learn of the death of longtime Nome Rep. Richard Foster.

“Rural Alaska and Nome have lost a truly dedicated public servant today,” Chenault said. “Richard’s sense of humor and camaraderie were hallmarks of the state House. He was a tireless advocate for his district and all of rural Alaska’s needs. Our sympathies and prayers go out to Cathy and their family. Richard was an institution in this state, and he’ll be sorely missed.”

Foster served 11 terms in the

House, beginning in 1988.

Rep. Les Gara

Richard Foster’s passing was sad for many of us. As someone who worked with him in the Legislature, I thought I’d let you know how we felt about him. Richard had a unique ability to keep tempers down in a place where tempers fly too often. He was funny, polite, smart and cared for the people he represented. He knew politics was about bringing people up, not tearing them down. He knew it was about treating people as friends instead of as enemies.

You can be proud that Richard never did the things I see as the worst in politics. He didn’t give in to the worst temptations. Politics at its worst sees some use their power to block needed policy that would help the state, just because they don’t like the person or the party of the person promoting the idea. That, sadly, happens frequently in politics, and while many don’t do that, too many do. Richard took his oath to better the state seriously, and knew it was more important than to act out of anger or pettiness.

His most important legacies involved him treating us all with respect and honor. It made him the most liked person in the Legislature. And while he often didn’t vote with me, he never tried to turn political differences into animosity. He did the opposite.

To this day, he’s the only legislator who ever called me with this opening line: “Hi, Les. What’s

your Social Security number?” He’s one of the few I would have given it to. It turns out, he needed it so that a few days later he could give me a shiny Derringer pistol for my birthday. Not too many legislators are well-liked enough to give a weapon to another politician. I still have the Derringer. And the picture he took of me wearing his gag pop-out eyeball eyeglasses. And the battered drill. And the memories of a very good person who battled illness for too long.

I and my wife, Kelly, have a long-planned family vacation during Richard’s services, and will be out of state. So I won’t get to share these thoughts personally in Nome. But I thought you should know how much we liked the person you chose to represent you in the Legislature.

With sympathies and sadness for your loss,

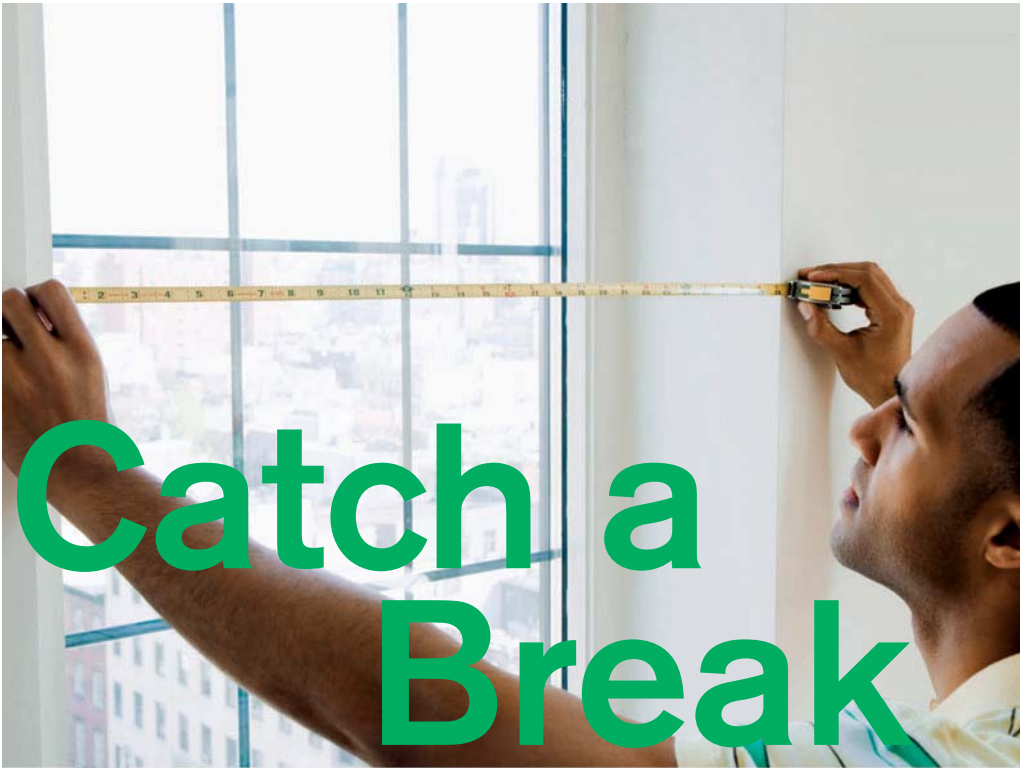
Rep. Les Gara

Gov. Sean Parnell

Gov. Sean Parnell has ordered state flags to be lowered to half-staff in honor and memory of Rep. Richard Foster.

“I served with Richard as his colleague in the Legislature,” Parnell said. “He was kind-hearted, had an infectious laugh, and a grand sense of humor. Richard treated people with respect and was a smart, humble, unassuming legislator. He served Alaska well, and we will miss him.”

State flags were lowered to half-staff Oct. 16.



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**Bering Strait School District 2009 Activity Calendar**

**October 24 - 25**  
Kotzebue Bush Brawl  
Wrestling Tournament  
**Kotzebue**



**November 3 - 6**  
Elem/Jr High Wrestling  
& Cheerleading Tourney  
**Stebbins**



# For our community and our region...

The mission of Norton Sound Health Corporation is to provide quality health services and to promote healthy choices within our communities. We take seriously our responsibility to invest our resources and energies into understanding and meeting the diverse health care needs of the Bering Strait Region to ensure that everyone receives the care they need. This is a glimpse of how NSHC has touched and improved the health and lives for the people living in the Bering Strait Region.

## Preventing disease...

### Providing quality mammography services

On September 17, 2009 the FDA Inspector for the State of Alaska, Clyde E. Pearce was pleased to announce that the Norton Sound Mammography Program passed with 100% compliance. This annual inspection guarantees that the community is receiving the best health care possible.

Catherine De Angelis, Mammographer



### National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

October is recognized as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. National Breast Cancer Awareness Month educates women about the importance of early detection. More and more women are getting mammograms to detect breast cancer in its earliest stages. As a result, breast cancer deaths are on the decline. Encourage the women in your life to get mammograms on a regular basis. For more information, call the NSHC Radiology Department at 443-3227.

### 3rd Annual "Walk For the Cure"

• Thursday, October 29  
• 5:30 p.m.  
Following the CT Open House

## Smoking cessation services

### TOBACCO CESSATION:

You don't have to kick that habit alone! If you've ever considered quitting, let CAMP help. Rahnia Parker, Tobacco Treatment Specialist, is available to help you in your quitting efforts. She is available for counseling, support, information on medications that can help, and general information. Please call the NSHC CAMP office at 907-443-3365 to make an appointment.

## Improving customer service...

### Norton Sound Health Corporation Hires Patient Advocate

Norton Sound Health Corporation has recently hired Jackie Karmun as the new Patient Advocate. The Patient Advocate will focus on assisting patients with navigation and logistics in regards to hospital visits and service. The Patient Advocate will work to build on the strengths of the current team of Social Workers, Case Managers, Benefits Coordinators and Compliance to further encourage company-wide practices that focus on positive interaction with patients based on a consumer satisfaction model. The Patient Advocate will further assist to educate patients on navigating through appointments or referrals.

She will also work to develop, implement and participate in customer service and patient relations initiatives and provide monthly accountability and analysis of customer service outcomes to all sections of the hospital. One of the first tasks of the Patient Advocate will be to coordinate a team effort within Norton Sound Health Corporation to build a Patient First/customer-focused culture at through department training and goal development focused on improving customer/patient service.



Cancer awareness



## Community ribbon cutting ceremony

CT SCAN OPEN HOUSE • Thursday, Oct.

29 • 4:30 p.m. • CT Scan room (the old medical records room)

## CT Scan becomes reality...

Four years ago, the Arctic ICANS, a local cancer awareness group based in Nome, planted a seed which has become a reality for the Bering Strait Region. The Arctic ICANS approached the NSHC Board of Directors regarding the necessity to add a CT (Computer Tomography), also known as "CAT" Scan to Norton Sound Health Corporation. The Board of Directors were committed to improving diagnostic capabilities and increasing access to CT Scans locally and they were determined to make this possible. Six months later, Mary Frances Haynes made a private donation in the amount of \$200,000 which got the ball rolling. Mary Frances Haynes from the state of Florida, made the private cash donation in honor of her son, Robert Alfred Haynes and her parents Duncan L Macdonald and Frances Bishop Macdonald of Candle, Alaska. Her son was Robert Alfred Haynes whom had spent time working for Norton Sound Health Corporation. NSHC will begin operating the 16-slice CT Scan sometime after the second week of November, 2009. A CAT Scan is a computer-enhanced scanning technique for analyzing x-ray pictures of lung, bone, soft tissue, and blood

vessels with superior clarity. CT enables doctors to detect a wide range of abnormalities with such precision that it can greatly improve the level of care provided by your doctor. CT is not only used to diagnose problems such as cancers, cardiovascular disease, infectious disease, trauma, and musculoskeletal disorder, but also to monitor the progress of treatment. A number of CT Scans can be performed depending on the part of the body being examined: abdomen, chest, head, pediatric, pelvis, sinuses, and spine. NSHC will perform contrast and non-contrast studies. Contrast injections are sometimes required to see certain structures with more clarity. With a contrast CT, we may take pictures before the injection and then repeat the pictures after the injection. NSHC has conservatively estimated that 700 CT Scans will be performed during the first year. NSHC would like to express their appreciation and gratitude to the following donors: Mary Frances Haynes (private contribution), \$200,000; Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation, \$100,000; Murdock Foundation, \$206,000; Denali Commission, \$550,218; and Bering Straits Native Corporation, \$5,000.



Radiology team from left: Ray Langford, CT Technologist; Catherine De Angelis, Mammographer; James Wade, Radiology Technologist; and Alpha Nybo, Radiology Director all pose in front of De Angelis' mammogram machine.

## Providing a safe place to stay...

### Patient Hostel

The Patient Hostel is a new facility that has been operating and occupied since October, 2008. It is comprised of two wings, the Patient and Pre-Maternal Home. It has 22 hotel style units. One wing is comprised of 14 units (26 beds) and houses patients who travel to Nome for medical appointments/medivacs. The other wing has 3 handicap accessible units and 8 units house the Pre-Maternal home patients. The Pre-Maternal Home wing includes a full kitchen and dining area, along with a common use area. The entire facility is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

## Increasing patient safety...

Norton Sound Health Corporation (NSHC) has just purchased a Pyxis machine which will automate the distribution, management, and control of medications. The system includes a network of secure-storage units, or stations which will be located in the inpatient unit, emergency department, and in our long term care unit (QCC). Each station is controlled by its own microprocessor and functions much like a bank's automated teller machine.

This system/machines will reduce the chances of medication errors significantly, hence increasing patient safety. The system will reduce costs and improve revenue generating opportunities for NSHC. It is believed that two out of 100 hospital admissions experience a preventable adverse drug event.

With this new innovation coming to Nome, NSHC is confident that there will be an improvement in patient care and safety.

## Laboratory Services at your Front Door



Tim Dossey hard at work in the lab.

The lab is working on a Point of Care Testing (POCT) Program that will move testing out of the lab. With new technology, we are able to do more fingerstick testing that will decrease your wait time and reduce your visits to the Nome Laboratory. We will be offering more testing in each village clinic, thus reducing your travel to Nome, and we will also be utilizing machines that will check your blood if you are on Coumadin. All of this testing must strictly adhere to quality assurance measures. This POCT program will begin later this month.

## Promoting healthy lifestyle...

### Annual Nome Health Fair October 23 & 24th

Join us at the Nome Recreation Center Friday October 23 and Saturday October 24 for health education, screenings, and flu shots.

Reduced Cost Screenings- Saturday, October 24th (8:30 am- 2:30 pm LAB OPEN)

\$40- Fasting Chemistry/Hematology Profile (test 27 different tests)

### Promoting healthy eating...

Healthy Recipe Cook-off Contest

Theme: Healthy Recipe from the Fall Garden/Greenhouse or Tundra!

Eligibility: The Healthy Harvest/Farmers Market Recipe Contest is open to kids (age categories below) and all adults.

Age Categories: CHILD: 5-8 years old, 9-12 years old, 13-17 years old; ADULTS: 18 and up

Entry forms must be submitted by an Adult or Guardian

\$30- Thyroid Screen  
\$25.00- Prostate Disease Screen  
\$50- Vitamin D Screen  
\$10- Hemacult Screen (colon cancer)

Hours: Friday, October 23: 10 am- 2 pm & 4:30- 6:30 pm

Saturday, October 24: 8:30 am- 2 pm (LAB Open) & 10 am- 2 pm (Booths Open)

for the Child Contest. Entry forms for adults must be submitted by the participating Adult. Both during the 2009 Farmers Market Health Fair.

Held: **October 23rd & 24th** at Nome Recreational Center. Entry form will be accepted at the CAMP Booth. Contest ends October 24th at Cook off Contest time. Limited to 2 recipes per person. (Each recipe must be submitted on a separate entry form.)

For rules, eligibility, and how to enter, please call Shanna Moeder at NSHC CAMP Department (907) 443-4589.

## Quyanna Care Center Receives Quality Health Care Award

QCC has been recognized as the 2008-2009 recipient of Mountain-Pacific Quality Health's Quality Achievement Award, presented by Sharon Stiassny, director of Mountain-Pacific's Alaska office on September 8- 11, 2009 at Soldotna, AK. This is the first year Mountain-Pacific has included nursing homes in its award program which has, in past years recognized hospitals throughout Alaska for their commitment to providing quality care in selected clinical areas.



Angie Gorn accepts Quality Achievement Award on behalf of Quyanna Care Center

## ELDER FUND PROGRAM

The Elder Fund Program provides assistance to qualifying Elders who are unable to pay for specific medical products offered by: Audiology, Dental & Eye Care.

Elders will never be denied services because of an inability to pay. In an effort to assist elders unable to pay for specific medical services offered by Audiology, Dental and Eye Care, NSHC provides access to an "Elder Fund." The Elder Funds are available to those who meet specific criteria.

Funds are limited by the amount of designation annually by the NSHC Board of Directors. Once exhausted, the program is suspended until more funds are authorized. To be eligible for the program, Elders must:

1. Must be an I.H.S. beneficiary.
2. Must be 65 years of age or older for Audiology and Eye Care; 60 years of age for Dental.
3. Must not be eligible for 3rd party insurance that includes: Audiology, Dental or Eye Care coverages.
4. Must be a resident of the Bering Strait region.

For more information about the Elder Fund, please contact a Patient Benefits Specialist at NSHC 443-3311 or toll free at 888-559-3311.



# Lady Nanooks bump, set, spike their way to Mixed-6 win



The Nome Lady Nanooks won the Nome Mixed-6 Volleyball Tournament for the first time ever over the weekend.

Nome defeated Unalakleet, Golovin and Unalakleet again to take the first-place trophy. Results from

**SET—Nome's Charlotte Mattheis returns a volley from Unalakleet's mixed-six team Friday night at Nome-Beltz. Nome went on to win the game on their home court and the tournament as a whole.**

all games are listed below.

Nome again will be hosting volleyball action this weekend as the junior high teams host Kotzebue and Bethel. The varsity squad hits the road to compete in Bethel.

## **Nome Mixed-6 Tournament results**

Unalakleet def. White Mountain (25-23, 25-21, 25-12)  
Golovin def. Brevig (25-13, 25-15, 22-25, 25-23)  
Golovin def. Nome JV (25-7, 25-15, 25-15)

Nome def. Unalakleet (25-14, 25-18, 25-15)

White Mountain def. Nome JV (12-25, 21-25, 25-20, 25-18, 17-15)  
Unalakleet def. Brevig (25-19, 25-17, 25-7)

Nome def. Golovin (25-23, 25-20, 25-17)

Unalakleet def. White Mountain (25-9, 25-15, 25-17)

Unalakleet def. Golovin (25-18, 25-16, 26-24)

Nome JV def. Brevig Mission (26-24, 15-10)

Nome def. Unalakleet (26-24, 25-20,

25-21)

**Mixed-6 All-Tournament Team:**  
Roberta Charles (WMO), Renee Lammer (OME), Katiya Erickson (UNK), Peter Katongan (UNK), Frank Amaktoolik Jr. (GLV), Scotie Ashenfelter (WMO).

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# Nikiski gets the better of Nanook wrestlers in duels tourney

The Nome Wrestling team competed at the Nikiski Duels over the weekend. Nome lost to Nikiski in the fifth-place duel. The Nome vs. Nikiski Duel results are listed below.

Nome's wrestlers next head north to compete in the Kotzebue Bush

Brawl Oct. 23-24.

## **Nikiski 32, Nome 31 (5th Place Duel)**

103 -- Zach Sullivan, Nome, p. Trey Zimmerman, 1:49. 112 -- Gabe Cabrera, Nome, p. Troi West, 1:47. 119 -- Morgan Sauve, Nik, won by

forfeit. 125 -- Booshu, Nome, p. Matt Parker, 1:45. 130 -- Zachary Bourdon, Nome, dec. Josh Brown. 135 -- Sawyer Skiba, Nik, p. Mark Stieger, Nome, 5:00. 140 -- David Stickel, Nome, dec. Kovy Harbick. 145 -- Tyler Peek, Nik, p. Hall, Nome, 1:22. 152 -- Kaden Spurgeon, Nik, dec. Odden, Nome. 160 -- Lincoln Johnson, Nik, p. Harley Johnson, Nome, 0:55. 171 -- Karl Bucholz, Nik, p. Ozena, Nome, 1:39. 189 -- double forfeit. 215 -- double forfeit. 285 -- Derek Weiler, Nome, p. Henry Eide, 5:11.

**Other Saturday results:** Colony 44, Bethel 22; Kotzebue 39, Dillingham 33; Nikiski 51, Kodiak 32; Nome 52, West Valley 27; Dillingham 64, West

18; Bethel 51, Nikiski 24; Colony 1 60, Kodiak 9; Kotzebue 41, Colony 2 33; Kotzebue 48, Nome 25; Nome 51, Unalaska 16; Dillingham 66, Barrow 18; West 42, Homer 36; Nikiski 48, Voznesenka 20; Colony 1 75, West Valley 6; Bethel 69, Grace 12; Kodiak 48, Seward 36.

**Friday's results:** Unalaska 36, Grace 30; Bethel 65, Seward 18; Dillingham 62, West 15; Nikiski 72, West Valley 12; Kotzebue 54, Kodiak 33; Kodiak 30, Voznesenka 18; Nome 48, Grace 27; Nikiski 54, West 28; Kotzebue 60, Seward 29; Bethel 65, Seward 18; Homer 33, Barrow 24; Unalaska 36, Grace 30; Voznesenka 45, Colony 2 27; Kotzebue 53, Nikiski 30; Dillingham 57, Seward 18; Nome 51, West

Valley 26; Homer 42, Grace 24; Colony 1 52, Bethel 16; Kodiak 42, West 42; Homer 33, Barrow 24.

## **Team results:**

Nome defeats Unalaska (3A)  
Nome loss to Kotzebue (3A)  
Nome defeats Voznesenka (3A)  
Nome defeats West Valley (4A)  
Nome loss to Nikiski (3A) in the 5th/6th Place Dual

## **Individual results from Nikiski:**

Lonny Booshu 9-0, Gabe Cabrera 9-0, Derek Wieler 8-1, Eric Odden 8-1, Zachary Bourdon 8-1, David Stickel 6-3, Mark Steiger 4-5, Zachary Sullivan 3-6, Harley Johnston 1-7, Dominique Hall 0-9, John Smith 1-5, Cameron Smith 0-5, Roger Ozena 2-7.

# Nome swimmers post personal bests in Palmer

The Nanook swimmers competed against some of the top swimmers in the state when 13 teams met at the Palmer Invitational Meet Oct. 16-17.

In spite of the lingering illness the team has been experiencing, they had a great showing in Palmer and personal best swim times. Sophomore Nathan Blandford made finals for Saturday's competition in the 50- and 100-meter freestyle events. Senior AnnieKate Olson made finals in the 500-meter freestyle.

This Friday the Nanooks will race in their own pool in a local meet at 5:30 p.m. The next meet on the road will be the regional competition in Fairbanks in two weeks.

nesko, Free-Nathan Blandford.

## **Friday Prelims:**

50 Freestyle: 12. Nathan Blandford, 25.88; 19. Taylor Romanesko, 27.61 (personal best); 26. Nick Morgan, 29.99 (personal best).  
100 Freestyle: 11. Nathan Blandford, 57.72 (personal best); 18. Taylor Romanesko, 1:02.39 (personal best); 26. Alex Morgan, 1:08.31.  
100 Fly: 16. AnnieKate Olson, 1:26.09.  
500 Free: 10. AnnieKate Olson, 6:42.79.  
200 Freestyle Relay: 9. Nome, 1:52.95, Nick, Alex, Taylor, Nathan.  
100 Breaststroke: 21. Nick Morgan, 1:35.66.

## **Saturday Finals:**

50 Free: 10. Nathan Blandford, 25.68.  
100 Free: 11. Nathan Blandford, 58.37.  
500 Free: 10. AnnieKate Olson, 6:39.98 (personal best).

## **Palmer Invite, Nome results**

Boys Medley Relay: 10. Nome, 2:19.92, Back-Nick Morgan, BR-Alex Morgan, Fly-Taylor Rome-

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**Open House:**

- 4:30pm Lutheran Church Social Hall
- Walk Starts at 5:30 p.m. at the Lutheran Church Social Hall

**This year's event we will include an open house to include a tour of the new CT Scan and the chairs purchased through fundraising efforts last year. There is a ribbon cutting ceremony for the CT Scan.**

**Door prizes will be drawn after the walk to include free mammograms and colonoscopies!**



# School board approves contract for planning consultant

By Tyler Rhodes

The Nome School District will soon be drawing from its ranks, local organizations and community members as it forms the plan that will guide it through the next several years.

Superintendent Jon Wehde presented school board members Oct. 13 with a memorandum of agreement to bring on board former Alaska Commissioner of Education Jerry Covey to conduct a strategic planning process for the district. Covey owns JSC Consulting, an agency that facilitates such plans for entities throughout the state.

The agreement calls for the district to pay Covey \$1,400 a day plus travel expenses for the eight-day process expected to take place over the next several months. The meetings, held in two-day sets, are set to begin Oct. 26.

While the memorandum presented to the board did not stipulate the number of days the contract would cover, the board approved it Oct. 13 with the stipulation that the charges not exceed eight days of work. The funds for the planning process will come from the federal stimulus package and were allotted to the school district. From this particular pot of money, the district had wide discretion in how it was spent.

Another contract placed before the board will have to wait until its next meeting before gaining its blessing. The \$33,885 contract from SystemsHOUSE would cover preventative maintenance on the automated heating and ventilation systems at Nome-Beltz and the elementary school. The computer-controlled system is designed to run the schools' systems in the most efficient manner possible.

Board member Lynette Schmidt questioned the cost of the contract. "That is a big chunk of money," she said. "I'm trying to find out if that is a reasonable amount."

Wehde said the complexity of the system requires it be serviced by a contractor. "Right now we are truly in an in-between time of expertise," he said. Wehde noted that the contract contains provisions for training district maintenance staff on the system and added that by running the systems more efficiently, the system saves money by using less heating oil and electricity.

Wehde did not have an official contract to present the board, but did have the letter from SystemsHOUSE outlining its proposal for the service. The letter offered the maintenance for two years at the rate of \$33,885 for each year.

"When I see that amount, I see an upper elementary aide position," Schmidt said.

Wehde noted, at board president Barb Nickels' suggestion, that board member Albert McComas, who was not present at the Oct. 13 meeting, was in support of the contract. McComas represents the board on a facilities committee for the district.

Returning to the board after an absence of a few months, newly elected board member Gloria Karmun ques-

tioned if the contract between the district was time-sensitive. She noted that if it were not, the board could vote on the issue at a future meeting after having been able to review the contract in full.

Wehde said holding off on the vote would not be a problem and could be settled the next time the board convenes.

In other money matters, the district's technology director, Robin Johnson, announced that Nome had its E-rate funding approved from the last school year to the tune of nearly \$223,000. The funds cover the cost of telecommunication and internet access at the district's schools.

## Activity concerns

Board member Kirsten Timbers questioned what the high school charges for activity fees for students who participate in extracurricular activities. Wehde responded that a \$50 fee is incurred with each sport or activity in which a student participates. He said he had received one letter from a community member who was concerned over the cost. Wehde also noted that the fee can be waived based on need.

Karmun questioned whether the high school had ever approached any of the area Native corporations or entities to see if they would sponsor activity fees for their members' or shareholders' children who could not afford to pay. She volunteered to broach the idea to see if the organizations would help, allowing the students to participate and the district to gain the funds to cover that participation.

Also in the realm of extracurricular activities, Timbers questioned the possibility of the return of the activity bus. A victim of last year's budget cuts, the activity bus in past years shuttled Nanook fans between Nome and the Nome-Beltz campus for

sporting events.

Timbers wondered if remaining stimulus funds coming to the district could be used to bring back the bus. Schmidt questioned whether some sort of scaled-back version of the service could be implemented, such as vans.

The activity bus is slated to be discussed at the board's next work session scheduled for Oct. 27.

If the service is again running by December, its riders should be able to see the Lady Nanooks basketball team playing with new uniforms. In an effort to support breast cancer awareness, Coach Doug Boyer reported to the board that the team decided to seek donations to get pink uniforms for the season. The uniforms will still also feature the Nome-Beltz colors of royal blue and black.

Boyer said the girls got the idea after seeing another team wear similar uniforms while competing in a tournament in Washington state. The uniforms were paid for by Nome's arm of the Alaska Cabaret, Hotel, Restaurant and Retailers Association through the efforts of the Arctic ICANS cancer survivors support group. The girls should be sporting the new uniforms at their Dec. 12 home game.

## Administration reports

Nome-Beltz Principal Janeen Sullivan reported to the board that all of 2009's graduates received their diplomas by passing the High School Graduation Qualifying Examination. She said this year 71 percent of the juniors have passed all three sections of the test while 80 percent of seniors have passed. Seniors still have two more chances to pass the tests before graduation, while juniors still have four opportunities.

Sullivan also reported a spike in students calling in sick in mid-October. Up until then, she said the number of students out of school due to illness had been consistent with previous

years. "We were real stable for a real long time until this week," she said. "Yesterday and today we've seen a real big increase with kids out sick."

In an attempt to make herself available to parents closer to the city's center, Sullivan reported that she had a few takers come meet with her at Airport Pizza for her inaugural "Coffee with the Principal." With the high school/junior high campus a couple of miles out of Nome's center, Sullivan hopes making herself available during the mid-morning in town once a month will provide parents more opportunity to give feedback and feel involved with the schools. Sullivan plans to hold the coffee hour through the fall and then assess its effectiveness.

Sullivan also reported that the school is working with the Boys and Girls Club in Nome to get supportive services toward either finishing high school or getting their GED. In related news, board president Nickels reported that the Boys and Girls Club is still hanging on despite the threat of closing due to dried up funds. Nickels, who is on the club's advisory committee, said the club received a four-week extension to keep running based on a grant Nome Community Center Director Lance Johnson had completed. Nome's Boys and Girls Club, like many others around the state, has fallen victim to a funding snafu at the federal level. The shortfall in funding has left clubs around the state to either shut their doors or scramble for other

sources of money to keep open.

In her report to the board, Nome Elementary School Principal Shari Biscotti said the school is working to hire a new cook. "I've had my share of kitchen experience," she said. Tim Adkins has also joined the staff as a new special education teacher.

Biscotti reported on the progress at Nome Preschool and the Head Start programs that have district-funded teachers this year. She said the day has been lengthened from two to four hours at the preschool. She said the efforts are starting to bear fruit with the preschool students showing marked progress with language skills.

Todd Hindman delivered an update from the Anvil City Science Academy, the district's charter school. Hindman noted that students from the school scored in the top 92 percentile in the state for improved individual test scores in the Standards Based Assessments.

Hindman also reported that Degnan Lawrence was named September's student of the month at the school. "Degnan is a mature kid who is a great role model for the eighth graders—he being a sixth grader," Hindman said.

Hindman updated the board on the school's continued work with Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. and Charlie Lean to restore salmon habitat. Students helped Lean to collect salmon and examine their ear bones to determine whether they were fish they raised.

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  <b>CAPRICORN</b> December 22–January 19   Indifference is the key to getting over the hump. Play as if you don't care at home, Capricorn, and all those things you've been doing for weeks will get done.	  <b>ARIES</b> March 21–April 19   What's good for the goose is good for the gander. Keep that in mind when you're offered a perk at work. Say yes, Aries, and you might have to deal with some animosity on the part of coworkers.	  <b>CANCER</b> June 22–July 22   Your desire to keep off the extra pounds is working. Cancer, and you might even lose some. An elderly family member could use some company. Make time for them.	  <b>LIBRA</b> September 23–October 22   There's nothing more you can do, Libra. Wash your hands of the matter and focus on that little drama going on at home. You are going to have to get creative to solve this one.
  <b>AQUARIUS</b> January 20–February 18   Flattery will get you nowhere, Aquarius. You have to earn your way up the ladder of success, and the sooner you start, the better. A change of momentum occurs at home.	  <b>TAURUS</b> April 20–May 20   Atta way, Taurus. You are given an opportunity to improve your finances, and you use it to your full advantage. A family outing gets spirits up.	  <b>LEO</b> July 23–August 22   Oh boy, Leo. You receive good news, and your friends are eager to celebrate with you. Invite everyone over and have a blast. An article turns you on to a new trend.	  <b>SCORPIO</b> October 23–November 21   The green-eyed monster comes out in you, Scorpio. Just when you're about to say something you shouldn't, a good friend interrupts and stops you. Thank them with a small gift.
  <b>PISCES</b> February 19–March 20   There's no use in looking over your shoulder, Pisces. That person is not out to get you after all. A trip to someplace special brings out the best in everyone.	  <b>GEMINI</b> May 21–June 21   Your social life picks up big time, Gemini, and you must turn down some invitations. A young friend's grandiose idea has merit; make sure they know that before pointing out the faults.	  <b>VIRGO</b> August 23–September 22   What's done is done. Stop beating a dead horse. Close the door on the matter, Virgo, and move on. A pet cause needs your assistance. Give all that you can.	  <b>SAGITTARIUS</b> November 22–December 21   Harmony reigns at home for the first time in ages. Throw a party, Sagittarius, and invite all of your pals over for a ghoulish good time. A note sends chills up your spine.

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# State senators reveal energy recommendations

By Diana Haecker

In an ambitious document that simultaneously calls for energy conservation, investment in renewable energy resources and further aggressive development of oil and gas resources, two State senators hope to lay the groundwork for a future state energy plan.

Senate energy and resource committee co-chairs Lesil McGuire (R-Anchorage) and Bill Wielechowski (D-Anchorage) on Monday released their state energy policy recommen-

dations in form of a 50-page document, calling for several measures of conserving energy while advocating for continued oil and gas development at NPR-A, ANWR and the outer continental shelf.

At a press conference Wielechowski and McGuire revealed their draft recommendations as a document for public review. In an interview with *The Nome Nugget*, Wielechowski said the recommendations came about after six months of field hearings held throughout Alaska – Nome not included. They

also worked with the Governor's office, the Alaska Energy Authority, Alaska and lower 48 energy experts and looked at solutions that other states and foreign countries have employed to rein in energy costs. The stated number one goal of the document is to "ensure that all Alaskans have access to reliable energy supplies at the lowest cost over the long-term."

He said the purpose of the draft recommendations was to provide a roadmap to the full Senate as they enter discussions on how to transition Alaska from fossil fuel dependency to utilizing renewable energy while still developing oil and gas resources that fill the state's coffers. About 90 percent of the state's revenue stems from oil and gas production taxes.

The document is divided not by region but by categories such as power generation, heating, energy efficiency, investing in renewable energy, energy affordability, continued resource development and technology development.

Among the recommendations are to continue funding for the Power Cost Equalization program at its current level of \$37 million, to invest an additional \$150 million in the state's weatherization program and \$50 million in the home energy rebate program. They also recommend expanding the state's heating assistance program to include families who earn up to 350 percent of the poverty level in years when oil averages over \$75 per barrel and surplus funds are available.

The senators said that when oil prices skyrocket, heating costs become a burden even for middle-income Alaskans. A recommendation also includes ensuring that Alaskans pay a fair price for the energy they consume by looking into legislation for price gouging. "One tool other states have employed to control costs is to prohibit sellers from charging excessive and exorbitant prices for products consumers rely on and to require them to justify those prices when they're necessary," reads the

draft paper.

Recommendations that are of consequence for rural Alaska include to add funds for loans upgrading power systems across the state; increase funding to improve the efficiency of diesel power plants; continue to fix bulk fuel storage facilities and to contemplate a state-wide cooperative to purchase bulk fuel. The draft also touches on conservation as a means to the end of stretching energy resources. With a goal of reducing statewide demand for electricity and heating fuels by 10 percent by the year 2015, the senators recommend appliance rebate programs, to fund so-called smart meters that tell consumers how much energy which appliance uses at any given time, and to launch a big public education campaign including bringing energy

efficiency and conservation."

Asked how these opposite goals could be reconciled, Wielechowski said that while the vast majority of Alaskan fossil fuels are for export and while production is declining seven percent annually, the state depends on the income generated by these resources. "The country is not going to shift in the next 15 to 20 years in terms of needing fossil fuels, but in order to stem the tide, we should start investing that money in renewable energy systems," said Wielechowski. He added that Alaska is in a transitional period and that the legislature has to prepare now to ensure a future of affordable energy for Alaskans. The Anchorage legislator said, "The message is that there is a light at the end of the tunnel. We recognize the suffering going on across

Alaska and we felt it needs to be addressed with policy recommendations." He added that it's a living document and that it is meant to be out in the public for review. "If people have comments or ideas please

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— Bill Wielechowski

efficiency lessons into classrooms across the state.

Tackling renewables, the document recommends incentives to develop renewable resources by granting a state production tax credit, to establish low-interest loans for businesses and homeowners to invest in renewable energy systems and to consider legislation to institute a net-metering program.

The draft document lists seven goals and on top of the list are development of Alaska's resources and continued exploration and development of Alaska's oil and gas. Goal number four, however, states: "to reduce the dependence of Alaskan communities on fossil fuels for electricity and heat by developing our renewable and alternative energy resources and by promoting energy

let us know. This is meant to be a conversation."

McGuire also encouraged public discussion and said she hopes that the public will weigh in and comment on it.

She told reporters at the press conference that the administration and state energy coordinator Steve Haagenen are working on recommendations as well as the State House subcommittee on energy. "Then the messy sausage working begins and we work out a combination of all three policy recommendations," McGuire said. To view the draft state energy policy and program recommendations, go to <http://energy.akse-nate.org>

## Saying It Sincerely

By Pastor Everett Arnold, Our Savior Lutheran Church for the Nome Ministerial Association

At times we need to get back to the basics: God loves us; so, we love each other.

In a town where I was pastor an agreement was drawn up between the Lutheran, Episcopalian, and Roman Catholic churches there. Every month a group of members from those churches gathered. They planned things the churches could do together. At this time of year it would be a gathering of Christmas gifts for children living on welfare. Child Welfare Services would provide gift tags with age, sex, clothing need and size written on them. Members of the congregations took them home, bought, gift-wrapped and returned to their churches with them. All the gifts from all the churches were gathered into one – a pile of gifts 3 feet high, 3 feet thick and across the front of the hosting church. There was a special worship service to dedicate them.

They also planned times the three churches could worship together, socialize together, and serve community holiday dinners together. Nobody in town had to eat a holiday dinner alone. I got to know those people who planned these events. They were people who had been hurt. They knew the pain of church people responding to God's love in unloving ways. So they dedicated themselves to bringing love and mutual respect among their Lutheran, Episcopalian, and Roman Catholic congregations. God was writing on their hearts. They were loving God and neighbor together. They were getting back to the basics.

In Jeremiah 31:33-34 our Lord says: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Jesus said the greatest commandment is to love God whole-heartedly; the second, to love our neighbor as ourselves. Those are the basics.

Jesus Christ writes on our hearts. He writes, "Love one another as I have loved you." We may feel the pen writing on our hearts when we feel the pain He suffers with us. On Holy Thursday, we feel the sorrow of His Last Supper with His disciples. We leave worship with His love and compassion written on our hearts. On Good Friday we gather at the foot of His cross. We feel His suffering for us. We know His taking our mistakes, our regrets, our failures, our sins, and our death into His own holy body on Good Friday. We leave worship with His loving mercy written on our hearts. Then comes Easter. We gather again. He has been raised. Our Living Lord Jesus Christ meets us. Our Living Savior meets us, and He is writing love on our hearts.

This is how God fulfills the prophecy: "...and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people." It's how He writes His love note on each of our hearts now. So we might find creative ways to love each other. This is getting back to the basics.

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**Community Baptist Church-SBC**  
108 West Third, 443-5448

**Small Group Bible Study** 10 a.m.  
**Sunday Morning Worship** 11 a.m.  
Pastor Bruce Landry

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2nd Ave. West, 443-2865

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**Friday:** Community Soup Kitchen 6 - 7 p.m.

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## Seawall

10/12  
Melinda Eickson,34, received a citation for Expired Registration.  
10/13  
Daryl Aukon,21, was arrested and remanded into AMCC on an arrest warrant.  
10/14  
Burlene Oliver,33, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.  
10/15  
Esther Tocktoo,43, received a citation for Endangering the Welfare of a Child in the 2nd degree.  
10/16  
Kelik Nakak,36, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation and Assault in the 4th degree Domestic Violence.

Joseph Lyon,66, received a citation for Failure to Stop at a Stop Sign

Jimmy Weyiouanna, 42,was arrested and remanded into AMCC for Assault in the 4th degree Domestic Violence.

Anita Soolook,41, was arrested and remanded into AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation, and received a citation for Endangering the Welfare of a Child in the second degree.

Clarice Hardy,25, received a citation for Taillight Requirements.

10/17  
Deanna Panipthchuk,23, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Disorderly Conduct.

## Trooper Beat

On September 26, Unalakleet AST contacted Larry Kobuk of St. Michael at the Unalakleet Airport and seized four 750 ml bottles of whisky from his baggage. Kobuk was traveling to St. Michael, which is a dry community. Kobuk will be summoned on a charge of Importation of Alcohol.

On October 1, at approximately 7:30 p.m., the Shaktoolik Native Corporation Annex store was burglarized. Investigation shows that \$651.00 in quarters and cash are missing from the store safe. There were no signs of forced entry and no damage reported. Investigation is ongoing.

On October 2, Alaska Wildlife Troopers in Nome issued a citation to Tom Mute, of Nome, for Failure to Obtain a Permit for the RM840 Registration Moose hunt. Investigation revealed that Mute had harvested a moose on September 12, 2009 in Game Management Unit 22C without having first obtained the permit.

On October 3, at 5:47 p.m., AST received a report of a two-vehicle motor vehicle collision located at 11 mile Nome-Council Highway. Investigation shows Adexzo Yuman, 36, of Nome, operating a 2003 Chevy pickup, collided with a 2004 Toyota pickup, operated by Bivers Gologergen, 48, of Nome. Yuman, Gologergen, and all passengers wore seatbelts and did not sustain injury. Both vehicles sustained \$5000.00 damage. Yuman was cited for Basic Speed.

On October 5, at approximately 12:00 p.m., Stanley, Milligrock, 27, of Wales, was arrested for an outstanding warrant for failure to appear for court. Milligrock was transported to Anvil Mountain Correctional Center.

On October 6, at approximately 9:00 a.m., Nome AST received a report from an inmate at AMCC that he was assaulted by staff. Investigation is ongoing.

On October 6, at approximately 10:00 a.m., the Alaska State Troopers arrested Francis Milligrock of Stebbins, on an outstanding arrest warrant issued for failure to appear for court. Francis was remanded to AMCC in Nome without incident.

On October 6, at approximately 1:00 p.m., the Elim VPSO received a report of a possible assault. The investigation revealed that Andrew Amaktoolik, 18, of Elim, had assaulted his girlfriend. Amaktoolik was arrested for Assault IV DV, and Violation of Conditions of Release and transported to AMCC.

On October 7, at approximately 6:00 a.m., VPO Daniel Teeluk conducted a warrant arrest for

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Cory Wells,30 was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault in the 4th Degree, Domestic Violence.

Sammy Amaktoolik,38, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation and Violating Conditions of Release.

Jennifer Russell,28, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Driving While Intoxicated and received a citation for speeding.

10/18  
A Nome juvenile received a citation for Minor Consuming Alcohol.

Michael Aukon,19, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Felony Conditions of Release.

William Alvanna,21, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.

Daisy Weinard,19, received a citation for Minor Consuming Alcohol.

10/19/09  
Michael Mayac,20, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Habitual Minor Consuming Alcohol.

During this reporting period we had 2 persons transported to the hospital for a Title 47 Protective Custody Hold.

a juvenile in St. Michael at the direction of AST. The juvenile was transported to Nome by AST and remanded to Juvenile Probation.

On October 7, at approximately 12:00 p.m., Nome AST received a report of Criminal Mischief in Gambell. The reporter advised that an individual may have broken a water line in Gambell and introduced gasoline into the Gambell water system. The EPA was advised and responded. Investigation into this matter is ongoing at this time.

On October 8, at 10:20 a.m., AST served a no-bail arrest warrant on Lionel Winkel, 26, of Kotzebue, at AMCC. Winkel's original charge was Driving Under the Influence.

On October 9, at approximately 4:30 a.m., Nome State Troopers received a report that an assault with a weapon occurred in a village in the Norton Sound Region. Investigation is ongoing.

On October 9, at approximately 10:38 a.m., Nome State Troopers received a report from a Health Aide in the Norton Sound Region involving child fondling. Investigation is ongoing.

On October 14, at approximately 8:00 a.m., Nome AST was advised of four (4) overdue hunters from Shishmaref. Family reported that the four adult men had gone seal hunting by boat and had failed to return at the scheduled time. AST authorized a hasty team to respond via boat to the area where the men were reported to be hunting. The hasty team located the hunters approximately 20 miles from Shishmaref. They were successful in their hunt and were slow in returning to the village. No injuries were reported.

On October 16, at 9:05 a.m., the Alaska State Troopers received a report of a disturbance in Gambell. Stephanie Oittillian, 23, of Gambell, was subsequently charged with Assault 4.

On October 16, at 11:00 a.m., AST received a report of a domestic disturbance in Gambell. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Benjamin Apassingok, 26, of Gambell, for Assault 3 and Probation Violation. Apassingok was remanded to AMCC.

On October 16, at 3:45 p.m., AST received a report that an airline passenger en route to Savoonga may be transporting alcohol. Subsequent investigation led to the seizure of 12, 750ml bottles of liquor. Maynard Kava, 72, of Savoonga, was subsequently charged with Importation of Alcohol.

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In the Matter of a Change of Name for:

**Clayton Jack Johnson,**  
Current name of Minor.

#### Notice of Petition to Change Name

A petition has been filed in the Superior Court (Case #2NO-09-00263CI) requesting a name change from (current name) **Clayton Jack Johnson** to **Clayton Jack Ivanoff**. A hearing on this request will be held on **November 20, 2009 at 11:00 am** at **Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street PO Box 1110 Nome, AK.**  
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#### Invitation For Proposals

The Bering Straits Regional Housing Authority (BSRHA) is soliciting written proposals from qualified general contractors for the completion of construction of 13 homes in 3 villages. The scope of work generally includes providing: Phase 1 Assessments of work completed, stored materials and utilities engineering leading to a master change for Phase 2 Construction Services all as more fully described in the Request For Proposals.

The BSRHA, in 2005, purchased and took delivery of 13 house packages in Koyuk (5), Elim (4) and Golovin (3). The house packages have SIP walls with conventionally framed floor and roof systems. Additionally the scope of work includes the design and construction of sewer and water mainline laterals to serve the Elim project site.

This is a qualifications based solicitation having a maximum 100 points possible allocated under seven response categories of which price is one category. Preference for American Indian/Alaskan Native Owned Firms and/or Employment of American Indian/Alaska Natives is provided under a scoring category having a maximum of 15 points possible. All, as more fully detailed in the Request for Proposals.

BSRHA's team will evaluate all proposals against established criteria and will enter into negotiation with the responsive Project Team Proposal having the highest score.

A pre-proposal meeting has been scheduled for **3:00 pm ADST on November 5, 2009** at the office of BSRHA.

The BSRHA will receive sealed proposals, in triplicate (one with original signatures), until **4:30 pm, November 20, 2009** Proposals received after the deadline will not be considered. Proposals received by the deadline will be noted as received and **Will Not** be opened publicly.

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Proposals are to be delivered to the Bering Straits Regional Housing Authority, **PO Box 995, Nome, Ak., 99762** or may be hand delivered to the offices of BSRHA at **415 E. 3rd Ave., Nome.** Proposals shall be sealed in a large envelope (separate from the mailing envelope), labeled *"2009 Housing Project for Elim, Golovin and Koyuk"* and bear the proposer's name and address.

BSRHA reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals or to waive any informality in the RFP process.

Copies of the Request for Proposals may be purchased from Digital Blueprint, **903 W. Northern Lights Blvd., Suite #103, Anchorage, Ak., 99503** phone (907) 274-4060, fax (907) 274-4086, e-mail [digiblue@digital-blueprint.com](mailto:digiblue@digital-blueprint.com) Or through their website: **Digital-Blueprint.com**

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Courtesy sets of the Request for Proposals are available of review at: BSRHA, Plans Room-Anchorage,

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**Paul Whipple, VP/ Contracting Officer BSRHA, P O Box 995, Nome, AK 99762** phone: (907) 443-8629, fax (907) 443-8652 e-mail: [pwhipple@bsrha.org](mailto:pwhipple@bsrha.org)

BSRHA is an Equal Opportunity Employer any work or contracts resulting from this solicitation will be subject to several State and/or Federal rules, regulations and requirements as more fully described in the Request for Proposals.  
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#### NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND SALE

Foreclosure Sale to be held December 30, 2009, at 10:00 AM at the Main entrance to the Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street, Nome, AK.

**RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., the present Trustee under the Deed of Trust executed by JAMES DEWITT AND RUTH DEWITT, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS, TRUSTOR(S), to RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., Trustee, and MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., Beneficiary, recorded April 26, 2007, in document No. 2007-000247-0 in Book N/A at Page N/A, all in the records of the Kotzebue Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska, encumbering the following real**

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**Nome Animal Control & Adopt-A-Pet • 443.5212 or 443.5262**

## • More Letters

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starting to have doubts about our beloved community. My dog was my best friend, and like a son to me, for the last six years and I'm going to miss him dearly. I hope that whoever killed him will let me know so that I could have closure.

Thank you and take care.

Sincerely,  
Melvin Towarak  
Unalakleet, AK

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to a letter published in last week's issue. It was the only letter printed.

The Dome building was built by a large crew of local workers. It brought in a much-needed source of income for many people who were at the time very indebted to the City. It had more than ample room for the size of our community. The problem with the building was the fact that no one had the skills to maintain it, (after the city manager at the time quit.)

The City Shop was a place that was well maintained and had tools to complete every job imaginable. At the time the building material and some of the supplies came in two separate Conex vans that were placed behind the shop/washeteria. They still remain in the spot where they were placed several years ago. Inside of them was the entire contents of the HVAC system, and tools up the wazoo. Once again after the City Manager left due to health rea-

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**Services for Richard Foster will be held in Nome on Friday, October 30 at 3:00 p.m. at the Nome Recreation Center. Interment will be at the family plot at Hannum Creek during the summer of 2010.**

**A memorial service will be held in Anchorage on Friday November 6th at 2:00 p.m. at the National Guard Armory at Fort Richardson.**



• State News Briefs

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absorbed and stores an estimated 800 million metric tons of global carbon. At the rapid rate of climate change in the Arctic – about twice that of lower latitudes – the Arctic as a carbon storage facility could make the Arctic a source of carbon dioxide instead. On the scale of a few decades,

the thawing permafrost could also result in a more waterlogged Arctic, says McGuire, a situation that could encourage the activity of methane-producing organisms. Methane is a very potent greenhouse gas. If the release of Arctic methane accelerates, global warming could increase at much faster rates, say the re-

searchers.

NOAA denies protection for spotted seals

The fNational Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the federal agency tasked to manage ice seals, last week denied a petition to list spotted seals under the Endan-

gered Species Act. The Center for Biological Diversity had filed a petition asking for protection for the spotted seal, saying that the seals' habitat is rapidly melting away in the face of global warming.

The center argued that climate projections indicate that the spotted seal would lose 40 percent of its winter sea ice habitat in the Bering and Okhotsk seas off Alaska and Russia by 2050. NOAA acknowledges that sea ice in the Arctic is rapidly melting. The agency concludes that the ice-dependant spotted seal will either adapt to life on land or migrate to better habitat elsewhere.

NOAA found that only a small population at the southern fringe of the species' range was imperiled. The agency proposed listing of seals as endangered in Liaodong Bay, China and Peter the Great Bay, Russia due to the threats of diminishing sea ice. NOAA will release a finding for the ringed and bearded seals by November 1, 2010. NOAA scientists decided earlier this year to deny Endangered Species Act protection to

the ribbon seal.

Army National Guard sponsors Iron Dog

Last week, the Iron Dog snowmachine race announced that after losing their main sponsor Tesoro, the Army National Guard came forward to be the presenting partner for the 2010 Iron Dog race. The Army National Guard and Iron Dog officials say the race and the Army National Guard recruitment efforts share the same age group. Young 18- to 35-year olds are prime age group for the Alaska Army National Guard and other Military services, an Iron Dog press release said.

The Alaska Army National Guard has a goal to recruit 300 new people this year and to that end, the world's longest snowmachine race through small Alaskan rural villages allows the Guard to increase current recruiting efforts. Last year, the Guard sponsored Iditarod rookie musher Harry Alexie to spearhead recruitment efforts along the Iditarod trail.

• More Letters

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sons the shop and two vans went to the weather.

As far as the shelter cabin goes, everyone in town thinks that a 5,000+ sq. ft. home is built from the materials of a 12x18 shelter cabin. Let's do the math.; 12 times 18 equals 216 sq.ft. Hmm 5,000 versus 216, seems like a very big difference there. Go figure.

The shelter cabin at Buck Creek is not and never has been locked. It more than one time has been used as a shelter cabin for stranded travelers. I do, however, know that more than one time it has snowed over and the door has been ice-locked by ice dams from melting, blowing snow. There

was a window placed in the front entry for such cases. Bottom line, no one is denied entry to the cabin.

The polar bear and cub mentioned in the letter was in fact shot by an Eskimo. It was injured and was hunting the local reindeer herd. The cub was killed because the Elder in the party at the den site said it could not be left to starve and die, as it could not fend for itself.

Bottom line is that the bickering and finger pointing at stuff that has happened 20-30 years ago is frivolous and a good waste of ink. What should have been written is the fact the local entities are being run by people who are robbing us (Wales) blind. The presidents are forever denying audits on their books; they

keep all financial information locked away from public sight. Our community keeps reelecting the same people to the governing bodies of our town, and yet we wonder why our town is going backward instead of forward. When someone, who wants to make change for the better is miraculously elected to an office they are chased out by the ones who wish to continue to better their own pockets and not worry about the community which they were elected to serve.

So I say, when is the community of Wales going to wake up and quit talking about how it was and make it like that. I guess to do that you would have to want your children to have a town to be proud of, and it would also mean that you or they would have to get out of bed first.

One final note, what a nice way to treat the owner of the vehicle used to transport the sick to the airport, including the author of last week's letter. Just one of many things that the person in which the derogatory was written about in last weeks issue.

Jason Oxereok  
Wales, AK

Letter to the Editor:

This year's AFN convention is just around the corner, and for those headed to Anchorage I want to be among the first to welcome you to the gathering. AFN is one of Alaska's truly great family reunions, and visiting with you at AFN is one of the things I most look forward to each year.

Your congressional delegation will again staff a booth at this year's convention, and I want to invite you to drop by to say hello. I have asked several of my legislative staffers to attend this year's convention, and they will be available to discuss federal issues or problems that you may be having with the federal government.

I am scheduled to speak on Friday afternoon and hope that you can be there for the discussion. As your United States Senator, I made a commitment to listen to our Native people, to respect your Native cultures and traditions and to support the needs of your villages. AFN is always a wonderful opportunity for me to let you know the progress we have made on your behalf during the past year. I look forward to visiting with you in Anchorage, and wish you all a great convention! Sincerely,  
Lisa Murkowski  
Washington, D.C.



## ABSENTEE BALLOTS

### NOME MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOL BOARD RUNOFF ELECTION

Absentee ballots for the **November 3, 2009** City of Nome Municipal and School Board Runoff Election will be available at the office of the City Clerk located in Nome City Hall, 102 Division Street, **October 19, 2009**. Application may be made by mail by writing to:

City Clerk, City of Nome, Box 281, Nome, Alaska 99762, or you may request an application by fax by contacting the City Clerk at **(907) 443-5345**. Ballot applications submitted by fax or mail must be received in the City Clerk's Office no later than **October 26, 2009**. Ballots must be received by **November 2, 2009**.

10/15-22-29

## CITY OF NOME

Notice of Municipal and School Board Runoff Election  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A RUNOFF OF THE ANNUAL MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION WILL BE HELD IN THE CITY OF NOME, ALASKA ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2009, BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8 a.m. AND 8 p.m. OF THE SAME DAY.

The polling place for electors will be Old St. Joe's, located at Anvil City Square, 407 Bering Street, for those persons living in Nome Precinct No. 1 (39924) and Nome Precinct No. 2 (39926).

THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR ELECTORS AT SAID ELECTION SHALL BE:

1. U.S. Citizen qualified to vote in state elections
2. Resident of the City of Nome for thirty (30) days immediately preceding the election
3. Registered to vote in state elections at a residence address within the municipality at least thirty (30) days before the municipal election at which the person seeks to vote
4. Is not disqualified under Article V of the Alaska Constitution

THE PURPOSE IS THE ELECTION OF THE FOLLOWING SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER:

1. One member of the Nome School Board, Seat C Three Year Term

IDENTIFICATION OF RUNOFF CANDIDATES:

NOME SCHOOL BOARD - SEAT C

Schmidt, Lynette  
Payenna, Heather M.

THE FILING DATE FOR THE ABOVE LISTED OFFICE was August 20, 2009 through September 11, 2009, 5 p.m.

10/15-22-29

## Notice to Democrats

District 39 Democrats will hold a general meeting

Where: • Nome Council Chambers  
When: • **Saturday, Oct. 24**  
Time: • **10 a.m.**

For information and procedure to nominate a candidate to fill Richard Foster's vacated seat in the House of Representatives. All nominees must meet the following criteria:

- 1) The nominee must have been a **registered voter** in House District 39 since **June 1, 2007**.
- 2) The nominee must have been a **registered Democrat** in House District 39 since **June 1, 2008**.

Telephonic participation available by calling 907-443-6618. The deadline for applications is **Oct. 26, 2009**.

Paid for by the Alaska Democratic Party, 2602 Fairbanks St., Anchorage, Alaska 99503

## Alaska Democratic Party, House District 39 (HD 39) Candidate Selection Committee meeting

- **Wednesday, October 28**
- City Council Chambers
- Purpose: recommend applicants for the HD 39 vacancy.
- 10 a.m. - Applicants will be interviewed by the Committee
- noon - The Committee will take public comments on nominees

After interviews and public comment, the committee will recommend three applicant names to the Governor.

For more information please call Democratic District Chair Louis Green at 443-5892.

All interested persons are encouraged to apply by Oct. 26, by completing the application available at [www.alaskademocrats.org](http://www.alaskademocrats.org).

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## Public Meeting Announcement for Nome Residents

The U.S. Air Force invites you to attend a public meeting for the Anvil Mountain Radio Relay Station Project. The purpose of this meeting is to summarize the findings of polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) investigation activities and solicit community input regarding site cleanup.

Key members of the project team will be on hand to provide a project overview and accept community comments.

**WE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO STOP BY!**

For more information, please contact:  
Steve Hunt, Project Manager, 611 CES  
at (907) 552-4869, [steve.hunt@ELMENDORF.af.mil](mailto:steve.hunt@ELMENDORF.af.mil)  
or Stephen Witzmann, Jacobs Engineering, at (907) 751-3332.

**Date :** Wednesday, October 28, 2009  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Location :** Old St. Joseph's Church  
407 Bering Street





All Around the Sound

New Arrival

Fredrica Curtis and Tommy Sampson of Shaktoolik announce the birth of their daughter **Summer Pearl Itchuaqiaq Sampson**, born September 8 at 7:05 p.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. She weighed 7 pounds, 4.6 ounces, and was 18" in length. Her big sister is Autumn Curtis and she has families in Shaktoolik and Noorvik.

Graduates

Dennis and Sandy Harvey of Nome are proud to announce the May 2009 graduation of their daugh-

ter, Lyette Harvey, from the Chugach School District. She was enrolled in the Home School Extension Program, which provided a unique, standards-based approach to her high school education. During her time with Chugach, she attended two EXCEL Summer Standards Camps at Alaska Pacific University in Anchorage, which assisted in her passing all three sections of the HSGQE on her first attempt during her sophomore year of high school.

In addition, Lyette attended two Voyage to Excellence career phases at Anchorage House. This experience gave her opportunities to apply what she learned in school to real-

life situations. Further, she gained skills and training in various areas including life skills, personal development, social development, service training, urban familiarization and career development. Since her graduation, Lyette has been employed as a Communications Officer with the Nome Police Department.

COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER—Lyette Harvey is a May 7, 2009 Chugach graduate.



NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING & TRIBAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The Nome Eskimo Community Annual Meeting & Election Results will be held Saturday, November 14, 2009 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Jerome Trigg, Sr. Hall located at 200 W 5th Avenue.

There are three (3) Tribal Council seat up for election. Two (2) seats will be held for three (3) years and one (1) seat will be held for one (1) year.

Polling place is the Jerome Trigg, Sr. Hall (NEC Office Complex) – 200 W. 5th Avenue.

Staff will provide annual program reports and door prizes will be available. Grand prize tickets are two (2) Alaska Airlines round trip tickets at the end of the meeting. Must sign in, attend and be present to win.

Tribal Council Candidates must be 21 years old and reside in Nome for at least one-year. Candidate applications are available at the main office.

For more information contact Linda Kimoktoak at 907-443-2246. Visit our website at [www.necalaska.org](http://www.necalaska.org).

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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Request for Information Concerning the Pacific Walrus Population



The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service was petitioned to list the Pacific walrus as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). The ESA allows private citizens or groups to formally request (petition) that the Federal Government consider listing a species. When this occurs the Federal Government is legally required to respond through due process. As required by law, a detailed review of the health and status of the Pacific walrus population has begun. To help us with the review we would like to gather comments and information from all interested parties.

We would like your comments and information relating to the following topics on walrus population health and habitat: Historical and current status of the Pacific walrus population, habitat use patterns, effects of climate and environmental changes, potential threats to the population, and the effectiveness of existing management programs to protect walruses, their habitat and prey.

For a more complete list of the type of information we are seeking and how it will be used, please visit <http://alaska.fws.gov/fisheries/mmm/walrus/esa.htm> and see the Federal Register Notice, or contact the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service Marine Mammals Management Office at 1-800-362-5148

Please submit information by one of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>.
- Enter the following text in the search box **FWS-R7-ES-2009-0051** and click the "Search" button. You may click on the "Submit a comment" link and follow the instructions to submit your comments.
- U.S. mail or hand-delivery: Send your comments to: Public Comments Processing, Attn: **FWS-R7-ES-2009-0051**; Division of Policy and Directives Management; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 222; Arlington, VA 22203.
- Telephone or FAX: Contact Marine Mammals Management, USFWS; by telephone (1-800-362-5148); or by FAX (907-786-3816).

Please submit information by November 9, 2009.



Northern Norton Sound Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting

- Time: 3 p.m.
- Date: Tuesday, October 27, 2009
- Location: New Kawerak Board Room, Nome, AK

Agenda items include (but are not limited to):

- Wildlife issues
- Proposals to the Alaska Board of Game to change regulations for muskox, moose, caribou wolverine, wolf and brown bear in Unit 22

For more information, contact Susan Bucknell, Committee Coordinador, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Kotzebue at [susan.bucknell@alaska.gov](mailto:susan.bucknell@alaska.gov) or 1-800-478-3420 ext. 17

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Shaktoolik Native Corporation

Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders

As designated in their by-laws, the Shaktoolik Native Corporation will hold its annual meeting of shareholders on Monday, November 2, 2009 at the Shaktoolik School Gym. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and call to order at 7 p.m. or upon establishment of quorum. This year shareholders will be electing four (4) directors. Shareholders are encouraged to send their proxies to be received by no later than 5 p.m., Monday, November 2, 2009.

For more information, please contact:

Shaktoolik Native Corporation  
PO Box 46  
Shaktoolik, AK 99771  
Ph. 907-955-3241  
Fax 907-955-3243

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Chairman Dan Harrelson has set the dates for NSEDC's 3rd Quarter meetings. Please see the schedule below for locations and times.

Meeting	Location	Time
November 3, 2009		
Executive Committee Meeting	UNK Memorial Hall	9:00 a.m.
Scholarship Committee Meeting	EET Office	10:00 a.m.
NSSP Working Group Meeting	UNK Memorial Hall	10:00 a.m.
Rules & Bylaws Committee Mtg.	UNK Memorial Hall	1:00 p.m.
Fisheries Development Comm. Mtg.	UNK Memorial Hall	2:30 p.m.
November 4, 2009		
Finance Committee Meeting	UNK Memorial Hall	9:00 a.m.
Board of Directors Meeting	UNK Memorial Hall	1:00 p.m.
November 5, 2009		
Board of Directors Meeting	UNK Memorial Hall	9:00 a.m.
November 6, 2009		
Annual Meeting of Members	UNK Memorial Hall	9:45 a.m.
Annual Meeting of Directors	UNK Memorial Hall	10:30 a.m.

Portions of these meetings may be held in Executive session to conduct confidential business of the organization.

10/15 AND 10/29



# Sgt. Maj. Aukongak blazes path for Native women

Through hard work, goal setting and devotion, Lillian Aukongak has climbed the ranks in the Alaska Army National Guard over her 23-year career to make the rank of sergeant major.

Sgt. Maj. Aukongak's accomplishment, however, carries more than just personal significance. An Inupiaq, Aukongak is the first Alaska Native woman to attain the highest enlisted rank possible in the National Guard. She was pinned Oct. 1 in a promotion ceremony held at the Alaska National Guard Armory.

Born in Nome and having grown up in Golovin and White Mountain, Aukongak enlisted in the Guard in Nome Oct. 14, 1986. She started her career as a radio operator for 1/297th Infantry (Scout) Battalion. Aukongak held several different jobs and moved up the ranks quickly.

She joined the Active Guard Reserve program in 1991, but the idea of earning a college degree stayed at the front of her mind. Aukongak began taking college courses while working full-time and received her bachelor's degree in Human Services in 2007.

Aukongak's drive and determination developed after life dealt her a tough blow early on. Orphaned at age 6, she and her seven sisters and two brothers were split up and put into foster care. Aukongak was the second to the youngest and paired up to live with her younger sister.

Despite the separation, Aukongak said she looked up to her older sisters, seeking their guidance as she grew up. "Everyone has challenges and not everyone goes through what I went through," she said. "But that didn't stop me from pursuing my goals and following my dreams. I've always had very positive sisters who kind of mothered me; because I lost my parents at such a young age, I really looked up to them and admired them from a distance."

As she has climbed the ranks, Aukongak has played both the role of admirer and admired. "You have soldiers who admire you from a distance, whether you acknowledge it or not. The higher grade you make, the more you put yourself in a position to be a mentor and role model; I call it being admired from a distance," she said. "I personally have a

lot of people whom I've admired from a distance. Command Sgt. Maj. Pamela Harrington and Sergeants Maj. Jane Dennis and Kerry Averett are just a few people I've admired from a distance."

Aukongak's achievement has drawn admiration from the highest ranks of the Alaska Army National Guard. "I think Sgt. Maj. Aukongak's accomplishment is a great triumph and success story," said State Command Sgt. Maj. Gordon Choate. "She is a leader who our soldiers can look up to, and she epitomizes the truth that soldiers who live the Army values can achieve the highest ranks through leadership and hard work."



**PROMOTED—** Sgt. Maj. Lillian Aukongak is the first Alaska Native woman to attain the highest enlisted rank possible in the National Guard. She was pinned Oct. 1 in a promotion ceremony held at the Alaska National Guard Armory.

## Court

**Week ending 10/16**  
**Civil**  
Capital One Bank (USA), N A vs. Nguyen, James V.; Debt - District Court Kauer, Caroline C. vs. Davis, Thomas Clyde; District Court FED Soolook, Andrea vs. Ahkinga, Jamie; DV: Both ExParte & Long Term

**Small Claims**  
Nome Storage Co vs. Mitchell, Matthew; SC Conf of Judgt \$2500 or Less

**Criminal**  
State of Alaska v. Diana Katongan (5/12/62); 2NO-09-627CR Count 1: Disorderly Conduct; Date of offense: 10/9/09; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 5 days, 5 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 1/9/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol or controlled substances without a prescription; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer.  
State of Alaska v. Diana Katongan (5/12/62); 2NO-09-627CR Count 2: Criminal Trespass 2°; Date of offense: 10/9/09; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 15 days, 15 days suspended; Probation: see count 1 until 1/9/10.  
State of Alaska v. Richard R. Rollins (6/27/63); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110680074; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 30 days; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.  
State of Alaska v. Cynthia Madsen (4/12/80); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: VOCR; Filed by the DAs Office 10/14/09.  
State of Alaska v. Ann Soolook (6/29/70); Disorderly Conduct; Date of offense: 10/12/09; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 10 days, 9 days suspended; Unsuspended 1 day shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for 6 months.  
State of Alaska v. Nellie Trigg (6/30/85); Dismissal; Tampering With Physical Evidence; Date of offense: 9/25/09; Minute Order; On this date (10/6/09) in open court the Prosecuting Attorney for the State of Alaska gave notice that the State does not intend to proceed with a preliminary hearing in this matter; On motion of the defense, the court hereby dismisses the above named case for failure to timely proceed with preliminary hearing pursuant to Rule 5/5.1.; Accordingly, it is ordered that the defendant shall be released from custody, any bond executed on behalf of defendant be exonerated, and any cash or other security posted as bail be refunded to the depositors.

## NSEDC Announces the 2010 Outside Entity Funding Program

Application Submission Deadlines  
Fisheries-Related Project Proposals: November 13, 2009  
Non-Fisheries Related Project Proposals: March 5, 2010

For funding consideration, proposals must meet the deadlines as categorized above, either delivered to the Anchorage NSEDC office by 4:00 p.m. or postmarked by date of deadline. Faxed or e-mailed proposals will not be accepted. Early submissions are encouraged. Fisheries projects may be eligible for funding



under both categories so please plan accordingly. Applications were mailed out to member communities on October 12, 2009. Application will be available online at [www.nsedc.com](http://www.nsedc.com) or from your local liaison.

Additional Contact Information:  
Paul Ivanoff III, Community Benefits Director, phone (800) 385-3190 or e-mail [pivanoff@nsedc.com](mailto:pivanoff@nsedc.com)  
Galsy Ashenfelter, Community Benefits Specialist, phone (800) 650-2248 or e-mail [galsy@nsedc.com](mailto:galsy@nsedc.com)

Mail or deliver original proposals to:  
Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation  
420 L Street, Suite 310  
Anchorage, AK 99501

## NOTICE OF UTILITY ACCESS TARIFF FILING

The REGULATORY COMMISSION OF ALASKA (Commission) hereby gives notice that GCI Communication Corp. d/b/a General Communication, Inc has filed a tariff revision **TA531-489**. In **TA531-489**, GCI proposes to adjust its intrastate access rates for the Arctic Slope service area in compliance with Order **U-08-084(10)/U-08-145(7)/U-08-156(6)**. This notice does not detail every proposed revision. The following table lists some of the current and proposed rates for the Arctic Slope service area.

ACCESS SERVICES		
Rates and Charges – Arctic Slope	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
<b>Line Charges</b>		
Carrier Common Line Rate, per line, per month	\$16.52	\$15.87
<b>Switched Access Service, Recurring Charges</b>		
Dedicated Transport Per Trunk or Circuit Path Per Month	\$41.93	\$42.43
<b>Special Access Service, Voice Grade Service</b>		
Channel Termination Per Termination, Monthly		
• Two-Wire	\$211.55	\$208.90
• Four-Wire	\$338.45	\$334.25

The Commission may approve a rate or classification which varies from that proposed. You may obtain more information about this filing from GCI at **2550 Denali Street, Suite 1000, Anchorage, Alaska 99503-2751**. You may inspect the filing at the Commission's offices at 701 West Eighth Avenue, Suite 300, Anchorage, Alaska 99501. You may also view the filing via our website at <http://rca.alaska.gov/RCASWeb/home.aspx>. To comment on this filing, please submit your comments by **November 10, 2009** at either the Commission address given above or via our website at <https://rca.alaska.gov/RCASWeb/WhatsNew/PublicNoticesComments.aspx>. Please reference TA531-489 in the subject line of your comments and include a statement that you have filed a copy of the comments with GCI at its address given above or [clynch@gci.com](mailto:clynch@gci.com). Individuals or groups of people with disabilities, who require special accommodations, auxiliary aids or service, or alternative communication formats, please contact Joyce McGowan at **276-6222**, toll-free at **1-800-390-2782**, or **TDD (907) 276-4533** by **November 3, 2009**.

DATED at Anchorage, Alaska, this 15th day of October, 2009.  
REGULATORY COMMISSION OF ALASKA //Mary J. Vittone//Chief, Tariff Section

# SERVING THE COMMUNITY OF NOME

## Going to Anchorage?

The Nome Nugget is too! Find copies at:

- Ted Stevens International Airport
- Alaska Native Health Service - Hospital entrance
- Cook Inlet Tribal Building
- Downtown Transit Center Cafe - 7th Ave.
- Sheraton Hotel Gift Shop - 401 E. 6th Ave.
- Sourdough Newspaper and Tobacco Shop - 735 W. 4th Ave.



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## • Coast Guard

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Nome could play. “We’re still encouraging the Coast Guard using Nome as your operating base as much as possible,” Michels said.

It was Baker who voiced the main question on the mind of Nome representatives in the room, inquiring about the potential of the Coast Guard stationing a cutter permanently in western Alaska—and specifically, in Nome. Breckenridge dismissed the possibility of a base for a large cutter, adding that the Coast Guard is still taking stock of challenges and opportunities in the region. “You’re probably a half step to a step ahead of us,” Breckenridge told Baker. “We’re in the process of digesting what happened this last season.”

Colvin added that there is no perfect solution as the communities of Nome, Kotzebue and Barrow are eyed for their potential. While Nome’s port infrastructure is the most developed in western and northwestern Alaska, the harbor does have some natural disadvantages. “It’s a wonderful place as far as support goes, but the challenge is the depth of water,” Colvin said. Colvin said a pier suitable to serve the larger cutters would potentially need to extend up to a mile seaward to reach an adequate depth.

Colvin said at this point Nome would be more likely to see some sort of land-based installation rather than serve as a homeport for a cutter. Such a base could serve as a coordination center and aid in search and rescue efforts, he said. But even a scaled-back presence is not yet called for, Colvin said. “Clearly when you’re forward deployed, you can react more quickly. But it takes money to build that infrastructure,” he said.

Breckenridge added that funding any new installation would be a lengthy process. Even if all funding requirements were met, it would take a number of years before money could start flowing. “We’re really talking 2013,” she said. “The best scenario for getting something new is three years.” Breckenridge’s tone implied that such a best-case scenario is currently not envisioned.

Breckenridge said even if the Coast Guard was determined to base out of Nome it would face a series of logistical challenges in doing so. Foremost, she said, the current fleet of cutters are not made to be operated in heavy ice conditions. “The hulls cannot operate in ice. They’re not built for that,” she said. Breckenridge added that the class of large cutters are currently in the process of being decommissioned.

As noncommittal as the admirals were in regard to any Coast Guard permanence in Nome, much of the discussion with city leaders signaled future involvement in the region.

One way or the other Nome will continue to play a role as more shipping activity in the warming Arctic spurs a larger Coast Guard presence. “We know we have missions we are going to be working up here,” Breckenridge said.

At the start of the meeting, Mayor Michels distributed handouts detailing the growth in traffic and business at Nome’s port of the past 20 years or so. The number of ships stopping in Nome has increased to historic levels. In 1990, Nome saw a total of 34 dockings. In 2007 that number jumped to 184. This year, that number has jumped to 274 with a small window of ice-free water still ahead.

The increase in dockings comes as more equipment, gravel, research vessels and fuel barges pass through the region. The rise is also an indicator of more traffic through Arctic waters. Each year, more and more ships are pushing their way through the Northwest Passage, whether they are independent adventurers or even small cruise ships.

The uptick in Arctic sailings has definitely caught the Coast Guard’s attention. “With the water opening in the Arctic, we’re trying to figure out what boats work, what type of planes work, what type of helicopters work,” Colvin said.

This summer’s Arctic Crossroads Operation, which saw a large influx of Coast Guard personnel in the region for training exercises and medical visits to villages, was part of the Coast Guard’s process to acquaint itself with the realities of today’s Arctic. Colvin said the exercises proved valuable in fleshing out challenges, such as communications, and familiarizing itself with the region’s terrain in cooperative weather and without the stress of responding to some sort of emergency. Colvin said that time spent training and interacting with local sources will aid the Coast Guard in responding to future incidents in the region. “It just accelerates the timeline for operations,” he said.

More traffic also means more potential for an accident or spill. “It’s still not a huge amount of traffic,” Colvin said of the vessels attempting the Northwest Passage. “But it scares the heck out of me. I’m just hopeful that we don’t have a Titanic-like accident up here.”

“It’s on all our minds,” Breckenridge said. Breckenridge associated the emerging interest in the Arctic frontier with her generation’s drive to explore space. As the Coast Guard participates in that exploration, Breckenridge said it has to relearn some lessons from its past.

The Coast Guard had a presence in Nome more than a century ago, but over time it pulled out of the region. “You remember more of that than we do. You’ve been here and we



**ARRIVAL BY AIR**—A crew works to unload a Coast Guard C-130 from Kodiak after landing in Nome in June. The flight was in preparation for the Coast Guard’s Arctic Crossroads operation largely based out of Nome this summer.

left,” Breckenridge said. “We know we’ve been here before, but, quite frankly, we’ve lost some of that knowledge.” Breckenridge highlighted that the numerous recent visits by the Coast Guard are aimed at filling those knowledge gaps.

Part of that investigation, Breckenridge said is establishing a supply-chain system to support the operations that are occurring in the region. “What kind of spare parts do we need if we’re operating up here? Our system isn’t that mature,” she said. She did note that the Coast Guard is a little more advanced in its logistics for supporting air operations in the region than it is for its marine fleet.

The Oct. 16 meeting also allowed for Nome officials to voice more city-specific concerns. Port Director Baker asked to be given more advance notice of Coast Guard ship arrivals so that she could better route traffic at the port to make room. “Years ago a vessel could count on Nome having an open cell to be able to pull in,” she said. “Nowadays it’s a different story.”



*Photos by Tyler Rhodes*

**GIFT EXCHANGE**—Nome Mayor Denise Michels laughs as the Coast Guard’s Vice Adm. Jody Breckenridge presents her with a clock and compass as a gift thanking her for the city’s hospitality this summer. Michels had earlier presented Breckenridge and Rear Adm. Chris Colvin with historic photos of the Coast Guard’s presence in Nome.

Fire Chief Matt Johnson spoke to the need for more coordination between his search and rescue department and the Coast Guard. Noting that the rescue department’s marine resources are minimal at best, Johnson said rescues at sea most often require them to call out for help themselves.

Johnson also wants to find out what sort of resources would be necessary to fight a fire on a ship if such a situation were to occur while a vessel was docked in Nome. “If there are one or two connections we would need to have in our arsenal, we would like to know that,” he said.

## • NovaGold

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The mining firm reports spending \$12.5 million so far this year at Rock Creek. NovaGold in the report says its foremost plan at Rock Creek is to “establish the structures and action plan required to ensure the project remains in compliance with all environmental regulations during next spring’s freshet.”

Indeed, runoff water has caused headaches for the mining firm at Rock Creek. This year, NovaGold agreed to pay the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency a record \$883,628 (U.S. dollars) for discharges of sediment-filled water into area streams between April 2007 and September 2008.

In July, NovaGold also received a Notice of Violation from the state Department of Environmental Conservation due to its failure to comply with water treatment and injection requirements related to water in its tailings pond. To settle the violation, the firm has agreed to treat and inject water at a higher rate to reduce the build-up behind the pond’s dam. The dam was not designed to hold back water. NovaGold was not fined for the violation.

NovaGold also says it does not intend to commence development or construction at either Donlin Creek

or Galore Creek for the rest of 2009. Either action, it states, would require external financing. As of Aug. 31, NovaGold reported its cash and cash equivalent holdings at \$46.4 million with working capital of \$38 million.

Activity at Galore Creek was halted in 2007 when the company and its project partner, Teck Resources, determined the project costs had ballooned well beyond expectations. The project became the subject of a U.S. shareholder lawsuit, portions of which were thrown out earlier this year. However, another shareholder suit has been filed in the Canadian courts for \$100 million. The new suit carries similar allegations to the U.S. filings regarding when NovaGold and its partners were aware of the increased cost estimate to develop the project and when it reported those estimates to shareholders.

NovaGold describes the Donlin Creek prospect as its “flagship property.” The firm reports that it has “pre-permitting” activities underway after a feasibility study was completed earlier this year. Donlin is owned in equal shares by NovaGold and mining giant Barrick Gold. As of Aug. 31, NovaGold reported spending \$11.9 million (U.S.) of the \$14 million (U.S.) budgeted for 2009 at the property.

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AN EARLY START—Nome’s snow dump was open for business a little early this year as the season’s first big snow storm deposited more than a foot of the white stuff.

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SUCCESS—Wayne Walluk chips at his hole in the ice while fishing for saffron cod, or tom cod as it’s locally called, on Tuesday afternoon near Belmont Point.

## NSEDC candidate Smith sues over election results

By Laurie McNicholas

Tim Smith, a candidate in the Oct. 6 election for the Nome seat on the Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. board of directors, filed a complaint against NSEDC and a challenge to the election results on Monday in Superior Court in Nome.

The complaint states that the election of Don Stiles was improper in several respects, and it includes an allegation that Janis Ivanoff, NSEDC’s chief executive officer, called Nome voters on election day to influ-

ence their votes.

Under NSEDC’s current by-laws, the election was open to City of Nome residents and those who vote in Nome for statewide races but do not live within city boundaries. NSEDC’s bylaws also state that a candidate needs more than 40 percent of the vote to win a board seat and that NSEDC will certify the results of the election.

The election results for the NSEDC Nome representative as reported by the City of Nome listed 746 ballots cast, 738 bal-

lots counted and 31 questioned ballots. The questioned ballots were those submitted by voters who were assumed to live outside the city limits of Nome but were qualified to vote in the NSEDC race. Of the 31 questioned ballots, only 23 were deemed valid after being verified by the state elections office in Nome. The eight ballots excluded from the count were submitted by voters who were determined to be living out of the

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## Slush takes the bite out of major storm

By Sandra L. Medearis

Now that most of the snow clogging the streets has gone away in city and state trucks, we have the luxury of taking an academic interest in last week’s sudden appearance of winter wonderland.

Fast and close were key words in weatherman Jerry Steiger’s account of the storm

that had some folks “swimming” in and out of their homes and parking their cars down the block.

“A low pressure center developed quite quickly and close in, to the west of St. Lawrence Island,” Steiger said, explaining why the ground went from no snow to lots of snow in a couple days.

“It then moved east and over the island, over the top of Nome, and then northeast toward Kotzebue and to the interior of the state.”

A big difference between the low pressure over Nome and a high pressure to the east brought a rush of east wind and enough

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## Board of Game denies nearly all Unit 22 proposals

By Tyler Rhodes

Of the 13 proposals concerning the game unit encompassing Nome and the Norton Sound region, only one received the green light from the Alaska Board of Game last weekend.

The remaining dozen were either unanimously shot down or saw no action from the statewide board which met in Nome’s Mini

Convention Center Nov. 13-16.

The sole proposal receiving the board’s blessing will guarantee nonresident hunters 10 percent of the drawing permits issued to hunt mature bull musk ox in Unit 22E. The proposal, as originally submitted by guide Brian Simpson, asked that a nonresident allocation be set at a hard 15 or 20 percent for the area at the

northern end of the Seward Peninsula.

The current regulations allow for up to 10 percent of the permits to be issued to out-of-state hunters without a guarantee that any permits go to nonresidents. The hunt, which has been open to nonresidents since 2006, has had 20 available permits for the last several years. Unit 22 wildlife biologist Tony Gorn said one

or two of those permits have gone to nonresidents each year.

In his reasoning behind the proposal, Simpson argued that residents have multiple opportunities to hunt musk ox in Unit 22E between the permit hunt, a state subsistence hunt and a

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## A new Rep. Foster sworn in

By Tyler Rhodes

In less than a week after being selected by Gov. Sean Parnell to fill his father’s shoes in state government, Nome’s Neal Foster was sworn in by Lt. Gov. Craig Campbell Monday as the newest member of the House of Representatives.

Foster’s swearing in came on the

heels of his confirmation by House Democrats Sunday to serve the remainder of his father’s term. Both events took place in Anchorage. Parnell had traveled to Nome Nov. 10 to announce he had selected Foster for the appointment.

Foster will serve the approximate year left in the late Richard Foster’s

term. The elder Foster had represented western Alaska in the House for 21 years that spanned 11 terms. He died in October of a heart attack suffered during kidney dialysis in Washington state. “It’s been a very eventful last month,” Neal Foster said after being sworn in. “It’s been a very bittersweet moment, but I am very grate-

ful for this opportunity. And I look forward to serving not just the people of our district, but the entire state.”

Foster’s route to the seat first required him to toss his hat in the ring with six other contenders to be evaluated by a committee of Democrats

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Letters

Dear Editor:

Regarding Lisa Murkowski’s town hall—How much does the bill weigh? 1,900 pages and no weight? Usually the fear mongers at least give a weight. Especially if I, the middle class, have to carry it around.

Republicans have had control for 30 years in one way or another, and you did nothing then about health-care. I fully expect you will do nothing now or in the future regarding my healthcare. I as a middleclass American, understand; I can expect nothing from the Republicans. I expected nothing from you then when you had power. I got nothing from your dad. I get nothing but grief and heartache from Rep. Young for health care. He was a no vote.

I am content with that philosophy. Although, I am still a voter. I will fight to change this destructive behavior towards our society and in particular the middle class. Here is an example, and it’s not unique.

My brother was in his early 20s in Indiana and slipped on ice and broke his back. He worked as a waiter. He had no insurance. After a costly treatment, and a few visits to physical therapy (he couldn’t afford to continue) he was cast aside. Nearly a year in bed, his means of

making money stopped. He couldn’t walk. Meanwhile he was given a bill for nearly \$250,000. Yes, that’s 4 zeros behind that 25.

Guess what happened next? Can you guess, Lisa? Bankruptcy!

I ask you where shall I cast my vote? To someone who wants to halt what might help my family? Your, “fend for ourselves mantra”? Health care that covers the healthy only?

You don’t expect to get my vote , do you? I pay more then \$5 a gallon for fuel oil, and we have our own oil fields. We are in a war that shouldn’t be happening (I am a Gulf War vet under George the First’s reign, by the way) .

From where is your logic coming? It costs \$13,000 a year apiece for health insurance for my wife and me. That does not include deductibles, or caps. Maybe if something catastrophic happens medically we will be able to keep our house. Maybe. Lisa, we need this healthcare bill.

This one is just for us—the middle-class. Especially now when there are so many unemployed. Please vote for it. You can tell your constituents whatever you like. I will help you with an excuse. Please don’t make this another power grab for the benefit of the one percent at the expense of the 95 percent.

Thank you for your time.

Jonathon Mason  
Nome, Alaska

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Editorial

Brings Out the Best

Adversity brings out the good in people. This past week’s storm, which fell on the same day 35 years ago, did not pack nearly the wallop as did the notorious Storm of ’74. But, oh what a dumping of snow we got. It makes one wonder if the Department of Transportation has connections with the blizzard prognosticator. Is it really coincidence that storms hit in full force on state holidays?

Nome stores and businesses struggled to stay open and health and safety personnel kept emergency services and fire lanes open. The citizens of Nome and the communities of western Alaska know how to put their shoulders to the wheel and arms to the shovels. Stuck vehicles were pulled from ditches, neighbors helped to dig out neighbors, Folks walked with the less-sure-footed and generally were more alert to those who needed an assist. In the aftermath of the storm the City and State snow removal crews were on top of the task. The drivers of snow blowers, loaders and dump trucks must constantly be on the alert for children climbing over snow berms to get to the school bus stop, folks walking in the middle of the street where the snow has been cleared and drunks staggering too close to the wheels of danger.

We made it through the first snow of the season and we can’t put off the winter preparedness tasks. Let’s get those snow removal obstruction items out of the way, the old snowmachines that don’t work, the summertime fun toys, the junker 4-wheelers and other classic Nome treasures out of harm’s way. Let’s give the kids a talking to about street safety and make sure they wear reflective clothing. It’s hard for drivers to see pedestrians in the arctic darkness. Let’s plan ahead and be ready so that we can tell old man winter to “Bring it on!”

—N.L.M.—

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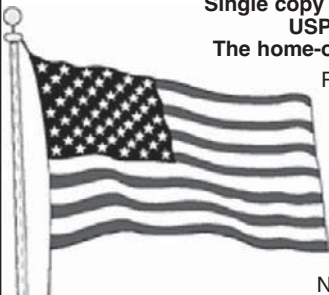
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State of Alaska news briefs

Compiled by Diana Haecker  
President Obama stops over at Elmendorf

En route to his first presidential overseas trip to Asia, US President Barack Obama landed at Elmendorf Air Force base and addressed the service men and women on November 12. Obama had spent Veteran's Day at the Army base in Fort Hood, Texas to attend a memorial for victims of last week's killings. Air Force One landed at Elmendorf in the afternoon. Obama addressed the Elmendorf soldiers in a short, 15-minute speech, conveying a simple message of gratitude. Obama also pledged to increase the pay, child care and medical support for men and women serving the country. Obama met privately with the family of fallen Anchorage-born soldier Gregory Fleury, who was killed in a helicopter crash in Afghanistan. The President's first visit to Alaska was not well attended by the state's Republican leadership. Governor Sean Parnell said he couldn't be there because he gave a speech at the annual meeting of the Associated General Contractors. Parnell said he hopes to meet the President on his return trip from Asia. US Senator Lisa Murkowski issued a statement welcoming the president to Alaska, but she was on field visits to Kotzebue and Nome. Congressman Don Young stayed in Washington. Air Force One continued on and flew to Japan later that evening.

Parnell makes maintenance priority

At a press conference at the University of Alaska Anchorage last week, Governor Sean Parnell announced a plan to tackle the backlog of deferred maintenance projects for state-owned facilities, thereby putting Alaskan construction workers to work. Parnell said he plans to submit a state capital budget that would include \$100 million for deferred maintenance projects in each of the next five years. The budget will fund repair and renovation projects throughout Alaska for roads, ferries, airports, university buildings and other public facilities. Out of the \$100 million, the University of Alaska would get a chunk of \$37 million to bring its facilities in compliance with building standards and such. Deferred maintenance funding is necessary to preserve the state's significant investment in infrastructure and will mean Alaska's construction industry will have jobs it can depend on, each and every year, said Parnell. Parnell said the announcement at a meeting of the Associated General Contractors kept him from greeting President Barack Obama, who landed Thursday afternoon at Elmendorf Air Force Base on his way to Japan.

Alaska National Guard has new commander

With the appointment of Lt. General Craig Campbell as lieutenant governor in August, the Alaska National Guard and the Alaska state Department of Military and Veteran's Affairs was without a leader. Last week, Governor Sean Parnell named Brigadier General Thomas Katkus adjutant general and acting commissioner of the Dept. of Military Affairs.

Palin's book "Going Rogue" out this week

Former Alaska Governor Sarah Palin launched her writing career with a book that is already a bestseller, "Going Rogue" and was kicking off the national book tour on the Oprah Winfrey show on Monday. The book netted the ex-Governor \$1.5 million in advance payment and is estimated to make her \$5 million. In response to some loose ends left by Palin's rushed exit out of the Governor's office in July, the Alaska Democratic Party launched a website called Say NO to Sarah". A statement by the Alaskan Democrats says that the website was launched in response to former Governor Palin's refusal to provide copies of Palin emails to the public under the state's Public Records Act. Party chairwoman Patti Higgins said that the records would have shed light on government actions and that she was especially concerned when it became apparent that Palin was using not only a government e-mail account, but also a personal email address to conduct government business.



Energy plan in the making

After several House and Senate energy committees have been on the quest to hear what should and shouldn't go in a comprehensive state energy plan, the house special committee on energy held a hearing on November 17 at the 2009 Alaska Municipal League conference. Bill Popp, President & CEO, Anchorage Economic Development Corporation and Chris Rose, Executive Director, Renewable Energy Alaska Project presented a draft statewide energy policy bill. This bill and an omnibus energy bill is slated to be pre-filed for the 2010 legislative session that begins January 19 in Juneau. On the Senate side, the chairs of the Senate special committee on energy Lesil McGuire (R-Anchorage) and Bill Wielechowski (D-Anchorage) call on all Alaskans to submit comments on their draft state energy policy recommendations. The 50-page recommendations document calls for increased funding for weatherization, more energy efficient power generation, merging Railbelt utilities and providing incentives for more natural gas exploration in Cook Inlet. To submit comments by December 15 go to www.energy.ak-senate.org

Royally paid musher position open

The Denali National Park and Preserve has a job opening for the one and only federal musher to be employed at the state's most visited National park. Northern District ranger Richard Moore said the position entails caring for the kennel of 31 sled dogs, patrolling the park by dog sled in the winter and holding presentations in front of lots of tourists in the summer. The kennel's manager also has to do some administrative work and has to supervise other personnel. And the pay is not bad either, ranging from \$33,477 to \$66,542 plus a 25 percent cost of living adjustment. Moore couldn't say how many applications came in yet, as headquarters in D.C. are dealing with the hiring, but he said the unusual job description made his phone ring nonstop with media inquiries from the entire nation and Canada.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

November 19 - 25, 2009

EVENT	PLACE	TIME
Thursday, November 19		
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*High School Practice	Pool	6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*Preschool Story Hour	Kegoayah Library	10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	noon - 2 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
*You and Your Baby Lamaze video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Wiffleball (3rd - 6th grades)	Nome Rec Center	4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Protecting Your Baby Against Hep B video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*City League Basketball	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Water Aerobics	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
*Swing Dancing with Seiji	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.

Friday, November 20

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Tobacco Awareness class	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Youth Soccer (1st & 2nd grades)	Nome Rec Center	4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Comforting Your Fussy Baby video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Youth Soccer (3rd - 5th grades)	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 6 p.m.
<b>BSF Native Arts Auction</b>	<b>Mini-Convention Ctr</b>	<b>5:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.</b>
*Tae Kwon Do with Master Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.

Saturday, November 21

<b>Unalakleet Native Corporation Annual Meeting</b>	<b>Paneok/Gonanganan Memorial Hall</b>	<b>10 a.m.</b>
*UMW Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 4 p.m.
*Circuit Training with Kelly S.	Nome Rec Center	12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
*Water Aerobics	Pool	1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
*Prevent Baby Bottle Tooth Decay video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	3:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Things My Mother Never Told Me video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
<b>Ducks Unlimited Fall '09 Banquet</b>	<b>Mini-Convention Ctr</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>

Sunday, November 22

*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Stages of Labor video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Smoking: A Time To Quit video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Vigorous Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Monday, November 23

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 6 p.m.
*The Essentials of Successful Parenting video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Beginning Yoga with Kari	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Teen Breastfeeding: Why Breastfeed? video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Circuit Training with Kelly S.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*City League Basketball	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Water Aerobics	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Master Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
<b>Nome Common Council Work Session Re: Landfill</b>	<b>Council Chambers</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.

Tuesday, November 24

*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*High School Practice	Pool	6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*Preschool Story Hour	Kegoayah Library	10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	noon - 2 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
*Medicad/Denali KidCare class	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*We're Having A Baby Again: A Childbirth Refresher video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*City League Basketball	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*AA Teleconference: 1-800-914-3396	(CODE: 3534534#)	7 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY

Wednesday, November 25

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Morning Laps	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
<b>USDA Foreclosure (see ad p. 12)</b>	<b>Nome Courthouse</b>	<b>10 a.m.</b>
*Rotary Club	Airport Pizza	noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 10 p.m.
*Laura's Story-Programs 123 video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Yelling, Threatening & Putting Down: What to Do Instead video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Step Box with Kelly S.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Open Climb	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Master Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Hello Central (also on Channel 98)	Nome Visitors Center	7:30 p.m.
*Open Space Yoga	Nome Rec Center	9 p.m. - 10 p.m.

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XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Tu - F)
Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (M - F)
Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	noon - 5 p.m. (M - F)
>>>>>>	additional hours by appointment	
Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 8 p.m. (M - Th)
>>>>>>		noon - 6 p.m. (F - Sa)
Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	2 p.m. - 9 p.m. (M - Th)
>>>>>>		1 p.m. - 5 p.m. (Sa)

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federal subsistence hunt. He also noted that the remote and rugged area prevents fully meeting musk ox quotas. "Many residents who draw a DX097 permit do not hunt the permit when they become aware of the logistical difficulties and expense to access the hunt area," Simpson wrote.

Board members were swayed by the low harvest of available musk ox in the unit as well as earlier testimony that residents of the area wanted to see fewer musk ox. Northern Norton Sound Advisory Committee member Roy Ashenfelter testified Nov. 13 that village residents in the unit would like to see as many musk ox taken as possible. The committee had recommended guaranteeing 20 percent of the permits to nonresidents. "It's an animal that eats the food the residents prefer eating,"

Ashenfelter told the board. "Whatever means you could implement, residents would appreciate."

Of all the opportunities to hunt musk ox in the unit, the northern portion has the most liberal quotas and hunts. The state subsistence hunt—open only to Alaska residents—allows for the taking of 62 musk ox, half of which can be cows. Gorn reported to the board that the annual harvest is generally "in the mid 20s" with fewer than 10 cows among the harvest. He said about 17 of the 20 available musk ox are taken through the permit hunt each year. "We are considerably below allowable harvest," Gorn said.

The hunt also has a long duration, with bull seasons running from Aug. 1 to March 15 and the cow season from Jan. 1 to March 15.

Board of Game Vice Chair Ted Spraker of Soldotna amended the proposal to set the guaranteed

amount at 10 percent. The amendment and then the proposal as a whole passed by a 5-2 vote. Casting "no" votes were board members Ben Grussendorf of Sitka and Teresa Sager Albaugh of Tok.

Noting that only one nonresident received a drawing tag for the 2009 hunt, Grussendorf rhetorically wondered which Alaska resident would have been denied the opportunity to participate in the hunt if a second permit would have had to go to an out-of-state hunter to meet the mandatory 10 percent under the new regulation.

Other commission members, however, had no problem with increasing the opportunity for nonresidents. Board member Bob Bell of Anchorage noted that nonresident hunters provide a significant impact on the Department of Fish and Game's budget through license fees. "My point is, we should quit vilifying [nonresident hunters] so much," he said. "I think this is a very reasonable proposition."

Sager Albaugh said while she appreciates the financial contribution by nonresident hunters, she cau-

tioned just how much effect it should have on board decisions. "It's dangerous ground to suggest that because of that, it's rationale for a specific allocation," she said.

"I disagree," Bell said. "I think it's very important we fund this department. If we call it selling [game animals], well then, let's sell them."

While Alaska resident hunters who fail to be selected for a musk ox drawing permit would still have other opportunities to hunt musk ox in Unit 22E, the drawing hunt differs in that it allows out-of-area hunters (residents or not) to keep the head and horns for their trophy value. Under the subsistence hunts throughout Unit 22, hunters face a couple of trophy destruction requirements depending on where they harvested the animal.

### Musk ox horn rules remain

Loosening up the rules on just how the destruction of those musk ox horns is handled was the thrust of a proposal by Nome resident Mike Quinn.

The proposal failed to pass as the board tabled it and let it die for a lack of action. Ultimately the board asked

Gorn to bring the issue back to what is known as the musk ox cooperators group to flesh out a potential solution to the issue. "I think you've heard enough from us that you have an idea of what we'd like to see," said board chair Cliff Judkins of Wasilla. "I think that's the best approach."

Quinn had proposed that trophy destruction only occur on musk ox horns still attached to a skull that is to be removed from Unit 22. Current regulations call for horn removal from subsistence musk ox with boss horns that are taken from along the road system. For areas outside the road system, trophy destruction is required if the skull is to be removed from the unit. "Right now we basically have two different degrees of trophy destruction on the Seward Peninsula," Gorn said. He noted that the more aggressive measures implemented for the road system are an effort to reduce the number of large bulls being taken.

Last year that destruction was accomplished through the removal of

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*Photo by Tyler Rhodes*

**FIELD TRIP**—Alaska Board of Game Chairman Cliff Judkins takes a close-up look at a herd of musk ox just off the Beam Road Nov. 15. Board members and other participants in the regional meeting took a side trip to the country to view one of the animals discussed at length during the three-day meeting in Nome.

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**HORNS AS ART**—Nome artist Karen Olanna testifies before the state board of game Nov. 14 regarding her use of musk ox horns for artwork. Current subsistence hunt rules call for the destruction of horns to reduce the trophy value of the harvested animals. Olanna, who brought examples of her work, was concerned about the ability to get horns due to the rule. A proposal before the board, brought by Mike Quinn who is sitting next to Olanna, to alter the trophy destruction requirement failed to pass.

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the horn tips. This year, the horns are to essentially be cut in half.

Quinn argued that the trophy destruction requirement actually hurts the subsistence value of musk ox for residents who either sell the horns or use them for handicrafts and artwork. "I request you to find that musk ox horns do have subsistence value," Quinn told the board during public testimony Nov. 14. Quinn said he deals in musk ox horns, selling them to knife makers.

Testifying with Quinn was Nome artist Karen Olanna who has used musk ox horns for several pieces of artwork, two of which she brought to the meeting. "I would urge you to look for a more creative way to limit the trophy hunters," she told the board.

Quinn's proposal did not seek to completely curtail the practice of destroying an animal's trophy value to ensure those participating in the hunt are doing so for subsistence purposes. "I'm not here to say trophy destruction has no use in this hunt," Quinn said.

Board members batted the issue back and forth quite a while, suggesting ideas ranging from changing the subsistence hunt to target only young bulls to having Fish and Game collect the horns and auctioning them off at a later time.

The issue of parity also came up. The drawing tags for musk ox in the unit come with a \$500 fee for residents and \$1,100 for nonresidents. Hunters who draw permits for those hunts are permitted to keep the head and horns intact, no matter where they plan to transport it. Board member Lewis Bradley of Palmer argued that it is unfair to have hunters participate in the subsistence hunt and return home with

a trophy by skirting the rules.

Gorn reported that last year's subsistence hunt in Unit 22C was rife with violations, resulting in eight cases pursued by the area's wildlife trooper that netted three convictions. He also noted various schemes to preserve trophy values. "I understood there was basically bootlegging of musk ox horns," he told the board.

Gorn said the issue of trophy destruction has been controversial since its inception. "Consensus can just never be reached on the topic," he told the board.

Nome hunter Matt Culley testified at Friday's meeting that he felt the destruction requirement needed to remain. "I agree with current conditions that we need mandatory trophy destruction," he said. "Meat is most important."

Gorn reported to the board that the more stringent destruction requirements for the hunt areas along Nome's road system were designed to help reduce the harvest of the largest bulls. Gorn said the department has noticed a fast and significant drop in the bull-to-cow ratio in the population along the road system. "So the area most accessible from Nome, in response to declining bull-cow ratios, we felt that we needed to try to develop some type of mechanism to discourage the consistent harvesting of mature bulls."

Gorn reported that from 2001 to 2005, when musk ox hunting in Unit 22C near Nome was under the most restrictive Tier I system, there were more than 70 mature bulls per 100 cows. He said that number has dropped to nearly 30 mature bulls per 100 cows. "It may be necessary to reduce quotas in 22C to prevent the loss of mature bulls," he said.

If the hunters participating in the

subsistence hunt are indeed not after a trophy, Gorn speculated that they may be shooting the larger bulls in Unit 22C just to be certain they are targeting a male in the bulls-only hunt. The oldest, biggest bulls have a reputation for yielding tough meat. "You may come up on a group and, darn it, you're just not sure. You've heard you should take a 3-year-old bull, but you're just not sure," Gorn said. "Maybe it's a cow. But that one on the end, with the big boss, I know that's a bull. They end up shooting

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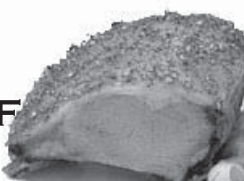
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# Wanton waste issue left on Board of Game's table

By Sandra L. Medearis

The Alaska Game Board backed off considering a potentially controversial proposal Saturday and tabled it for the annual meeting early next year.

Proposition 34, sponsored by the Arctic Advisory Council, if adopted and implemented in management of state game resources as originally written, would apply to game management areas 23 and 26A in easing the restrictions on leaving dead carcasses in the field. The rule change would include disease as a factor that could render meat inedible and therefore not subject to the edible meat salvage requirement. The game board amended the proposal to include all management units' statewide and tabled further action by a vote of 4-3.

Currently the law requires a hunter to salvage all edible meat under most circum-

stances. Under the definition of edible meat is stated that edible meat of big game does not include meat that has been damaged and made inedible by the method of taking. However, it does not include meat that has been made inedible by disease that was in the animal that was harvested. Therefore, people are legally required to salvage meat that is in fact inedible and poses a health risk to the person who consumes it, say proponents of the change.

A current case in court involves eight hunters from Point Hope charged on wanton waste of meat after an investigation showed that hunters had shot a large number of caribou and left the carcasses to rot in summer 2008. Their defense argued that the meat from unsalvaged carcasses that some investigators said numbered over 100, was diseased and therefore inedible. Since the

filing of charges in March 2009, three of the Point Hope hunters have changed their pleas to guilty.

Prop. 34 modifies the definition of edible meat under the salvage requirement for Game Management Units 23 and 26A to exclude meat the hunter deems comes from a diseased animal. An amendment attached by the board before the tabling vote extends the proposal to cover all game management units statewide.

In its write-up of this proposal, Arctic Advisory Council said if the measure were OK'd and implemented, hunters would benefit who were no longer forced to break the law. If the measure went down, hunters would continue to be guilty of breaking a regulation that would not allow them to leave meat in the field that is inedible because of disease.

The board tabled the issue on a vote of 4-

3. The majority of the board argued that such a measure deserved statewide consideration for application to all units, not just a couple of units.

Board member Teresa Sager Albaugh of Tok, tried to keep the issue on the table saying that it should come to a vote up or down as other proposals on the November agenda.

The Department of Fish and Game took a stance of "no action recommended" in written comment, saying the current regulation was adequate for defining edible meat and meat salvage requirements.

"The department is also sensitive to current legal proceedings regarding meat salvage and recommends the board take no action on the proposal," the ADF&G statement said.

The Alaska Board of Game held its fall meeting at the Mini-convention Center in Nome from Nov. 13-16.

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that one because they're confident it's legal. The people that have eaten musk ox can tell you that's not the one you want to eat."

In that vein, board member Bradley questioned whether restricting the subsistence hunt to 3-year-old bulls and cows where possible would be effective. Gorn said having the option to harvest a cow could give hunters more of a safety net when targeting young bulls.

"We can beat this thing to death and make all kinds of assumptions in changing seasons and so forth. Common sense tells me your subsistence hunters, if given the chance to take cows and young bulls, they would," Spraker said. I've eaten steaks from two old bulls; they're tougher than old leather. The flavor's good, but you're going to have the opportunity to chew it for a while."

Board member Bell argued against trophy destruction all together. "I just think this horn destruction idea is just a bad idea no matter where we apply it," Bell said. "I just never agreed with it, I think it's the wrong way to manage." He did acknowledge the need to address the declining bull population. "It appears we're shooting too many mature bulls. We need to find a way to fix that, but I'm not sure trophy destruction is the way to do that."

### Several proposals scuttled

The board shot down several of the proposals before it in quick order.

• **Same-day airborne hunts won't be extended:** A proposal to allow same-day hunting for the duration of the caribou seasons throughout Unit 22 met with a unanimous "no" vote by the board. Proposed by Nome resident Tim Smith, the proposal would have applied the same-day provisions currently allowed Jan. 1 to April 15 in the unit.

Gorn said the department does not track harvest statistics by those hunting under the current same-day provisions, but estimated that the numbers are low. "We just haven't seen much participation in this opportunity," he said. "I can tell you the few people who have participated and have talked to me are pretty consistent in saying, 'Well I did that once.'"

The board was cold to the idea of increasing that opportunity. "I've never been a supporter of a same-day hunt of anything, anywhere," Grussendorf said. "I don't want to deny a person the opportunity of the great outdoors. If a person has to spend a night, he or she is going to think of taking the animals out. So I do not support this proposal."

Spraker said while he feels the health of the population would not be a concern in opening up more opportunity, the potential for conflicts with aircraft competing with other hunters was enough reason to deny it. "There's plenty of opportunity, generous bag limits, plenty of caribou. I'm still not in favor of this one," he said.

"I'm not going to vote for this either," chairman Judkins said. He was good for his word as the proposal fell 0-7.

• **22B moose season won't be delayed:** A proposal to start the moose season on Sept. 17 in the portion of Unit 22B that covers White Mountain, Golovin and Council also went down by a 0-7 vote. The proposal, submitted by the Chinik Eskimo Community, would have run the season from Sept. 17-30 instead of the current Sept. 1-14. The proposal also

asked that the permit for the hunt only be available in Golovin and White Mountain.

The backers of the proposal argued that by starting the hunt later, there would be less chance of meat spoiling due to warmer weather.

Gorn, who reported that the Department of Fish and Game did not

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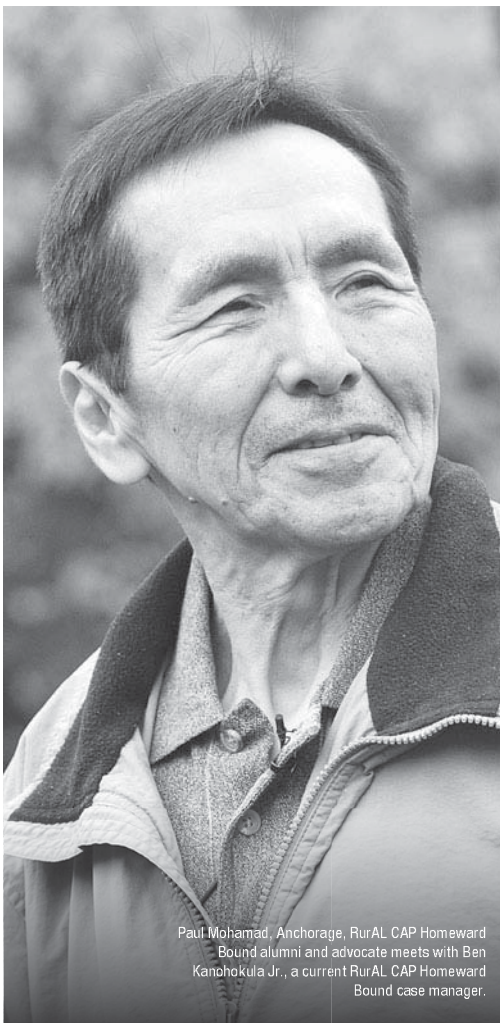
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# Henry Ivanoff declines Siu Alaska Corp. board seat

By Laurie McNicholas

Henry Ivanoff of Unalakleet has declined a seat on the board of directors of Siu Alaska Corp., a wholly owned, for-profit subsidiary of Norton Sound Economic Development Corp., according to NSEDC

Board Chairman and President Dan Harrelson of White Mountain.

The NSEDC board elected Ivanoff to an NSEDC-affiliated seat on the Siu board by a vote of 7 to 6 over Harrelson, the incumbent, at a meeting Nov. 6 in Unalakleet. Ivanoff is a

former NSEDC board chairman who currently serves as an at-large member of the board's finance committee. *The Nome Nugget* asked Harrelson by e-mail how the NSEDC board plans to fill the seat.

"I anticipate the full NSEDC Board of Di-

rectors will hold another election to fill the vacancy," Harrelson replied by e-mail Nov. 13. "We do plan on having a meeting the first week of December to review and approve budgets. My guess is that would be the earliest we can select someone for the vacancy."

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eligible voting area.

The City of Nome reported the following vote tally and the percentage of 737 total votes counted for Nome board seat candidates. Steve Brock, 31 (4.2 percent); Tim Smith, 275 (37.3 percent); Don Stiles, 298 (40.43 percent); Robin Thomas, 113 (15.3 percent); and write-in candidates, 20 (2.71 percent).

### Election results challenged

On Oct. 30, Smith sent an affidavit contesting the election results to NSEDC officials Dan Harrelson, board chairman and president; Janis Ivanoff, chief executive officer; and Kathy Wheelahan, community outreach coordinator.

Smith said he is challenging the election results because NSEDC bylaws state: "a runoff election shall be held if no candidate receives over 40 percent of the votes cast for member representative." Smith said no candidate received over 40 percent of the 746 votes cast. As noted above, the City of Nome reported that 746 ballots were cast in the NSEDC election for the Nome representative.

"This contest is timely pursuant to 7.25.130 of the Nome Code in that the election has not been canvassed by the Nome Common Council or certified by the NSEDC board of directors," Smith stated in his affidavit.

On Nov. 1 Smith e-mailed a complaint alleging that NSEDC staff had tampered in the Oct. 6 NSEDC election to Harrelson; Ivanoff; Wheelahan; Simon Kinneen, NSEDC's chief operating officer; and Joe Garnie, Teller's board member. Smith requested that the NSEDC board of directors take action on the complaint at their meeting scheduled Nov. 3-6 in Unalakleet.

"NSEDC staff acted inappropriately during the campaign for the October 6, 2009 NSEDC member representative election," Smith stated in the complaint. "These actions ap-

peared to be intended to influence voters and the election outcome.

"I am requesting the following," he continued: "1. Investigate this matter. 2. Reprimand the staff members involved. 3. Establish written policies for staff to follow in the future. 4. Establish in writing, actions for future violations.

"It is important that this complaint be addressed before the Nome runoff election in December," Smith's complaint concluded.

Smith's affidavit of Oct. 30 and his complaint of Nov. 1 were not discussed by the NSEDC board of directors during any public session at their meetings Nov. 3-6 in Unalakleet, according to a reporter for *The Nome Nugget* who attended the meeting. The reporter said the board did not take action to certify election results for the Oct. 6 member representative elections in a public session at the meeting. Several times during the four-day meeting, Janis Ivanoff announced the winners of five elections for NSEDC board seats, each time identifying Don Stiles as the winner of the Nome election. Stiles was sworn in as Nome's member representative Nov. 6 during the annual NSEDC directors' meeting.

### Complaint filed in court

The complaint Smith filed in the Superior Court Monday states that the election of Stiles was improper in the following respects:

"(A) The election was not consistent with the decision of the Alaska Superior Court in *Smith v. Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation*, 2NO-94-141CI, which, among other things, required NSEDC Board elections to be conducted under City of Nome election rules.

"(B) Voters not eligible to vote in municipal elections because they did not reside in the municipal boundaries were allowed to vote.

"(C) Changes to the Nome voting rules need to be made by the City of

Nome, and not the Board of NSEDC. Any changes made to those voting rules by the Board of NSEDC and applied in this election are not valid.

"(D) The required plurality requirement in this election (50 percent plus 1) prescribed by the Nome voting rules was not applied in this election.

"(E) A plurality requirement of 40 percent, adopted by the NSEDC was not met in this case in any event.

"(F) The CDQ enabling legislation, 16 U.S.C. 1855 (the Magnuson-Stevens Act) requires that a director be selected from each village, including Nome. The provisions of this Act were violated by allowing participation in the process by voters and candidates from outside of Nome.

"(G) The voting was improperly influenced by the CEO of NSEDC calling Nome voters on the election day to influence their votes."

Smith requests the following relief in his complaint against NSEDC.

"1. A declaration that the election and seating of Don Stiles as a Board member of NSEDC was void, and that this seat be vacated.

"2. An order directing that a runoff election between Don Stiles and Timothy E. Smith be held, to be conducted in accord with the decision of the Court in *Smith v. Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation*.

"3. An award of costs and attorney fees, and

"4. An award of such and further relief as this Court may deem just and proper."

On Monday a Superior Court summons was issued to NSEDC that requires the company to file with the court a written answer to Smith's complaint within 20 days after receiving the summons.

In response to a request for comments about his Superior Court complaint, Smith emailed the following statement to the *Nugget*.

"Third world countries have honey buckets and crooked elections and they are full of the same thing.

*"We trusted NSEDC in 1994 when they agreed to hold fair elections and they have repeatedly betrayed our trust."*

— Tim Smith

The people in power manipulate elections to keep themselves in power and keep everyone else living in third world conditions. We trusted NSEDC in 1994 when they agreed to hold fair elections and they have repeatedly betrayed our trust.

"In the 2003 election for Nome director, they packed the ballot box with votes from ineligible voters and Don Stiles got in by two votes. In 2006, Don wasn't even on the ballot when we held our election but somehow he ended up on the NSEDC board anyway. This year, the paper carried color pictures of Don passing over giant

checks from Siu worth \$426,500, right before the election. Siu exists for one purpose, and that is to provide dividends to NSEDC. It is not authorized to donate money to anybody except NSEDC. It's obvious from the timing and the grandiose way it was done that the intent was to buy votes for Don.

"The CDQ program is a great program. If it was run the way it is supposed to be run, it could do a lot to help get our people out of third-world living conditions. I'm disgusted with these constant efforts by the people in control, using our money, to lock us out."

## SPORTS

## Wrestlers get a sneak peak at state competition

Five Nome wrestlers worked their way to the upper echelons of last weekend's ACS Wrestling Tournament in Anchorage.

The massive tournament is widely considered a preview of the upcoming state meet as most schools of all sizes compete at ACS. As a team, Nome worked its way to eighth place among the 33 in its class.

Individually, Lonny Booshu placed highest for the Nanooks, earning second place at 125 lbs. Gabe Cabrera placed third for his weight class, Eric Odden placed fourth, David Stickel was sixth and Derek Weiler placed sixth, as well.

The wrestlers will travel to Bethel this weekend before defending its home mats at the Northern Conference Tournament Dec. 4-5. The tournament will decide who moves on to state.

Nome's gym will see some action this weekend, as well, as the junior high squad hosts Bethel Friday and Saturday.

### ACS Wrestling Tournament

**Team scores:** 1) Dillingham 234, 2) Bethel 203, 3) Nikiski 161.5, 4) Kotzebue 158.5, 5) Cordova 128.5, 6) Petersburg 119.5, 7) Craig 116, 8) Nome 110.5, 9) Seward 103.5, 10) Anchorage Christian 97.5, 11) Hoonah 84, 12) Valdez 82.5, 13) Barrow, Sitka 71.5 (tie), 15) Unalakleet 70, 16) Metlakatla 69.5, 17) Eielson 59.5, 18) Mt. Edgecumbe 57, 19) Voznesenka 56, 20) Grace Christian 52, 21) Wrangell 40.5, 22) Galena 39, 23) Glenallen 31, 24) New Stuyahok 26;

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ACS, dec. Matt Seifert, Barrow, 5-3. 140 -- Kyle Mundy, Cordova, dec. Ryan Chavez, Bethel, 9-3. 145 -- Reed Tennyson, Dillingham, dec. Terry Rogers, Mt. Edgecumbe, 7-1. 152 -- Blake Platt, Cordova, p. J.J. Larson, Dillingham, 4-32. 160 -- Justin Allen, Valdez, p. Kole Skaflestad, Hoonah, 5-30. 171 -- Jared Miller, Kotzebue, p. Kyle Armour, Eielson, 2-53. 189 -- Tyler Thain, Craig, dec. Tony Craig, Petersburg, 15-0. 215 -- Quentin Backford, Dillingham, dec. Pat Quigley, Craig, 5-2. Hwt -- Michael Berkeley, p. Leo Polushkin, Voznesenka, 3-17.



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support the proposal, warned that the later hunt could likely result in a glut of unsuccessful hunters from other units putting more pressure on the area in question. With road access to Council from Nome and river access from Council to White Mountain, there is plenty of access to the area from the region's population center.

Gorn also noted that the bulls are much more susceptible later in September as they enter the rut. "Although the initial idea was to provide more hunting opportunity for residents of White Mountain and Golovin, I think there is a real potential of unsuccessful hunters from Nome driving down to Council to hunt this area when moose are up and moving around. I think the impact of that might actually take more opportunity away from the villages of White Mountain and Golovin," Gorn said.

"The later season is really a choice time for a moose hunter," Judkins said. "I think it would really increase the harvest there and load

everybody up in one area."

• **Guide requirements for 22B shot down:** The board unanimously denied a proposal that would have required guide-client agreements for nonresident moose hunters at the time they applied for a permit in the eastern part of Unit 22B. The proposal was submitted by area guide Bob Hannon. In the section of the proposal form that asks what will happen if the proposal is not implemented, Hannon answered, "Out of state unprepared guides and outfitters will continue to waste moose meat as has happened in the past."

The board was leery to take up the issue when guides are not required for nonresident moose hunts. "We require guides for nonresidents for bear, sheep, goats, but for moose, you're not required to have a guide," Grussendorf said. "But to apply it here, and looking at statutory language, I'm wondering if we could do that?"

"Every time we start getting into the guide business, it seems like we stumble," Bell said. "I think Ben

[Grussendorf] makes a good point. There's a reasonable chance we can't do, and I think there's a good reason for us not to do it."

Kevin Saxby, a state assistant attorney general advising the board on legal issues, said as he understood the proposal, it was not requiring a guide for the hunt, but addressing nonresident hunters if a guide was to be involved. He added that if the proposal was indeed requiring a guide, it would run contrary to Alaska statute.

"Seems like we're getting the cart before the horse. If the guy gets the permit, then he can decide if he wants the guide afterward," Bradley said.

• **All bear proposals fail:** Proposals to extend the brown bear season in Units 22A and 22C failed by a 0-7 vote. Likewise, a proposal to shorten the season and reduce the brown bear bag limit in the Bering Land Bridge National Preserve failed to garner any board support.

Assistant wildlife biologist Letty Hughes for Unit 22 said the department did not support any of the bear proposals. For the Unit 22A proposal, concerning the area around St. Michael, she noted that the department believed the extended dates would increase the bear harvest rates rapidly. The proposal would have stretched the season to June 15. It currently runs Aug. 1 to May 31.

Hughes reported that unit-wide, annual brown bear harvests have nearly doubled since a liberalization in regulations in 1997. Before the regulation shift, she said an average of 55 bears were harvested each year. The average is now 93, she said.

"I can't support it because in the last 10 years, it's at least doubled, the take of brown bears," Bradley said. "Providing more opportunity is going to increase that, so I support the department's view."

"I agree with Lew [Bradley] on this one," Spraker said. "This looks like a recipe for over-harvest."

In Unit 22C, Hughes said the issue is not so much a concern for the bear population, but in where people will be hunting. "Our concern isn't that 22C can't withstand a modest increase. Our concern is a reduction in harvest in 22B where we have documented chronically low moose-calf recruitments."

The board agreed with the depart-

ment's view.

The proposal to alter the brown bear regulations in the national preserve met the same fate. Hughes reported that since 1997 the average harvest of bears in the Bering Land Bridge National Preserve has gone from three to five.

Board members cited the low harvest numbers, a desire for consistency in regulations on and off the preserve and a legal opinion from the Department of Law that they are not in violation of any federal law by leaving the regulation as is in their vote to deny the proposal.

• **Wolverine season unchanged:**

A proposal by Brian Simpson to extend the wolverine season in several parts of Unit 22 to April 30 for both trapping and hunting received a unanimous thumbs-down from the board. The hunting season currently ends March 31 while the trapping season concludes April 15. Simpson argued that winter conditions last longer in the northern and western portions of the unit, making a later season a reasonable request.

The department recommended the

board deny the proposal. Nome trapper Culley also spoke out against the proposal in his testimony. An avid trapper, Culley said he pulls his wolverine traps a few weeks before the season's end to avoid taking females.

Hughes said the department did not have good numbers on the wolverine population, but said low harvest numbers generally signify small populations.

• **Wolf season reduction fails:**

Opposed by the department, the northern and southern Norton Sound Advisory Committees and several people testifying, a proposal to reduce the wolf hunting season in Unit 22 and cut the bag limit in half was quickly shot down by the board.

"My notes from public testimony show we had several people testify in opposition to this," Spraker said. "There's no need to reduce the season by 120 days. The harvest of wolves falls in acceptable levels."

The proposal would have started the season on Nov. 1 and closed it March 31. The bag limit would have been cut from 20 to 10 wolves. The season currently runs from Aug. 1 to April 30.



Photo by Tyler Rhodes

**BIG GUY**—A maturing bull musk ox sniffs out the edibles on the tundra just north of Nome during a blustery October day. The state board of game mulled over ideas on how to guide subsistence musk ox hunts away from the larger bulls, which are on the decline in Unit 22C.



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**MEETING WITH FUTURE POLITICIANS**—Sen. Lisa Murkowski sits with the first grade math group on Nov. 13 at the Nome Elementary School.

## Sen. Murkowski enlists local support as mail crisis looms

By Tyler Rhodes

U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski wants you to write her an e-mail.

In the face of a looming budget crisis at the U.S. Postal Service, the senator warned Nomeites during a visit last week that the mechanism by which nearly all retail goods arrive in rural Alaska is at risk. “Our reality is the postal service is about \$8 billion in the hole. It is a mess,” she said during a public question-and-answer session at Old St. Joe’s Hall Nov. 13.

Murkowski said that reality means bypass mail will likely be in the crosshairs as the Postal Service scrambles to fill the ever-widening chasm in its budget. Bypass mail, so named because it is shipped directly from the sender to the recipient without going through the post office, is a lifeline to much of rural Alaska in keeping consumer costs low. Under the system, shippers are charged the parcel postage rate, one of the lowest offered by the postal service.

For policymakers to understand just why the system that ensures cheaper freight rates in Alaska should remain, Murkowski asked for residents to send her e-mails relating the cost of shopping for essential goods in their community versus going to large box stores in Anchorage and Outside.

While there may be a bit of irony in the senator’s request—the Postal Service has cited the shift to electronic communication as a large contributor to plummeting revenues—the intent is to provide ammunition for the argument that bypass mail needs to remain intact for rural Alaskans. “We’ve got to better lay the case as to why this is essential,” she said.

“My great concern is bypass mail becomes a victim of the U.S. Postal Service’s near insolvency,” Murkowski said. “Most people do not understand it...so it is ripe for attack.”

Murkowski, along with Sen. Mark Begich and Rep. Don Young, helped broker a deal in March that thwarted a significant rate increase for the bypass mail service. The congressional intervention helped hold the rate increase in a range of 12-17 percent instead of the 40 percent jump that loomed.

Murkowski said a range of options are being considered to help the Postal Service save money, including reducing the number of service days per week to five. “Everything is on the table right now,” she said.

Murkowski said rural residents should send her e-mails detailing the costs of a grocery shopping trip at home versus in the city. “Don’t forget to add in what it costs you to go get it,” she said, referring to fuel costs for travel. A link to e-mail the senator can be found at her website at [murkowski.senate.gov](http://murkowski.senate.gov).

The mail was just one subject the senator covered in her half-day visit to Nome. The public meeting came following her visit to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital and the elementary and junior/senior high schools. At the public session, Murkowski fielded questions that covered everything from the U.S. military’s role in Afghanistan to subsistence priorities in Alaska.

### Health care

With so much of the national attention focused on health care reform, Dr. Bob Lawrence, who recently opened a private practice in Nome, asked Murkowski what was being done at the national level to encourage more doctors to provide primary care.

“We’ve got a real crisis when it comes to providers,” she said, noting only 13 doctors in Anchorage are currently accepting new Medicare patients. She noted that current policy does not provide incentive for new doctors to go into the primary care field, which often means longer working hours and less pay than for a specialty doctor. “We can’t have everybody be the specialist,” she said.

She suggested ideas like loan forgiveness for new doctors providing specialty care or tax incentives for established primary care doctors to provide care in underserved areas, like rural Alaska. She said tweaking the current health care system to provide more Americans with medical coverage will do little good if there are no doctors available for them to see. “We’re focused on giving everyone the card, but failing in providing

the service once everybody is issued the card,” she said.

Nome resident Jake Kenick asked the senator whether Alaskans medically covered by the Indian Health Service will need to move over to any public health care coverage if such an option is established. “We’re making sure the IHS piece will not be disturbed,” she replied. “We’ve worked to make sure that what we have within IHS is separate from health care reform.”

### Broad range of issues

Other questions posed at the forum covered the effort by rural schools to meet the requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act, the possibility of a Coast Guard installation in Nome and the potential for natural gas development in the region.

Joel Alowa, who has worked with Nome Public Schools through his job at Nome Eskimo Community, told Murkowski that Nome’s schools have chronically failed to meet the yearly benchmarks set by the No Child Left Behind Act. The senator said she believes there is a problem between the idea and application of the federal legislation.

“We shouldn’t be afraid of accountability,” she told the audience. “We should be afraid of a nationalized approach.” She highlighted the difficulties in having teachers in rural schools who are required to meet the federal standard of being “highly qualified” for every subject they teach. Rural teachers often must cover many subjects due to the small size of the school or frequent turnover.

Murkowski said she advocated for flexibility in the legislation as it is revamped while still maintaining the accountability aspect.

In terms of a Coast Guard presence in Nome, Murkowski said she is aware that the military is working to gain a stronger foothold in the Arctic. She said she could not be certain as to what the physical layout of that increased presence will be. Murkowski said she was concerned

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## Unalakleet Schools project includes gym

By Laurie McNicholas

“I know it will make a huge difference,” Luci Ivanoff said of the new and enlarged gym currently under construction at Unalakleet Schools. “We’ve wanted a bigger gym for a long time. It was all we had, but the way it was set up, you had to come to a game early to position yourself not to sit behind a pole and crane your neck.”

Ivanoff, who is the schools’ librarian, explained that three large poles extending from the gym’s floor to its ceiling in front of the bleachers obstructed views. She made the widest circle the length of her arms would allow to indicate the circumference of the poles. Sometimes fans whose views were blocked by the poles would give up efforts to watch game action and visit with each other, she added. She said cushioned chairs from the library were placed in front of the bleachers and on the sidelines for elders.

The gym is used for community events in addition to students’ competitive games. “In the six years I’ve been here, all kinds of things have been done in the gym—funerals, graduations, Christmas concerts,” said Unalakleet Schools Principal Ben Howard.

The new gym is part of a major maintenance construction project funded at approximately \$12.5 million by the Alaska Legislature, Howard explained. He said the project allows the school to change its design, but not its square footage. Construction began last May, will continue through the winter and is scheduled for completion in August 2010, he added.

The project includes extensive redesign and construction of the middle school and high school areas in addition to the gym, along with a new roof for the entire structure, including the elementary school. The elementary school is a newer section of the structure than other areas, Howard noted. He said construction began last May, will continue through the winter and is scheduled for completion in August 2010.

The K-12 school is internally divided into Unalakleet Elementary, Unalakleet Middle School, and Frank A. Degnan High School. The combined school population of Unalakleet Schools is 185 students from Early Childhood Education through 12th grade, Howard said.

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Photo by Laurie McNicholas

**WORKING BY FLOODLIGHT**—A worker begins the day with the help of floodlights at Unalakleet Schools, site of a \$12.5 million major maintenance construction project to redesign and rebuild the middle school, high school and gym. Construction began last May, will continue through the winter and is slated for completion in August 2010.

### FUNDRAISER

- Chili Dinner/Auction
- November 28
- 6 p.m.
- Old St. Joseph Hall



Hats off to Mike Owens. Thank you for your dedication to the Norton Sound Region. You have touched the lives of most of us at some point throughout your 26 years in Nome. We are fortunate to have dedicated people like you serving the community. Thank You Mike!

Mike Owens’ family in Florida has recently endured several family tragedies in a very short time. Mike’s uncle passed away at the beginning of summer. Mike’s father had emergency cardiac vascular surgery from which he is still recovering. Soon after, his brother suffered a near fatal heart attack. He spent several weeks in ICU and has yet to recover. The latest blow was Mike’s father being diagnosed with liver cancer. He is currently undergoing treatment in Tampa, Florida with Mike at his side.

Mike has spent the summer in Florida taking care of his parents while Pat has handled everything here in Nome. They need support of the community that they so faithfully served for a quarter of a century.

Friends and family have organized this chili dinner and auction at Old St. Joseph Hall on November 28 at 6 p.m.

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# HOROSCOPES

November 19 - 25, 2009

<b>CAPRICORN</b> December 22–January 19	Chores begin piling up at home. Set aside some time to tackle them and drive in, Capricorn. A web of inquiries at work bogs you down but is a blessing in disguise.	<b>ARIES</b> March 21–April 19	Face it, Aries. You’re your own worst critic. You expect a lot from yourself and others. Not everyone can measure up to your standards, though. Cut your family and friends some slack.	<b>CANCER</b> June 22–July 22	Think the worst of people this week, Cancer, and they will not disappoint you. See the good in others, focus on their strengths and life will be rosy.	<b>LIBRA</b> September 23–October 22	Uh-oh, Libra. Someone at home is up to something. Don’t worry. If they manage to pull it off, it will benefit the whole family. Small packages contain big surprises.
<b>AQUARIUS</b> January 20–February 18	A serious challenge is headed your way. Don’t accept what you cannot do, Aquarius. Romance heats up, and a special trip for two is planned.	<b>TAURUS</b> April 20–May 20	Let it go, Taurus. Your friend made a serious mistake that they deeply regret. Stop reminding them of it. Accept their apology and move on. You have bigger fish to fry.	<b>LEO</b> July 23–August 22	Wait no more, Leo. You’ve given a mentor ample time to consider your proposal. Stop bugging them about it and go on without them. You can do it alone.	<b>SCORPIO</b> October 23–November 21	A breach of confidence makes waves at work. You may be privy to the matter, but that doesn’t mean you have to add fuel to the fire, Scorpio. Leave it be.
<b>PISCES</b> February 19–March 20	Yippee, Pisces. That mountain of work on your desk disappears, and a bank account fattens with a small windfall. Friends call a truce, and the party planning resumes.	<b>GEMINI</b> May 21–June 21	Snooze this week, Gemini, and you most certainly will lose out. Pay attention to what’s going on around you and seize every opportunity that comes your way.	<b>VIRGO</b> August 23–September 22	Dream on, Virgo. That young family member is not going to change. They are just telling you what you want to hear. Redirect your efforts to that which you can change.	<b>SAGITTARIUS</b> November 22–December 21	Wishes are granted by the multitude. Enjoy what comes your way, Sagittarius. A clean sweep at home reveals a number of forgotten treasures.

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Saying It Sincerely

By Pastor Mike Christian  
River of Life Assembly of God  
for the Nome Ministerial Association

“Thanksgiving Thanks”  
“Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!”  
- II Corinthians 9:15

As we prepare to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday it is my prayer that we will take the time to consider all the things we have to be thankful for in our lives. We have friends and family who love us and are there for us when we need help or are facing difficult situations. We live in a beautiful place. We are blessed to be able to walk out our front doors and see the amazing land and seascape the Lord has created around us. The simplicity of living here in Nome is a true blessing. While many experience the hustle and bustle of city life, we have the privilege of being able to live in a place where we can (for the most part), walk the streets without fear of being mugged or run over by the traffic that jams many of our nation’s cities. We have the wonderful opportunity to really get to know our neighbors, unlike those who live in larger communities or cities, where they would rather just be left alone to live out their lives without ever truly knowing who lives next door to them. Folks, we are truly a blessed people here in Nome.

In addition to all this, we have something even more wonderful to be thankful for this holiday season. We have the opportunity to show our appreciation to the One who has made all this possible: the Lord Jesus Christ! Without Jesus, we would not have the privilege of knowing what true beauty there is in the creation He has surrounded us with each day. We would not be able to truly experience the love our heavenly Father has for us if it were not for the presence of his son in our lives. When Jesus came into to the world, he came to bring us the most precious gift we could ever receive from someone. He came to bring us “salvation” from our sins. The love of God caused him to send his son to provide a way for us to come back to him. Jesus provides for us, the opportunity to be forgiven and restored to the relationship we once had with God, “in the beginning...” It says in [John 3:16](#) that; “God so loved the world (you & I), that he sent his only son (Jesus), into the world, that whoever would believe in him, (accept him as their savior) would not perish, but would have eternal life!” What a gift!

So, as we gather around the table this Thanksgiving, let us truly take time to give thanks for the greatest gift we have or will ever receive: Salvation and eternal Life through Jesus Christ! As we partake of the food that God has blessed us with, may we also partake of the opportunity he has given us: the opportunity to be restored in our relationship to God, through his Son, Jesus Christ. May we truly “count our blessings” as we celebrate all that God has given us this holiday season.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving!

• Sen. Murkowski —

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that the Coast Guard can often be overshadowed by the other military branches in seeking funding. She also lamented the limited number of ice-breakers the military possessed, which proves a hindrance to further Arctic exploration.

In response to a question from Tim Smith regarding natural gas exploration offshore in the area, Murkowski responded that such work would be more the purview of private industry than the federal government. “If we can’t get private in-

dustry to pursue it, why would the federal government go out? That’s not our business,” she said.

She did note that state and federal regulations can make it difficult for private industry to pursue exploration. She also mentioned the potential of renewable resource development in rural Alaska, such as tapping into wind or geothermal resources. She noted that local leaders need to be the ones banging the drum to get support for projects in their region. “We’ve got potential if we’re willing to push it a little further,” she said.

Cold Therapy: The Healing Effects of Frozen Peas

**Bob Lawrence, MD  
Alaska Family Doctor**  
Physicians in early Egypt, and later the Aesclepien doctors of ancient Greece, recognized the anti-inflammatory and analgesic qualities of cold therapy in their writings. And while patients today have access to a plethora of over-the-counter and prescription strength remedies for common musculo-skeletal injuries, nothing has proven to be as broadly useful or universally appealing as a simple bag of ice.



Ice can be used to reduce pain and speed recovery in a wide range of ailments including: sprained joints; tendonitis; arthritis; migraine headaches; and neuralgias. Ice or similar forms of cold therapy are the most commonly used first aid treatment in acute sport’s injuries.

Cold therapy improves recovery after an injury first by reducing blood flow to an injured area. This slowing of blood flow, called vasoconstriction, decreases swelling and slows the migration of destructive inflammatory cells into injured tissues. A study published in 1989 showed that cold therapy used to treat serious ankle sprains reduced recovery-time from 30 days to 13 days.

Furthermore, cold therapy reduces muscle spasm and slows the firing of nerve endings leading to a reduction in perceived pain.

Cold packs have become increasingly sophisticated, but there is no evidence to suggest that expensive ice-packs or gel-packs are better than a plastic bag filled with snow or crushed ice. In fact, one researcher found that in order to lower the skin temperature to a therapeutic level, a bag of frozen peas was more effective than commercially avail-

able frozen gel packs.

Ice massage is also very effective for ailments like tendonitis and muscle spasms. Ice massage is performed with a frozen paper cup of ice massaged over a site of pain using overlapping strokes. Similarly, a frozen bottle of water can be rolled under the foot to soothe and stretch the tendons in a plantar fasciitis. A bath of ice water is a good treatment for injured extremities.

In general, injuries should be treated with cold therapy for no more than 20 minutes repeated as needed every one to two hours. Longer exposure to cold can cause permanent nerve or tissue damage.

When using ice packs, a thin cloth should be placed between the ice-pack

and skin to prevent frostbite.

Cold therapy is not recommended for patients with Reynaud’s syndrome, uncontrolled thyroid problems, poorly controlled blood pressure, or other sensitivity to cold exposure.

Cold therapy should never be used on an extremity that has a loss of protective sensation like in an advanced diabetic neuropathy or nerve compression syndrome. Caution should also be used in people with peripheral vascular disease.

Talk to your provider or physical therapist about the most effective use of ice to treat your injury or ailment. You may also want keep a bag of peas in the freezer; just in case.

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| ( ) Oakland      | ( ) at Dallas  |
| ( ) N. Y. Giants | ( ) at Denver  |

Sunday, Nov. 29

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| ( ) Tampa Bay    | ( ) at Atlanta       |
| ( ) Cleveland    | ( ) at Cincinnati    |
| ( ) Chicago      | ( ) at Minnesota     |
| ( ) Washington   | ( ) at Philadelphia  |
| ( ) Arizona      | ( ) at Tennessee     |
| ( ) Seattle      | ( ) at St. Louis     |
| ( ) Carolina     | ( ) at N. Y. Jets    |
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| ( ) Miami        | ( ) at Buffalo       |
| ( ) Kansas City  | ( ) at San Diego     |
| ( ) Jacksonville | ( ) at San Francisco |
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Monday, Nov. 30

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**Sunday** Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
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**Sunday Worship Service** 11 a.m.

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**Saturday** Sabbath School 10 a.m.

**Saturday** Morning Worship 11 a.m.

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11/12-19

## Seawall

**11/10**  
Dawn Oozevaseuk, 29, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault 4°.  
Thomas Ilmar, 31, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault 4°.  
Christopher Aningayou, 26, received a citation for Expired Registration.  
Virginia Amarok, 34, received a citation for Endangering the Welfare of a Child.  
**11/11**  
Alfred Kakoon, 31, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault 4°, Interfering with a report of Domestic Violence, Criminal Mischief 4°, and Violating Conditions of Probation.  
Monica Rose, 43, received a citation for unattended Animal Prohibited.  
Monica Rose, 43, received a citation Failure to License an Animal.  
**11/13**  
Geoffrey Milligrock, 25, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault 3°, and Violating Conditions of Probation.

## Trooper Beat

On November 6, at approximately 11:25 p.m., ome Alaska State Troopers received a report from Norton Sound Health Corporation in Nome of a natural death that had occurred in Teller. Investigation showed that Robert Dickson, Sr., 72, of Teller died due to medical complications. The body was released to the family per the state Medical Examiner. Next-of-Kin notified.

## Legals

**NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND SALE**  
Foreclosure Sale to be held December 30, 2009, at 10:00 AM at the Main entrance to the Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street, Nome, AK.

**RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., the present Trustee under the Deed of Trust executed by JAMES DEWITT AND RUTH DEWITT, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS, Trustor(s), to RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., Trustee, and MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., Beneficiary, recorded April 26, 2007, in document No. 2007-000247-0 in Book N/A at Page N/A, all in the records of the Kotzebue Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska, encumbering the following real property:**  
ALL THAT CERTAIN LAND SITUATED IN THE STATE OF AK, COUNTY OF NORTHWEST ARTIC, CITY OF KOTZEBUE, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: LOT SEVEN A (7A), BLOCK FOURTEEN (14), KOTZEBUE TOWNSITE ADDITION, US SURVEY NUMBER 4498, TRACT A, ACCORDING TO THE REPLAT FILED AUGUST 6, 1984, AS PLAT NUMBER 84-3, RECORDS OF THE KOTZEBUE RECORDING DISTRICT, SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT, STATE OF ALASKA.  
And having a corresponding address of 869 6TH AVENUE, KOTZEBUE, AK 99752, gives notice that a breach occurred because Trustor(s) failed to satisfy obligations secured by the Deed of Trust. The amount owing to the Beneficiary as of September 12, 2009, is \$139,420.85, plus future interest, costs, and other charges.  
Upon demand of the Beneficiary, Trustee hereby elects to sell the real property for cash to apply against obligations owed to the Beneficiary, together with any additional interest, costs, or expenses. Beneficiary gives notice that it is preserving its rights against other collateral securing the obligators.  
Questions regarding the foreclosure should be directed to RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. at (800)-281-8219 and reference T.S. No. 08-0073660.  
Dated: 09/21/09  
RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A.  
By: Cheryl Lee, Team Member

10/29-11/5-12-19

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA**  
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME  
CASE NO: **2NO-09-00267CI**  
**ORDER FOR HEARING PUBLICATION AND POSTING**  
In the Matter of a Change of Name for:  
**Cissie RoseAlee Kimoktoak**,  
Current name of Adult.  
**Notice of Petition to Change Name**  
A petition has been filed in the Superior Court (Case # **2NO-09-00267CI**) requesting a name change from (current name) **Cissie RoseAlee Kimoktoak** to **RoseAlee Ivianna Quanlin**. A hearing on this request will be held on **November 18, 2009 at 11:00 A.M.**  
10/29-11/5-12-19

**NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND ELECTION TO SELL UNDER DEED OF TRUST**  
Trustee's Sale No: 04-FMG-84944

This NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND ELECTION TO SELL is given by REGIONAL TRUSTEE SERVICES CORPORATION, as Successor Trustee under that certain Deed of Trust executed by HATTO EBERL, UNMARRIED, as Trustor, to JOHN M. MERCER, as Trustee, in favor of AMERICA'S MONEYLINE INC., as Beneficiary, dated 2/11/2005 12:00:00 AM, recorded 2/25/2005 under Instrument No. 2005-000371-0, in the CAPE NOME Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of ALASKA. The beneficial interest in the Deed of Trust has been assigned to Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as Indenture Trustee for Saxon Asset Securities Trust

2005-2 and the record owner of the property is purported to be HATTO EBERL, UNMARRIED. Said Deed of Trust covers real property situated in said Recording District, described as follows:

LOT 5A, BLOCK 88 OF NOME, ALASKA TOWNSITE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT FILED MAY 14, 1984 AS PLAT NUMBER 84-5; RECORDS OF THE NOME RECORDING DISTRICT, SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT, STATE OF ALASKA.  
Commonly referred to as 309 EAST 6TH AVENUE, , NOME, AK 99762.

A breach of the obligation which said Deed of Trust secures has occurred in that FAILURE TO MAKE PAYMENT OF \$1,792.70 WHICH BECAME DUE ON *7/1/2009*, AND ALL SUBSEQUENT PAYMENTS THEREAFTER, TOGETHER WITH LATE CHARGES AND ADVANCES, IF ANY; ANY ADVANCES WHICH MAY HEREAFTER BE MADE; AND ALL OBLIGATIONS AND INDEBTEDNESSES AS THEY BECOME DUE.. By reason thereof, and under the terms of the Note and Deed of Trust, the Beneficiary has declared all sums so secured to be immediately due and payable, together with any trustee fees, attorney fees, costs and advances made to protect the security associated with this foreclosure. There is presently due and owing the principal balance of \$159,634.83, plus interest, late charges, costs and any future advances.  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to demand of the Beneficiary, the Trustee will sell the above described real property to satisfy the obligation, together with all accrued interest and all costs and expenses, at public auction, for cash, to the highest and best bidder, ROOM 230 OF THE NOME COURTHOUSE, 113 FRONT STREET, NOME, AK, on February 4, 2010 at 10:00 AM. Beneficiary will have the right to make an offset bid at sale without cash.

Anyone having any objection to the sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the same.

DATED: 10/27/2009  
REGIONAL TRUSTEE SERVICES CORPORATION  
Trustee  
By: ANNA EGDORF, AUTHORIZED AGENT  
When Recorded Return to: REGIONAL TRUSTEE SERVICES CORPORATION, 616 1st Avenue, Suite 500, Seattle, WA 98104  
11/19-26/12/3-10

**NOTICE OF DEFAULT -- SALE OF REAL PROPERTY**

A foreclosure sale will be held January 19, 2010, at 9:30 a.m. outside the Clerk's Office, Nome Superior Court, 113 Front Street, Room 230, Nome, AK of the Deed of Trust recorded November 30, 2007, as Instrument No. 2007-002104-0, Cape Nome Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska, as a lien against real property described as: Lot 8A, Block 45A, NOME TOWNSITE; Located in the Cape Nome Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska; which has a street address of 806 E. 3rd Avenue, Nome, AK 99762. Trustors/Record Owners Frances I. Contreras and David E. Contreras, wife and husband, have breached the obligation for which the Deed of Trust is security: failure to make payments when due under the Deed of Trust. Present Beneficiary, Alaska Housing Finance Corporation, by Assignment recorded November 30, 2007 as Instrument No. 2007-002105-0, is owed the principal amount of \$252,811.97 plus interest from March 1, 2009 at the rate of 6.125% per annum, plus costs, fees, and other charges incurred or advanced thereafter. The Trustee elects to sell the property and to apply the proceeds against the obligation. Trustee reserves the right to postpone the sale, set a minimum bid, submit an offset bid, and establish other bidding procedures at the sale. Questions should be directed to the Law Offices of GROH EGGERS, LLC, 2600

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Dated: 10-1-09  
Fidelity Title Agency of Alaska, Trustee  
By: Leslie Pilkat, Agent  
11/19-26; 12/3-10

**Request for Statements of Qualifications (SOQ's)**

On behalf of the City of Shaktoolik, Village Safe Water (VSW) is requesting Statements of Qualifications (SOQ's) from qualified firms to plan (feasibility study) and design upgrades to the water treatment facility, water storage tank, and raw water intake. SOQ's are due prior to 3:00 PM Local Time, December 7, 2009, at the Village Safe Water (VSW) offices, 4th floor, 555 Cordova Street, Anchorage, AK. To request a copy of the SOQ information packet, call Pearley Bingham at (907) 334-2638 or email request to Pearley.Bingham@alaska.gov.  
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• **Unalakleet gym**  
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Adrianna Taylor-Brown is the high school language arts teacher. "It's going to be so nice to have updated facilities," she said. "The high school students' lockers are at the middle school. It just doesn't flow. We will be able to be our own unit, our own school."

The school inherited the old gym from a U.S. Air Force squadron that was once based in the community. "The gym of the Air Force base was hauled down and attached to the school in the mid-1970s," Howard said. "Folks who were here in the '50s and late '40s remember re-designing the high school. "[Construction workers] tore down the old gym to its foundations." In early November Howard showed a reporter from *The Nome Nugget* the new gym—a spacious room with a high ceiling and an unfinished interior.

Howard has served as principal for four years, and for the prior two years as assistant principal. He has held teaching and administrative positions in the Bering Strait School District for 15 years.

He expressed gratitude to the State of Alaska and the late Richard Foster, who represented Alaska House District 39, for assistance in funding the construction project. He said the project contractor SKW Construction is good to work with. "They've given tours to teachers, the advisory board and school council," he added.

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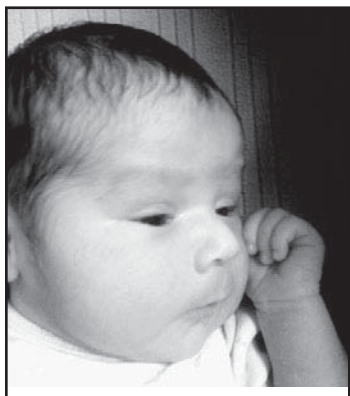
Husky LLC is making application for a new Restaurant/Eating Place Public Convenience AS 04.11.400 (g), liquor license, d/b/a Husky located at 235 Front Street, Nome.

Interested persons should submit written comment to their local governing body, the applicant and to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board at 5848 E Tudor Rd, Anchorage, AK 99507

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## All Around the Sound



Kara Zor-el Nevaeh Hawkins

### New Arrivals

Charlene Kunnuk and Richard Hawkins of Nome announce the birth of their daughter Kara Zor-el Nevaeh Hawkins, born November 1, at 2:06 p.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. She weighed 7 pounds, 13.8 ounces and was 19" in length. Her big sister is Kristina Kunnuk. Her maternal grandparents are Joe and Mary Kunnuk of Nome. Her paternal grandparents are Rosalind and John Attatayuk.

Glenn and Mitchelle Ivanoff of Unalakleet proudly announce the birth of their daughter, **Jadelyn L. Ivanoff**, born Oct. 3, at 9:20 a.m. at Elmendorf AFB Hospital in Anchorage. She weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces, and measured 20 1/2 inches

in length. Her maternal grandparents are Harry and Joan Johnson of Unalakleet. Her paternal grandparents are Larry and Maggie Ivanoff of Unalakleet.



Jadelyn L. Ivanoff

Esther M. and Andrew J. Nayokpuk of Anchorage proudly announce the birth of their special, precious, niece, **Chloe' Johanna Danielle Putuzraat Nayokpuk** who was born at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage on October 11 at 11:02 a.m. Chloe' was 6 pounds, 8 ounces, and was 20" in length. Proud parents are Kristy Charmaine Obruk and Jonathan Michael Davis of Shishmaref. Forever in heart always, she will be know as sister to Kobe, Elsie and Ricky Nayokpuk. Maternal grandparents are Tommy and Vivian Obruk, the late great-grandmother Christina Obruk, great-great-grand-

mother Katherine Barr and the late great-great-grandparents Sergie and Esther Obruk. Paternal grandparents are Pearl Davis and Ray Ningeulook, great-grandparents are Stella and Kim Ningeulook, and the late great-great-grandmother is Beatrice "Putuzraat" Davis, all of Shishmaref.

Don and Fei Cross, along with big brother Jared from Elim, announce the birth of **Katelyn Punichak Wen Cross** (3 lbs., 14 oz. at 10:41 a.m.) and **Kadyn Atmik Xiang Cross** (4 lbs., 8 oz. at 11:05a.m.), born September 7, at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage.

### Governor's Emergency



Katelyn Punichak Wen Cross and Kadyn Atmik Xiang Cross

**Medical Service Awards** (Anchorage, Alaska) — The Governor's Annual Awards for Emergency Medical Services, sponsored by the Alaska Council on Emergency Medical Services, were announced at

the State Emergency Medical Services Symposium on Friday, Nov. 13. Awards will be presented at the 34th Annual Governor's Alaska EMS Awards Banquet at the Egan Con-

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## Public Notice

### Reminder

Now that it is winter, here is the schedule for snow removal. On Mondays and Wednesdays the snow will be removed from the west side of Bering Street and the south side of Front Street. On Tuesdays and Thursdays the snow will be removed from the east side of Bering Street and the north side of Front Street. The snow removal will take place from 5 a.m. - 8 a.m. Signs are posted for "NO PARKING."

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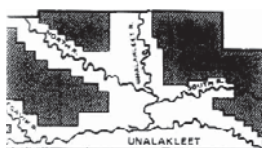
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## Unalakleet Native Corporation Annual Meeting of the Stockholders

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Unalakleet Native Corporation will take place at the Aaron Paneok/Myles Gonganman Memorial Hall in Unalakleet, Alaska on 21st November 2009 at 10 a.m. for the following purposes:

- 1) Approval, additions or corrections to the minutes of the 2008 annual meeting.
- 2) Reports from the management and committee.
- 3) Introduction of the director of nominees and statements by nominees, if they wish.
- 4) Election of five (5) directors.
- 5) To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

Only stockholders of record as of 5 p.m. on 3rd October 2009 are entitled to vote at the meeting or any adjournment thereof. Stockholders are entitled to vote at the meeting in person. If you will **NOT** be able to attend the meeting in person, you are requested to fill in and sign the mailed proxy and return it to: Unalakleet Native Corporation, PO Box 247, Unalakleet, Alaska 99684, Attention: Proxy Committee. Proxies will be available at the time and place of the meeting and during the 30 days prior to the meeting at the corporation office in Unalakleet.

President: William Johnson  
CEO: Mark Johnson

11/12-19



## NOME JOINT UTILITY SYSTEM

The Utility received additional fuel for power generation on the fall barge and the average inventory price per gallon has been recomputed.

Additionally, the Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation's Board of Directors voted to allow NJUS to participate in the NSEDC Fuel Program relative to the recent purchase. Under the program, NSEDC is providing the financing for the recent delivery at ZERO interest, saving NJUS in excess of \$70,000 it would otherwise pay for commercial financing.

As a result of the above items, in accordance with NJUS Tariff, Schedule D, the fuel surcharge has been recomputed. The Nome Joint Utility Board voted to implement a new surcharge rate effective immediately.

**For billings issued after November 10, the new surcharge rate is 16.98 cents per kilowatt hour, a reduction of 1.03 cents from the current rate of 18.01 cents.**

**On behalf of the residents of the community, the Nome Joint Utility Board expresses its appreciation to the Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation Board and Staff for allowing NJUS to participate in the fuel program, and the Board is pleased to be able to pass the resulting benefit on to all customers in the community.**



## • More All Around the Sound

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vention Center on Nov. 14 at 8 p.m. Award recipients are:

• **Consumer/Citizen Award: Gregg Nappi** — In recognition of his courageous and enduring act of skiing through the night and the next

morning to save a friend who had tumbled more than 1,000 feet during an ice climb in April 2009.

• **EMS Provider Award: Soren Threadgill** — In recognition of his vision, positive attitude and magnanimous heart in serving his commu-

nity, region and state. His work to improve patient outcomes from strokes will effect positive changes for years to come.

• **EMS Educator Award: Tom Vaden** — In recognition of his dedication and commitment to the cause of emergency service as the primary EMS trainer for the Norton Sound Region.

• **EMS Administrator Award: Charles Lean** — In recognition of his lifelong commitment as a leader, mentor, advisor, administrator and friend to the EMS system in the Norton Sound Region and throughout Alaska.

• **George H. Longenbaugh Memorial Award: Dr. Michael Levy** — In recognition of 20 years of service as a staunch supporter of pre-hospital and emergency medicine, and his dedication to public service ethics and the people of Alaska.

• **Outstanding Ambulance Service Award: Hoonah Emergency Medical Services** — In recognition of the staff's volunteer spirit, professionalism and long-term dedication to insuring that injured and ill residents and visitors receive the best emergency care.

• **Special Commendation: Matt Jones** — In recognition of his response to a 911 call while on duty as

an Unalaska police officer in February 2009. He quickly and efficiently applied his Automated External De-

fibrillator to a person having a heart attack and got a stable rhythm. The patient survived.



**WEDDING BELLS**—Arnold and Valarie Takak were happily married on Sep.23, at Shaktoolik Covenant Church.

## Court

Week ending 11/13

### Civil

Capital One Bank (USA) N A vs. Alvanna, John J.; Debt - District Court

### Small Claims

Nanuaq Inc vs. Ahnangnatoguk, Dale; Small Claims More than \$2500 Cornerstone Credit Services LLC vs. Meadows, Bonnie L.; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Deft. Cert Mail

Nome Public Schools vs. O'Connor, Connie; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Deft. Cert Mail

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### Criminal

State of Alaska v. William Alvanna (6/3/88); 2NO-08-38CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110062728; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-08-305; Shall report to AMCC by 4pm this date (11/9/09); Release or bail conditions remain in effect until defendant reports to serve sentence.

State of Alaska v. William Alvanna (6/3/88); 2NO-08-305CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109525401; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-08-38; Shall report to AMCC by 4pm this date (11/9/09); Release or bail conditions remain in effect until defendant reports to serve sentence.

State of Alaska v. William Alvanna (6/3/88); 2NO-08-925CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110699658; Violated conditions of probation; No action taken; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. William Tate (4/20/87); 2NO-06-281CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109063926; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 2 years, remanded into custody; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. William Tate (4/20/87); 2NO-09-393CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Vehicle Theft 1; Filed by the DAs Office 11/9/09.

State of Alaska v. Sammy Amakttoolik (3/13/71); 2NO-05-532CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: Shall successfully complete the sex offender treatment arising from the treatment assessment; Shall continue with his current substance abuse program and treatment; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: Time spent in custody; Approximately 36 days, not to exceed time served; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Sammy Amakttoolik (3/13/71); 2NO-09-642CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Violation of Conditions of Release; Filed by the DAs Office 11/3/09.

State of Alaska v. Edward Kakarak (11/25/72); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110701053; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 5 days, remanded into custody.

State of Alaska v. Kimberly Iyakitan (6/1/67); 2NO-09-232CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110701629; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and

imposed: All remaining time, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-09-453CR; Remanded into custody.

State of Alaska v. Kimberly Iyakitan (6/1/67); 2NO-09-453CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110701629; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-09-232CR; Remanded into custody.

State of Alaska v. Kimberly Iyakitan (6/1/67); 2NO-09-578CR Violating Release Conditions; Partial Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 30 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 11/5/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer for alcohol; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare.

State of Alaska v. John A. Weyiouanna (7/5/73); Corrected Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109060695; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 120 days, shall report to AMCC by 8:30pm this date (10/30/09); Correction is to number of days revoked and imposed.

State of Alaska v. Ruby M. Topkok (11/28/61); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110003436; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: Not to Enter Establishments were Alcohol is Sold or Served, No Alcohol in Residence, Commit No Criminal violations, Subject to Warrantless Breath Test and Search of Residence, Subject to Warrantless Arrest for Violations; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Marvin Kulowiya Sr. (12/30/54); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109525248; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 10 days, shall report to AMCC by 1/15/10; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Charles Taxac (6/22/71); Notice of Dismissal; PTR filed on 11/9/09; Filed by the DAs Office 11/9/09.

State of Alaska v. Elizabeth M. Steve (5/13/66); Importation of Alcohol; Date of offense: 3/10/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 45 days, 42 days suspended; Unsuspended 3 days have been served; Fine: \$1,500 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$1,500 through Nome Trial Courts by 11/5/10; Forfeit alcohol and cash proceeds to State; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 11/9/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol in any dry or damp community, nor have alcohol in her residence; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer in such community; Person and baggage subject to warrantless search at any airport; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation.

State of Alaska v. Axel Odden (5/19/90); Theft 3rd; Date of offense: 8/23/09; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; Suspended Imposition of Sentence; Imposition of sentence is suspended; Defendant is placed on probation subject to terms, orders and conditions listed below; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Restitution: Defendant has made restitution; Probation until 11/9/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit

no violations of law; Other: Complete 40 hours work service by 2/1/10 and show proof to court by 2/15/10.

State of Alaska v. Larry Kobuk, Jr. (6/15/81); 2NO-09-461CR DUI; Date of offense: 7/25/09; 180 days, 160 days suspended; Unsuspended sentence is consecutive to sentence in case 2NO-09-675CR; Remanded to custody; Fine: \$3,000, \$0 suspended; \$3,000 due 4/28/10; Payable to Clerk of Court; Police Training Surcharge: \$75 with \$0 suspended; \$75 due in 10 days; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case with \$0 suspended; \$50 due payable to Collections Unit, AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Cost of Imprisonment: \$1467 (2nd offense), \$0 suspended; Amount due: Full amount ordered payable to Collections Unit, AGs Office, Anchorage; Complete Substance Abuse Treatment Assessment: local ASAP within 2 months; Complete screening, evaluation and recommended program; Obey Driver's License Directives: Driver's license revoked for 1 year; Concurrent with DMV action; Use an Ignition Interlock Device: Cost of IID will be deducted from fine if you file proof of payment before fine due date; After you regain privilege to drive or obtain a limited license, you use an ignition interlock device (IID) as directed in the IID Information Sheet (CR-483) for all of your probation period; Probation for 1 year (date of Judgment: 10/28/09); Obey all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Commit no jailable offenses; Do not possess or consume alcohol; Other: Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer; Subject to warrantless arrest for violation of any condition of probation.

State of Alaska v. Larry Kobuk (6/15/81); 2NO-09-875CR Violation of Conditions of Release; Date of offense: 10/26/09; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; Police training surcharge due in 10 days: \$50 (Misd); Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; 45 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 45 days are to be served consecutive to unsuspended sentence in 2NO-09-461CR and with the defendant remanded to custody.

State of Alaska v. Kenneth Smith (11/22/87); Drunken Person on Licensed Premises; Date of offense: 11/1/09; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 30 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 1/6/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation.

State of Alaska v. Sabrina A. Slwooko (12/7/83); 2NO-08-727CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110698821; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time; Remanded into custody.

State of Alaska v. Sabrina Slwooko (12/7/83); 2NO-09-677CR Criminal Trespass 1st; Date of offense: 10/29/09; Binding Plea Agreement; 5 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 5 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC consecutive to 2NO-08-727CR; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. James Andrew Niksik, Sr. (1/28/59); Notice of Dismissal; PTR filed 11/2/09; Filed by the DAs Office 11/10/09.

State of Alaska v. Richard Emil Bowen (8/18/56); Dismissal; Count 1, charge 001: Misconduct Involving A Controlled Substance 4th; Filed by the DAs Office 11/10/09.



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### Nome Public Schools Make-up Day

The make-up day for the weather related school closure on Wednesday, **November 11, 2009** will be on:

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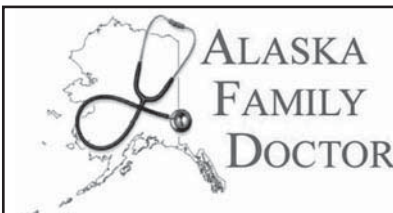
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# NSEDC loan, cheaper fuel to knock a few bucks off utility bills

By Sandra L. Medearis

Nome Joint Utility System was able to avoid paying 5 percent to 6 percent interest on a bank loan when the local community development quota fishing group agreed to let the utility into Norton Sound Economic Development Corp.'s village bulk fuel program.

The approximate reduction of \$7 to \$8 a month—the price of a gallon of milk in Nome—will begin with the bills hitting the mailboxes at the end of this month and affect all customers, commercial and residential.

NJUS will pay for fuel with a 12-month, interest-free loan of \$2.4 million with no fees to finance purchase of 1 million gallons of fuel this

fall. The NSEDC board approved the loan of nearly \$2.5 million in early November. NJUS approved the move at its Nov. 10 board meeting.

That stroke of fortune and a load of cheaper fuel this fall translates to a penny off the customer's fuel surcharge on electric bills. The fuel surcharge has dropped from 18.01 cents to 16.98 cents, John K. Handeland, NJUS's manager said Monday.

"The average value of inventory on hand dropped by 25 cents per gallon after the last barge delivery," Handeland said. Based on the number of kilowatts produced by a gallon and the reduction going through a consistent formula yields the saving.

Because NJUS has for some years belonged to the Western Alaska Fuel Group, a diesel fuel-buying consortium, the utility has not participated in the Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. program.

NJUS contacted Wells Fargo Bank for financing as they have done for the past 20 years, which Wells Fargo would provide—but the NJUS board of directors was not pleased with their initial verbal price quote in which the interest would fall between 5 percent to 6 percent (\$80,000 to \$90,000 based on the initial estimate of a loan of \$2.7 million).

Based on the actual cost affect on inventory when the fall 1.06 million gallons was loaded,

which was down in price, the necessary loan came to \$2.2 million that would cost \$70,000 to \$80,000 in interest per Wells Fargo's terms. The NJUS board asked Handeland to knock at NSEDC's fuel financing window to see whether NJUS could qualify for their village bulk fuel program.

Handeland said the transaction with NSEDC had the potential to open the door for future work with NSEDC to significantly improve the utility's bulk purchasing power.

"We look forward to exploring the possibility of NJUS participating in our bulk fuel program in the future," NSEDC's chief executive officer, Janis Ivanoff, said via e-mail.

## • Foster

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from throughout District 39. Largely made up of residents of Nome and Unalakleet, the committee forwarded the names of Sam Towarak Sr., Ralph "Weaver" Ivanoff and Foster to the governor Oct. 29.

Political observers from around the state had debated whether Foster would align with the minority Democrats or caucus with the Republicans—as his father and a handful of other rural Democratic House members have done. The House Democrats had made it clear to the District 39 selection committee, however, that they would not seat someone who would not pledge to caucus with them. The selection committee, in turn, informed the candidates.

During his interview before the committee in Nome Oct. 28, Foster said he was aware of the need to caucus with the Democrats in order to be confirmed. Additionally, he said he would align himself with the minority due to his political philosophy. "This is the Democratic party," he said at the time. "I've always been a Democrat. I've been registered [with the party] since I was 18."

The extra member in the minority affords the Democrats another seat

on the powerful House Finance Committee. Just who in the caucus will get that seat was not yet announced as of press time Tuesday. Aided by powerful committee assignments, the elder Foster was able to steer funding to his district. Neal Foster said he is hopeful he can keep the resources devoted to District 39 at their current level.

Following his swearing in Foster said his first task will be to contact each community in the district to establish a line of communication with leaders throughout the region. A large focus of the interview process by the selection committee in Nome was how to better represent the southern end of the district, which stretches all the way to Chevak.

Foster also said he plans to focus on resource development and jobs in the region, and to work to combat social issues like physical and sexual abuse, and suicide. He also noted a desire to deliver renewable energy projects to villages, citing his experience with Banner Wind, which placed 18 turbines in Nome.

Foster's seat will be up for election next fall. He indicated after his selection by the governor that he would be filing paperwork as soon as possible to run.



Photo by Tyler Rhodes

**CONGRATS—**Gloria Karmun offers her congratulations to Neal Foster after Gov. Sean Parnell announced his selection to fill his late father's seat in the Legislature Nov. 10 in Nome. Foster was sworn in Monday.

## • Storm

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cold to keep the snow coming without expected rain taking the stage as originally forecast.

For the first half of the month, the Nome area had the 10th snowiest November on record with 13.1 inches so far. In 1915, snow set a record with 31.5 inches coming down during the first half of November.

High water pushed west from the Bering Sea into Norton Sound bypassed western villages and piled up in the Unalakleet-Saint Michael area, according to Steiger.

Seawater came into the yards of half a dozen homes, but didn't flood the dwellings, he said.

Slushy ice collected as it rode toward shore and tempered the waves in Nome and Norton Sound, preventing damage.

"Slush ice moving in during a storm is protective and usually very helpful for the most part in dampen-

ing the high seas," Steiger explained.

Steve Ivanoff, Kawerak Inc.'s transportation planner in Unalakleet, said ice was a friend where village residents vacated some homes, just in case. "It started out worse than any other storm here until the slush came in and softened the waves. I had people and a loader buffering my home to divert the water around our house," Ivanoff said via e-mail Nov. 12. "Without the slush, we would have been in a world of hurt."

"What was interesting was the stars weren't aligned for a flood—high tide prediction was low and 12 hours away. We had about 20 homes evacuated into several buildings and homes. We even had pizza delivered free to the clinic where there were a lot of people staying," Ivanoff added. He said his office wouldn't be able to determine the full damage until the spring breakup of ice and snow.

Folks at Teller Clinic and Teller Traditional Council said the storm

had not caused flooding.

Nome waters registered at 5.5 feet high water, combining the

storm surge and the tides. "If the water comes up to six feet, we start worrying about Belmont

Point," Steiger said. "Eight to 10 feet and we worry about downtown Nome."

# Fire victim's family sues AMI

By Diana Haecker

The family of Jeff Martin, who perished in a house fire in Nome in October 2007, filed a lawsuit against his employer, Alaska Mechanical Inc., for negligence and punitive damages in excess of \$100,000.

Martin was a worker for AMI constructing the Rock Creek gold mine. As he was not from Nome, the company arranged for housing for him and others. According to the complaint filed in Nome Superior Court Oct. 29, AMI provided Martin with improper housing as

the house lacked adequate exits, fire prevention devices and was improperly sealed.

Martin was a victim of a blaze that broke out in the garage, where children had been playing with fire. The fire spread into the single-story home and quickly engulfed the entire house. Two other occupants managed to escape the blaze, but Martin was trapped inside and died in the fire. The lawsuit was filed by Fairbanks lawyer Jason Weiner on behalf of Vicki Martin. The parties declined to comment.

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Photo by Nikolai Ivanoff

BYE, BYE BARGES—The ice has arrived along the shores fronting Nome as the ocean turns to a sea of white. In the distance Sledge Island has also put on its winter coat.

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Photo by Denise Olin

A MOOSE ON TURKEY DAY—Andrea Irrigoo dons the CAMP department's moose costume as she takes part in the Turkey Trot run/walk on a chilly Thanksgiving Day in Nome.

## Settlement nears in clergy sex abuse case

By Diana Haecker

After negotiations leading up to a hearing last week at the federal bankruptcy court in Anchorage, nearly 300 victims of clergy sex abuse agreed to the third amended bankruptcy plan proposed by the Catholic Bishop of Northern Alaska.

The plan would guarantee that the victims receive \$10 million in settlement payments.

Provided that the bankruptcy judge approves the consensual plan, payments to the sexual abuse sur-

vivors can be made as early as this Christmas or early 2010, said CBNA legal coordinator Ronnie Rosenberg.

Over the past six years, men and women mostly from villages in northwestern Alaska came forward with claims of having suffered sexual abuse as children at the hands of Catholic priests and lay workers. Some cases date back to the 1950s through the 1980s. Nome priest and KNOM radio station founder James

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## City to take over landfill for winter

Taxes, barking dogs and other issues  
highlight council's Nov. 23 work session

By Sandra L. Medearis

The Nome Common Council collected in their chamber Nov. 23 for a cathartic work session on issues near and dear to them and several sectors of Nome residents.

No official action can be taken during work sessions, so these topics likely will come up at the next regular Council meeting Dec. 14: animal control ordinance, landfill operations, snowmobile and ATV traffic ordi-

nance, snow removal ordinance, resale certificates and legislative priorities.

Off the bat, businesses holding resale certificates may get the once-over to see if they are fudging. A resale certificate allows tax-free purchases that will be sold again unaltered. The store's customers will pay the tax. Councilman Stan Andersen suspects some goods are being changed and

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## A cold and busy start

Cold-weather emergency shelter sees brisk business with colder than normal November

By Tyler Rhodes

Only a dozen days after its initial opening for the winter season, Nome's emergency cold-weather shelter had already seen nine nights of business by Nov. 28.

That meant nine nights where up to 13 of

Nome's residents and visitors without adequate housing were able to sleep in a warm space, get a little hot food and not have to worry about the dangers of exposure to the extreme cold. It also meant 36 shifts that the all-volunteer Nome Emergency Shelter Team had to ensure were

covered so that the makeshift accommodations could be provided.

With each night of operation requiring four shifts to be manned at the shelter, NEST organ-

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Letters

Hey,  
I am sitting here, nice and cozy, on this beautifully cold day trying to get a hold of an open line.  
I would like to remind people that it is voting time for our corporations. Your vote counts! Wouldn't you rather see someone you think would be good for your community be in office? In order to do that, then you'd have to vote for that person and hope they win—providing their name is on the ballot. But, in order for you to vote, your corporation needs to have your correct address. If you're getting a dividend from them, they need the right address for you to get it.  
Remember too—because it is much colder out—you need to dress accordingly. Your body is not made to withstand temperatures that we have now, be nice to it and dress accordingly. We will always have another summer where we won't need

as much clothes. Oh, and if you see someone that needs gloves or something, and you have extra, may as well make that person happy and donate it.  
It is really something when it comes to thinking about Sarah Palin. I wouldn't be all that shocked, I guess, to see her in a different office, because it's the par for the political world. People are dumb enough to fall for it. Yet, she could not even finish her term in this office, doesn't that say something? We need a woman in office—just not that woman.  
May you all have some good holidays. May God bless and keep you all. Remember always — the things that count the most are people and their feelings.  
Love and miss you all! Take care.  
As always,  
Karen Nanouk  
Unalakleet, AK 99684

Letters to the editor must be signed and include an address and phone number. Thank yous and political endorsements are considered ads.

Editorial

That's the Spirit

One of the many things that make Nome such a great community is our spirit of volunteerism. We have a top-notch fire department with men and women who are ready to turn out in emergencies at all hours of the day and night. We have search and rescue volunteers who head into adversity to help their fellow Nomeites. We have ambulance personnel who come to our rescue in medical emergencies. The remarkable thing about our Nome volunteers is the degree of professionalism and training they put into their work. They are second to none.  
We are also fortunate to have a wide range of service organizations in town. These are the folks who provide the social polish and livability for our town. They help to make Nome the fun, artistic, sophisticated (even our bush rats can sing and dance) non-duct tape dependent town we all know and love.  
This week we have a chance to show our support to all of our volunteer organizations and have fun while we do it. It's time for the social event of the year—the annual Firemen's Carnival. Go this Saturday. Spend money, have a blast and know that it is money well spent for a good cause—our community.

— N.L.M. —

A Look at the Past



Courtesy of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum  
A CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA IN 1907 ( above)— Nomeites can experience the 2009 Christmas Extravaganza on Wednesday, December 9 at 5:30 p.m. at Old St. Joe's on Anvil City Square.

From the Curtis Jacobs Collection of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum  
NO MORE HORSE DRAWN FIRE ENGINES IN NOME (below)— The 1934 fire devastated 70 percent of the Nome business district. Nome got wiser and purchased a state of the art vehicle. Here we are testing out the new fire truck in 1937 on River Street at the original jetty. The Sand Spit is across the way.



Nome Norton Sound Tide Predictions (High & Low Waters) — December 3 - 9, 2009									
Day	Date	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height
Th	12/03	03:07 a.m. LST	1.4H	11:04 a.m. LST	-0.1L	06:15 p.m. LST	1.3H	10:49 p.m. LST	0.9L
F	12/04	04:02 a.m. LST	1.4H	11:57 a.m. LST	-0.2L	07:07 p.m. LST	1.3H	11:45 p.m. LST	0.9L
Sa	12/05	05:07 a.m. LST	1.5H	12:54 p.m. LST	-0.3L	08:02 p.m. LST	1.3H		
Su	12/06	12:45 a.m. LST	0.9L	06:17 a.m. LST	1.5H	01:51 p.m. LST	-0.3L	08:57 p.m. LST	1.3H
M	12/07	01:49 a.m. LST	0.9L	07:30 a.m. LST	1.5H	02:47 p.m. LST	-0.3L	09:50 p.m. LST	1.4H
Tu	12/08	02:58 a.m. LST	0.8L	08:44 a.m. LST	1.4H	03:42 p.m. LST	-0.2L	10:40 p.m. LST	1.4H
W	12/09	04:09 a.m. LST	0.7L	09:58 a.m. LST	1.4H	04:36 p.m. LST	-0.1L	11:27 p.m. LST	1.4H
Daily variations in sea level due to local meteorological conditions cannot be predicted and may significantly effect the observed tides in this area. All times are listed in Local Standard Time (LST) or Local Daylight Time (LDT) when applicable. All heights are in feet referenced to Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW).									

Weather Statistics				National Weather Service Nome, Alaska (907) 443-2321 1-800-472-0391
Sunrise	12/03/09	11:12 a.m.	High Temp	
	12/09/09	11:29 a.m.	Low Temp	
			Peak Wind	
Sunset	12/03/09	04:26 p.m.	Precip. to Date	13.69"
	12/09/09	04:13 p.m.	Normal	
Seasonal snow fall total (data collected since 7/1/09): 18.3" Current Snow Cover: 15.0" varies with melting/blowing of snow.				

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# State News Briefs

Compiled by Diana Haecker

## BP reports oil spill on North Slope

The Associated Press reports that an oil spill near Prudhoe Bay has contaminated about 8,400 square feet of snow-covered tundra on Sunday. The spill occurred on a BP Exploration oil field and it is not clear how much spilled and what caused it. The accident occurred around an 18-pipeline that carried a mixture of crude oil, produced water and natural gas, but the line was not in operation at the time.

## Two plead guilty in Point Hope caribou slaughter case

Two of the eight men accused of killing caribou and wasting the edible meat pleaded guilty to wanton waste last week. As part of their plea deal, Randy Oktollik, 27, and Brett Oktollik, 21, are to perform community service working with elders and explaining to young children the right way to harvest meat. They must also pay \$1,360 in fines and restitution.

The charges stem from last year when wildlife troopers followed a tip and found 37 dead caribou, among them nursing females, littering the tundra near Point Hope. Special prosecutor and deputy attorney general Rick Svobodny said that from the start, this case has been focused solely on the violation of state laws regarding wanton waste. In a statement he said that the department is pleased with this development, including the component of the sentence requiring the defendants not only to pay a fine and restitution but also to educate the community on the law and Native subsistence traditions. "We are hopeful that others also will accept responsibility for their actions.

If they don't, then we will proceed to trial," Svobodny said.

## Juvenile arrested in bomb threat

A 16-year-old student of Anchorage's West High School was arrested at his home on Sunday, when his father discovered explosive devices in

the son's backpack. APD's Explosives and Ordinance Disposal Team was called to the scene, secured the bombs and found that the two pipe bombs and an improvised grenade were viable explosive devices. The student was charged with misconduct involving weapons. Investigators found out that the student had the explosive devices on school grounds. Anchorage School District officials conducted locker searches and interviewed other involved students. Superintendent Carol Comeau said other students have been placed on emergency suspension.

missioner, Joe Masters, the public safety commissioner, Leo von Scheben, the transportation commissioner, and John Moller, Governor Parnell's rural advisor went this time to the Bristol Bay area. They started in King Salmon, went to Naknek and finished their trip in Dillingham. Previously, Sullivan and other subcabinet members have visited Unalakleet, Nome, Kotzebue, Barrow, Tanana, Ruby and Galena. The subcabinet is expected to make long-term recommendations for improving rural life by late December or early January.



## Child killed in car accident

On Thanksgiving, troopers in St. Mary's were called to a tragic vehicle accident that killed a 4-year old girl. According to a trooper release, Arlene Paukan, 32, of St. Mary's, was traveling behind her 4-year-old daughter in a 2005 GMC pickup on the side of the roadway when she inadvertently ran over the child. The child was taken to the St. Mary's Sub-Regional Clinic and died of the injuries. Troopers say, alcohol does not appear to be a factor at this time, but the investigation is ongoing.

## Subcabinet on fourth bush trip

Attorney General Dan Sullivan and other members of the governor's Rural Action Subcabinet went on their fourth bush trip to gather information about the quality of life in communities off the road system. Sullivan, the subcabinet chair, Emil Notti, the state commerce commissioner, Click Bishop, the labor com-

## Lance Mackey, his dad Dick, inducted in Alaska Hall of Fame

On Monday, the Alaska Sports Hall of Fame announced its Class of 2010. Reigning Iditarod champion and four-time Yukon Quest winner Lance Mackey as well as snowboarder and Olympic medalist Rosey Fletcher, deceased mountaineer Brad Washburn and former NYO star (and now state legislator) Reggie Joule were the four persons inducted in the Alaska Sports Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame also recognized two moments in Alaska's sport history. One was Lance Mackey's dad Dick's memorable one-second victory in the 1978 Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race. The other moment celebrated by the Hall was Noorvik's Elliot Sampson's upset victory in the 1981 Alaska high school cross-country running meet. The induction ceremony will take place on February 25, 2010 at the ConocoPhillips Atrium in Anchorage.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### December 3 - 9, 2009

EVENT	PLACE	TIME
<b>Thursday, December 3</b>		
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*High School Practice	Pool	6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*Preschool Story Hour	Kegoyah Library	10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Lap/Open Swim	Pool	11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	noon - 2 p.m.
*New Baby Care: Your Baby & You video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
*Volleyball (3rd - 6th grades)	Nome Rec Center	4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Stages of Labor video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*City League Basketball	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Water Aerobics	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
*Swing Dancing with Seiji	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.

### Friday, December 4

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:15 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 4 p.m.
*STDs Keys to Prevention video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Youth Soccer (1st & 2nd grades)	Nome Rec Center	4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Keep with Tradition-Breastfeed video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Youth Soccer (3rd - 5th grades)	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 6 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Master Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.

### Saturday, December 5

*UMW Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Water Aerobics	Pool	1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
*Having Your Baby video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Aids & Women: The Greatest Gamble	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
<b>Firemen's Carnival</b>	<b>Nome Rec Center</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>

### Sunday, December 6

*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*Protecting Your Baby Against Hepatitis B video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*All About Babies Part 1 & 2 video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.

### Monday, December 7

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:15 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 6 p.m.
*Pregnant Teens Taking Care video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Beginning Yoga with Kari	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Toddler Safety: Lily Thinks Ahead video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Circuit Training with Kelly S.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*City League Basketball	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*10+ Climbing Instruction	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Water Aerobics	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Master Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.

### Tuesday, December 8

*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*High School Practice	Pool	6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*Preschool Story Hour	Kegoyah Library	10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Lap/Open Swim	Pool	11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	noon - 2 p.m.
*Breastfeeding/Feeding Your Baby vid	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
*Floor Hockey (3rd - 6th grades)	Nome Rec Center	4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Contraception: Know Your Options video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*City League Basketball	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*AA Teleconference: 1-800-914-3396	(CODE: 3534534#)	7 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY

### Wednesday, December 9

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:15 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Rotary Club	Airport Plaza	noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 10 p.m.
*WIC class	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Special Delivery video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Step Box with Kelly S.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
<b>Christmas Extravaganza</b>	<b>Old St. Joe's</b>	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>
*Family Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Master Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Hello Central (also on Channel 98)	Nome Visitors Center	7:30 p.m.
*Open Space Yoga	Nome Rec Center	9 p.m. - 10 p.m.

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>>>>>		noon - 6 p.m. (F - Sa)
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>>>>>		1 p.m. - 5 p.m. (Sa)

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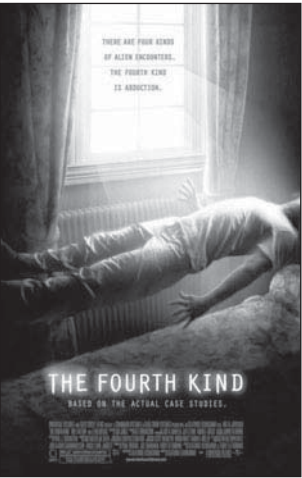


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## • Council

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sold in violation of the code. He wants to get an idea of how much tax the city may be losing, since the practice has for years relied on the honor system.

"We need to get a better handle on it or get out of the business," Andersen said.

Currently, 17 businesses have resale licenses. Eight of these are bars.

The panel did agree that the city's public works should run the Beam Road landfill throughout the winter as they have during October, after rejecting bids from potential operators. The city runs the dump for less than the last contractor, but councilman Gerald Brown brought out that the account did not include equipment nor wear and tear. The facility, formerly open three days a week, will open only on Saturdays.

City crews have instituted a new method of pushing and covering refuse, with the outcome that the number of ravens circulating over the trash and wind blown bags has decreased. Former contract operator Gary Hart said the raven and bag control looked good, but the current operation that does not spread and aerate the refuse would fill the landfill cell faster.

The council put the current animal control ordinance on the table with comment on upping the fines for

barking dogs. They have been working with the city's attorney on a punitive response to aggressive dogs.

The increasing number of snowmachines on busy roads caused consternation, with comment that safety requirements should be tightened up and drivers restricted to back roads. A suggestion that owners buy stickers for a fee high enough to pay for the program did not get out of the chute.

Councilman Andersen was tired of having private snow removal crews clear parking lots and the like by pushing the snow into the streets and he was not going to take it. He proposed a rule that private plows should wait until city crews got a fire lane through at least.

The council did not winnow down its state and federal legislative priorities, but established the idea that a new municipal museum should be high on the list.

Concerned citizens might attend the Dec. 14 meeting to see laws introduced that affect pets, landfill availability, safety regulations for snowmachines and mini-trucks, and sidewalk snow removal. While the council seemed to come to no concrete consensus on most beefs at the work session, decisions could come about by osmosis and intuition, but certainly not illegal phone calls and e-mails before the next council meeting.

*"We need to get a better handle on it or get out of the business."*

— Councilman Stan Andersen  
on tax-free resale certificates

## Woman dies from tub fall

At 12:27 a.m. Thanksgiving Day, Nome police were dispatched to the Polar Arms Apartment where it was reported that a woman was found deceased in one of the rooms.

Nome police and volunteer ambulance personnel were dispatched to the scene where they discovered the body of Melissa Renee Horn, 28, in the bathtub of the room.

According to Nome police Sgt. Byron Redburn, Horn arrived in Nome the previous day with her uncle and was to have started a new job the following Monday at

Quyanna Care for Norton Sound Health Corp. She is formerly of Emonak and most recently from St. Michael.

According to Sgt. Redburn, her body was discovered when her uncle returned to the room. Police say she had been drinking and apparently slipped and fell in the tub. Preliminary investigation indicates the cause of death may have been accidental.

The body of Horn was sent to the State Medical Examiner for further investigation into the manner and cause of death.



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SIGN OF THE (OLD) TIMES—The old sign at the landfill gives the schedule before it changed to only Saturday.

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# \$4.6 million grant may locate the hot spot at Pilgrim

*University of Alaska Fairbanks project would use remote sensing techniques to evaluate geothermal potential at less cost*

Coal mine fires, volcanoes and Pilgrim Hot Springs seems like an unusual combination.

But a technique used to study the first two may prove valuable in tracing the heat source of the third. Such is the aim of a University of Alaska Fairbanks study slated to take place at the hot springs just north of Nome with the help of \$4.6 million U.S. Department of Energy grant.

"As part of this project the University of Alaska is proposing a new and innovative iterative method of digital processing of acquired thermal infrared data adapted from thermal data processing techniques successfully used to identify small and subtle coal mine fires and in volcanology research," reads a project description from the U.S. Department of Energy.

In short, the Alaska Center for Energy and Power at UAF is proposing to utilize aerial infrared photography to help evaluate the potential of geothermal resources for power projects. The project, which requires a \$1 million local match, would back up the aerial research through traditional, ground-based geophysical surveys and drilling, according to a press release from UAF. "While these traditional methods are reliable, the associated costs may not always be economical, preventing exploration in many areas. Remote sensing could offer a less-costly alternative," the release reads.

"We are partnering with our colleagues at the Alaska Volcano Observatory," ACEP director Gwen Holdmann said in the release. "If we can prove this less-expensive technology can provide reliable data, it

opens up a new world for geothermal exploration in the state."

The Alaska Center for Energy and Power is seeking the \$1 million match from the State of Alaska's Renewable Energy Fund. Holdmann told the Fairbanks Daily Newsminer that the project could get underway next summer if the matching funds are obtained.

The Alaska Center for Energy and Power has teamed with the Catholic Diocese of Fairbanks which owns the property surrounding the hot springs, as well as adjacent landowner Mary's Igloo Native Corp. The location of the main source of hot springs is currently unknown and could actually be on the Mary's Igloo property.

The project comes just as the diocese prepares to put the hot springs property up for sale to fund the settlement of multiple sexual abuse claims. A \$10 million settlement has nearly been finalized between the church and attorneys representing claimants (see story on page 1).

This would not be the first time studies have occurred at the hot springs. Work took place at Pilgrim in the late 1970s and early 1980s. Data from those studies would be used in this latest endeavor.

While the project is designed to, in a sense, test a test for geothermal evaluation, the work could also determine that the resource at Pilgrim is a viable source of energy for Nome. The thought is not new, however, the costs of a transmission line from the site to Nome as well as the elusiveness of the source has thwarted any real pursuit of tapping the resource for such a purpose.



Archive photo by Tyler Rhodes

**HOT SPOT**—A steamy stream cuts a path along the cottonwood trees on a -30° F day near the historic buildings that dot the Pilgrim Hot Springs property north of Nome. If \$1 million in matching funds can be found, a \$4.6 million federal grant will cover the remaining costs to study techniques for evaluating geothermal potential.

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Poole was among the dozen priests accused of sexually abusing juvenile parish members.

No criminal charges could be filed because of a statute of limitations. As the civil cases piled up and some of CBNA's insurance companies refused to pay, CBNA declared bankruptcy in February 2008. Since then, CBNA sorted through its possessions and put two plans before the bankruptcy court. The victims rejected both.

CBNA chancellor Robert Hannon told *The Nome Nugget* that prior to last week's hearing, mediation talks were held and the victims' representatives agreed to the third amended CBNA bankruptcy plan.

"In broad terms, the parishes chipped in, an insurance carrier paid and then we expect money raised from the sale of Pilgrim Hot Springs," Hannon said. In addition to the parishes, KNOM also contributed money to the bankruptcy plan, Rosenberg said.

Anchorage attorney Ken Roosa, who represents most of the victims, said that the plan "is the best we can get, not as much as we wanted, but you've got to take what you get."

Larger payout sums could be reached when the victims' lawyers go after CBNA's insurers. Hannon said that the CBNA signed over the ability to the claimants to sue the dioceses' insurers. Hannon said that Catholic Mutual and Aetna Traveler's Insurance are not fulfilling the obligations under the policies CBNA had with them. Rosenberg added that the insurers know they have to pay, but at dispute is the amount of money.

If the creditors go after the insurance companies and win a court battle, it could bring an additional \$100 million in payments to the victims.

The sale of Pilgrim Hot Springs to the highest bidders is also part of the plan to pay out the victims. A sealed bidding deadline is set for Dec. 10.

Rosenberg said she hopes the bankruptcy proceedings are soon over as the process is very costly. She said

that some of the lawyers involved apply discounts but she expects legal fees to be at least \$2 million.

After the diocese is out of bankruptcy, Hannon said, the real work is to make amends and to restore the trust. "We have to do a lot of healing," Hannon said.

Of the perpetrators, James E. Jacobson and James Poole are still alive and living in a Jesuit retirement home in Spokane, Wash. Rosenberg said they have not been in contact with the Diocese of Fairbanks and have not issued any statements or apologies.

Rather, Rosenberg said, once the bankruptcy proceedings are over, Bishop Donald Kettler would go around on trips and apologize and focus on healing sessions.

Rosenberg also mentioned that more money might be in store for the survivors of sexual clergy abuse as the Oregon Province of the Society of Jesus—the Jesuit order—also filed for bankruptcy. The deadline to file claims was on Monday, Nov. 30.

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## • NEST

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izers are concerned that the abnormally cold start to the winter may quickly sap its volunteer base. Approximately two dozen volunteer hall monitors can be counted among the NEST group's ranks, requiring several to have already covered multiple shifts in such a short time. "We have had very dedicated and willing volunteers so far. Yet, the winter is just beginning so we are in much need of volunteers," said Abby Huggins, a NEST volunteer who has been one of the ringleaders of the organization.

Indeed, volunteer fatigue was an issue during last year's first run with the NEST shelter, which didn't get its start until March. If the NEST shelter is going to make it through an entire winter, more individuals are going to be needed to help serve as hall monitors.

This year NEST is again operating out of the Nome Church of the Nazarene, using its Karmun Christian Center hall for the night when temperatures are forecasted to drop to at least -10 °F or a wind-chill of -20°F. At the close of last winter, when the temperatures made their final turn from sub-zero territory, it was understood that the shelter would need to find a new building out of which to operate when the cold returned.

Despite efforts through the summer and fall to relocate the shelter to a different facility, NEST still lacked a building as this winter's cold approached. The church again graciously allowed the use of its space this year. A memorandum of agreement has been drafted to cover the expectations and responsibilities of both NEST and the church.

While agreeing to its terms, NEST members are not quite ready to sign memorandum. Established as an ad hoc group of individuals and organizations, NEST has run as

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— NEST organizer Abby Huggins

an on-the-fly operation since its inception last winter. While the loose structure allowed the organization to quickly create a shelter program out of nearly nothing in March, the lack of formal organization has also hindered NEST in keeping its operation sustainable.

With no legal standing as an incorporated entity, NEST is largely unable to apply for grants and other support. It also puts its members in an uneasy position when it comes to signing agreements and questions of liability. Without a board of directors or an executive, a core group of volunteers has so far made decisions based on a general consensus.

To help ensure the effort continues, that core group has decided to incorporate as a nonprofit entity to help provide NEST the leadership and legal standing it needs to continue its mission. "We are incredibly thankful for the hospitality of the Church of the Nazarene," Huggins said. "We are working on incorporating as an emergency shelter and are excited about this step forward."

NEST had flirted with other facilities in its quest to acquire a space, having entered into tentative negotiations with Woody

Sackett to use the basement of the former AC grocery store on Front Street. The need for remodeling—including the addition of restrooms—and the flight of stairs leading down to the space created concerns for NEST over its suitability. Late in the summer as NEST considered the costs of renovations against its small budget and the amount of time available to complete them, the option moved off its radar screen.

### Inside the shelter

This year's run for NEST started Nov. 16 when Nome recorded a low of -8°F. It ran the next three nights, breaking for only one day before another three-night run from Nov. 20-22, when temperatures dropped as low as -19°F. The next set of openings came again in a block of three, starting on Thanksgiving.

The normal low temperatures from mid-November until the end of the month range from 11°F to 6°F.

So far the turnout at the shelter has numbered as few as five and as many as 13. As of Monday, 19 different people have stayed at the shelter so far this year.

The doors open to guests at 10 p.m. Often a warm meal is waiting,

whether it be a donated stew or an instant Cup-of-Noodles. Guests quickly sign in if they have stayed there before; newcomers are given a breakdown of the rules. Where a room of old Army cots once greeted guests, foldable mats now occupy the floor. The new mats are reportedly more comfortable and absolutely easier to set up and take down. Separate sleeping areas are lined out for men and women. The lights go out at midnight.

Volunteer hall monitor shifts run from 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. and 2 a.m. to sometime after 7 a.m. when the church hall is put back in order. Guests are awakened at 6 a.m. and after a quick breakfast most often help clean and store all the shelter's items in a back closet.

The most obvious need for NEST is more volunteer hall monitors, who always work in pairs. But for those who cannot serve as hall monitor, there are other ways to help. "Of course for those who cannot hall monitor, we can always use people to bring food donations—soups, sandwiches, coffee, tea, oatmeal, pilot bread, peanut butter—make phone calls during the day, clean the space we use, help transport laundry, recruit other volunteers, participate in meetings, offer creative ideas," Huggins said.

Those wishing to find out more about NEST's efforts or who are willing to volunteer in any fashion are encouraged to contact Huggins at 304-2898 or send an e-mail to [nomesteam@gmail.com](mailto:nomesteam@gmail.com).

## How to help

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## Shooters take aim for turkeys

*Annual air-rifle shoot is the first of several fundraisers*

By Sam Schmidt

On Nov. 21, Nome marksmen came from far and wide in hopes of displaying their talent and earning themselves a free turkey.

The turkeys for this year's event were donated by Alaska Commercial Co. and Alaska Trading Co. with additional support coming from the Nome Community Center, the Friends of the NRA, and the Nome Sportsman's Association.

This was the sixth annual Turkey Shoot conducted by the Nome-Beltz JROTC which promotes safe gun handling and then tests the shooters' marksmanship skills on the 10-meter

indoor air rifle range. Competitors were given four practice shots and then fired five shots in the standing position. The first through sixth grade shooters were able to compete in the prone position. Shooters took aim at bull's-eyes that are only 1 3/4" for their record score.

This longstanding tradition of JROTC is not the last shoot for the school year. The Nome-Beltz JROTC cadets are planning a New Year's Poker Shoot for Jan. 2 and the third annual Idit-A-Shoot on March 18. Mark your calendar if you would like to try your skills and have a chance at winning some great prizes

in either one of these events.

The winners of this year's Turkey Shoot are:

**First – sixth grade division:** 1) Chase Marvin, 26; 2) William Herzner, 15; 3) Chad Callahan, 13.

**Seventh – 12th grade division:** 1) Barnaby Longley, 30; 2) Kyle Griemsmann, 23; 3) Cameron Smith, 15.

**Graduate/18- to 49-year-old division:** 1) Paul Kosto, 39; 2) Kevin Knowlton, 26; 3) Steve Smith, 22.

For the 50-year-old and older division we had no one compete this year.

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**WALKING OFF THE STUFFING** (above)—Left to right, Linda Maack, Breanne MacFarland, Abby Huggins, Moriah Sallaffie and Danielle Sylvester take to the streets as they participate in the CAMP department's Turkey Trot in Nome on Thanksgiving Day.

**A CHILLY TROT** (left)—CAMP mascot Wilbur the Waterdrop makes the turn along the Nome Bypass Road as he works to keep from freezing during the 2009 Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving Day.

## WRESTLING

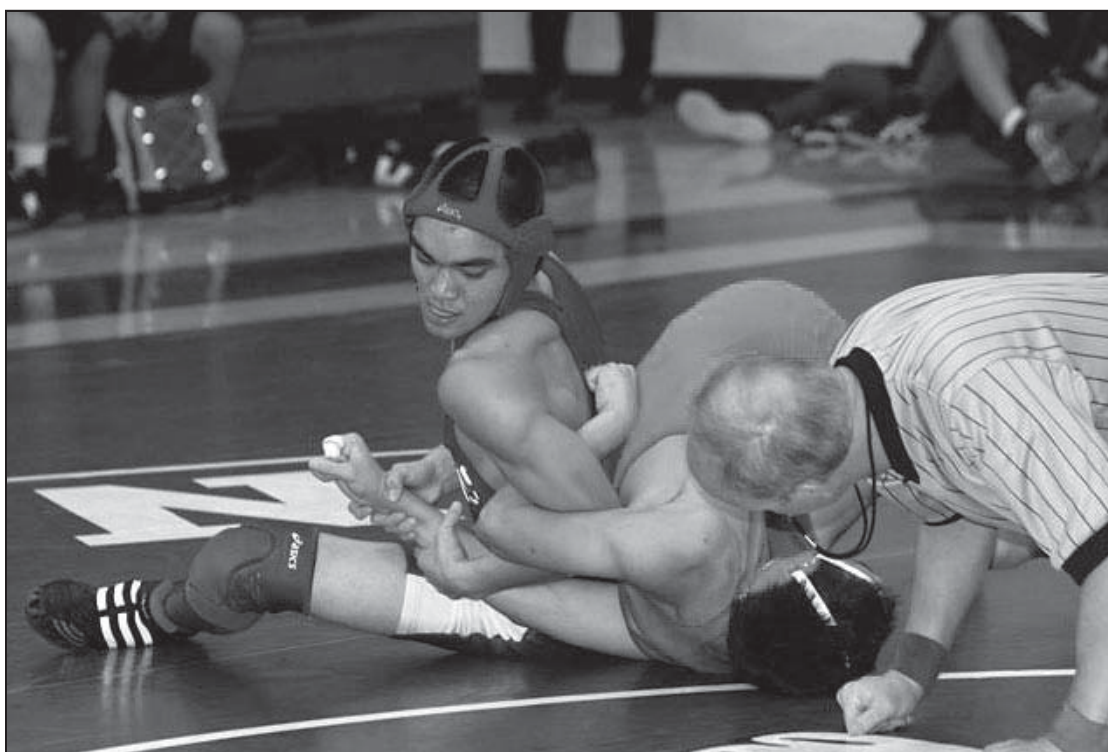


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**BACK AT HOME**—Lonny Booshu puts the moves on a opponent at the Nome Invitational Wrestling Tournament at the Nome-Beltz gym in early October. Booshu recently defeated the state's top-rated Class 4A (large schools) wrestler in his weight class. Booshu and his fellow Nanooks will be again wrestling at home this Friday and Saturday as they compete to earn spots at the state meet.

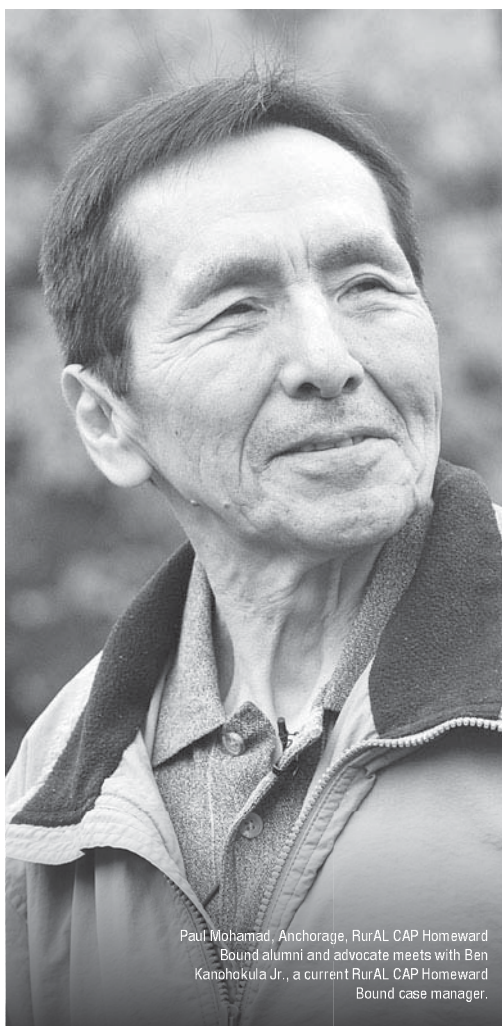
# The road to state starts in Nome

*Wrestlers aim for top three spots*

For the second time this year, the Nome-Beltz gym will play host to high school wrestling action this Friday and Saturday.

While many of the same teams that competed in October will again be putting their wrestlers on the mats, this time the competition is do-or-die. The top three wrestlers in each weight class will move on to the 1A2A3A state wrestling meet in Anchorage Dec. 11-12.

Joining Nome will be wrestlers from all the schools in the Bering Straits, Northwest Arctic and North Slope school districts. The preliminary rounds get underway at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 4 for the first session. The second session will start at 9 a.m. Dec. 5, consisting of three rounds. The championship rounds are slated for 2 p.m. on Saturday.



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**SHOPPING** (above)—Esther Pederson shops around for possible Christmas gifts during the annual Nome Preschool Holiday Bazaar on Sat.

**CHEESIN' AND EATIN'** (right)—Janis Adsuna holds two-year-old Luda Adsuna while they both enjoy the Thanksgiving dinner at the XYZ center, on Thanksgiving Day.



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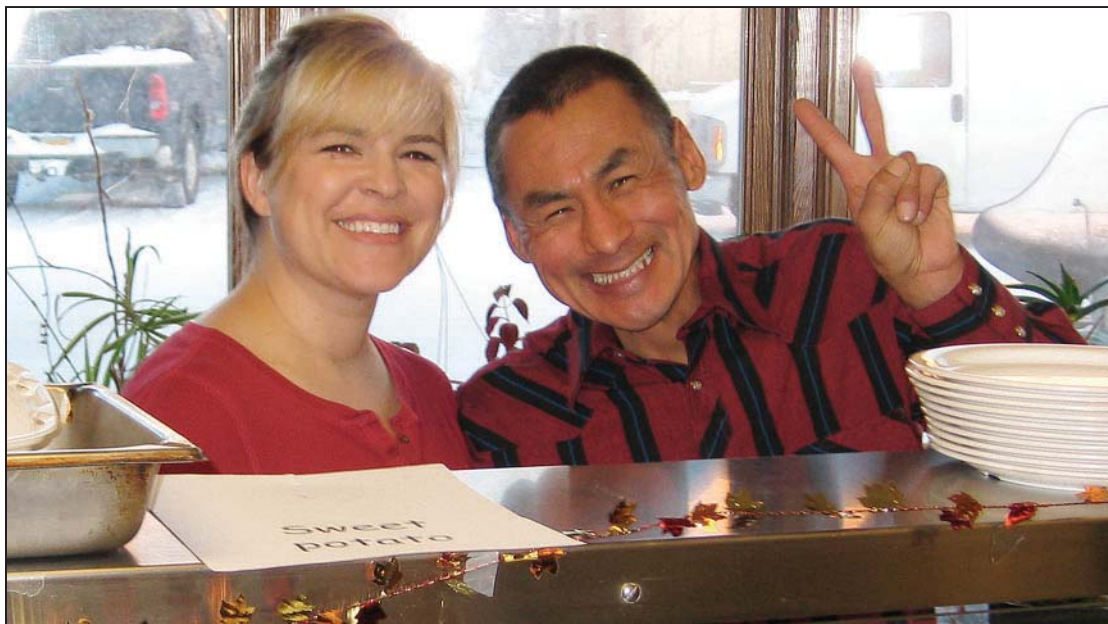


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**HELPFUL (top)**—Lisa Tuffs, left, and Harry Karum serve food at Community Thanksgiving Dinner at the XYZ Senior Center.

**CHECKING THE WARES (above)**—Angela Larson, right, shops with a smile and stopped to see what Mori Jack-Busk has for sale during the Nome Preschool Holiday Bazaar.

**ALL SMILES (right)**—Kenneth Hughes gets a helping of salad to complete a tasty meal at Community Thanksgiving dinner at the XYZ Senior Center.



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**IT FITS!**—Carol Matthews tries on a sealskin parka, one of the auction items, at the Mike Owens chili feed and auction fundraiser on Sat.

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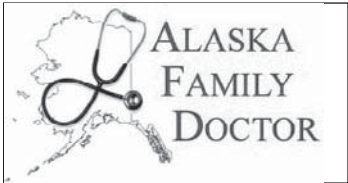
CHILI FEED–Nome turns out for delicious chili to raise funds for long-time Nome resident Mike Owens and his family on Nov. 28.

# The Colors of Salt

Bob Lawrence, MD  
Alaska Family Doctor

Mark Twain’s quip, “All things in moderation, including moderation” describes the typical American view of salt consumption. While most people understand that too much sodium in the diet is unhealthy, excessive amounts of salt in the U.S. food supply makes lowering dietary salt difficult. However, effort put into moderating sodium consumption pays dividends.

Excessive sodium intake has been



associated with hypertension, stroke, osteoporosis, kidney stones, and stomach cancer. For this reason, the U.S. Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends a daily sodium intake of no more than 1,500 mg for any adult over age 20. Recognizing that this may be a difficult change for most, the American Heart Association has set an initial goal of 2,300 mg a day for healthy young adults and a lower goal of 1,500 mg, for older patients or those with high

blood pressure, heart disease, or risk factors for stroke.

The 2,300 mg of sodium is roughly equivalent to one level teaspoon of table salt. The lower recommendation of 1500 mg of daily sodium is equivalent to about 1/2 teaspoon of salt. Most Americans consume twice these recommended amounts, much of it hidden in condiments and processed foods.

Excessive sodium intake is harmful to the heart because every cell in the human body has pumps designed to tightly regulate the concentration of sodium. Salt causes trouble at higher levels due to the body’s attempt to keep this concentration constant. Think of the problem like a bowl of soup that is too salty. A cook may correct the problem by adding more water. That is exactly what the body does. It retains water to keep the concentration of sodium balanced in the blood stream. This extra water in the cardiovascular system causes an increase in the pressure of the system leading to hypertension and associated cardiovascular damage to the heart, kidneys, and brain.

So, how can people control their daily intake of sodium? Here are a few ideas:

First, read labels. Many foods like canned soups and processed meats are very high in sodium. Select foods with a lower amount of sodium per

serving, and rinse salt-preserved and canned foods.

Second, boost the amount of potassium in the diet to a healthy level. Earlier this year, the results of a large study was published in the *Archives of Internal Medicine* showing the risk of cardiovascular disease decreased as the ratio of potassium in the diet increased relative to sodium. In other words, foods rich in potassium are good for your heart and counteract the harmful effects of excess sodium. Potassium is best obtained from the diet. Foods rich in potassium include fruits, vegetables, whole grains, salmon, and beans. Potassium supplements can be dangerous and should only be taken under the direction of a physician. People with kidney disease should talk with a provider about the amount of daily potassium that is safe.

Third, make sure that foods you prepare pass the test of tears. That is, does the food taste saltier than tears? Interestingly, the concentration of sodium in human tears remains constant and roughly equals the concentration of sodium in the blood stream. Therefore, foods that taste less salty than tears are likely better for your heart. Consider using the lowest amount of salt necessary when preserving your own foods.

Finally, remember the colors of salt. Not all salt is white. Try to avoid

extra salt in its other colors, like red salt in ketchup or salsa, or yellow salt as with mustard. Avoid green salts like pickles or relish. And go easy on brown salts like soy sauce, gravy,

and steak sauce.

This may seem like a sacrifice at first, but taste buds easily accommodate a lower concentration of salt, and your heart will appreciate your efforts.



BSSD volleyball results correction to Brevig Mission and Golovin standings. These results are as follows:

Mixed Six Teams	BSSD sets won	BSSD sets lost	BSSD matches won	BSSD matches lost	Overall set record	Overall match record
Brevig	23	27	4	6	23-38	4-3
Golovin	30	4	10	0	37-13	12-2



## Bering Strait School District 2009 Activity Calendar

December 4 - 5  
Northern Conference HS Wrestling Tournament  
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December 11 - 12  
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# HOROSCOPES

December 3 - 9, 2009

**CAPRICORN**  
December 22–January 19

Teamwork is the name of the game, Capricorn. This is not the time for a battle of wills. Accept the fact that two heads are better than one and get busy.

**ARIES**  
March 21–April 19

Quiet down, Aries. You’ve said your peace. Now leave it be. A romantic interlude in the middle of the week provides you with a new sense of direction.

**CANCER**  
June 22–July 22

Too much play can make for a sad Cancer. Rein it in and get serious about the task at hand. Memories of a holiday long ago come flooding back and inspire new festivities.

**LIBRA**  
September 23–October 22

Perk up, Libra. Company is coming, and the festivities are picking up. Get ready to have a blast! A little known fact becomes clear to more than you would like.

**AQUARIUS**  
January 20–February 18

The world is waiting for you, Aquarius. Get out there and explore it. Try all of the things you’ve always wanted to and have some fun. A friend makes an unusual request.

**TAURUS**  
April 20–May 20

Laughter is contagious, so laugh, Taurus. Be happy and appreciate all that is good about your life. You reach a financial milestone. Celebrate with a night on the town.

**LEO**  
July 23–August 22

Go above and beyond the call of duty, and you will be duly rewarded, Leo. The drama going on at home finally plays out, and you can focus on what really matters.

**SCORPIO**  
October 23–November 21

The tide is changing at home, Scorpio, and you’re on the receiving end. A home improvement project nears completion, and you have that special someone to thank.

**PISCES**  
February 19–March 20

Relax, Pisces. The end to a quest is within reach, but the more you chase it, the farther away it will become. Stop trying so hard and let nature take its course. You will come out on top.

**GEMINI**  
May 21–June 21

So much is going on right now, Gemini, that you may feel like you are about to lose it. Take some time out to catch your breath and make sense of your thoughts.

**VIRGO**  
August 23–September 22

On your mark, get set, go, Virgo. It’s full steam ahead for holiday shopping. Enjoy yourself and make the most of your time away from work.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
November 22–December 21

Inspiration hits, Sagittarius, and you pull out projects you’ve had hidden away for some time. Financial woes ease for a friend, and you must invite them out to celebrate.

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Obituary

**Elmer Kighiktuk Nagozruk**  
Beloved brother and uncle, Elmer Kighiktuk Nagozruk, 81, died peacefully at Mat-Su Regional on November 23, in Wasilla surrounded by his loving family.  
A memorial service was held on November 30, at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Wasilla. The Rev. Duane Hansen officiated. Bur-

ial was at Wasilla Aurora Cemetery.  
Mr. Nagozruk was born on October 9, 1928 at Wales, to Arthur Sr. and Lucy Nagozruk. As one of six boys and four girls, he had the unique privilege of traveling and living in villages including Pt. Hope, Noatak, Napakiak and Nash Harbor, Wales and Nome. He was the son of the first Inupiat school teacher in

Alaska and attended school in one - room school houses with his father as his teacher. He was raised in Inupiat, Cup'ig, and Yupik cultures. He graduated from Mt. Edgecumbe in Sitka.

Mr. Nagozruk held various positions with Chevron and Builder's Industrial Supply in Nome until his retirement. Elmer's hobbies centered on his love of electronics. He would spend his time fixing radios and televisions, and use his collection of little electronic parts to repair other items. He set up a microphone connected to the radio stations to broadcast information to the villages. He became the weatherman in Pt. Hope and send weather information to Kotzebue. His kind and generous nature showed when he would rent movies from Anchorage and broadcast them over the air and at the school for everyone to enjoy. In 2004, Elmer moved to the Northern Living Center in Wasilla. He enjoyed going for a weekly ride with the other residents of the Center.

Elmer loved his many nieces and nephews and always let them know how much he cared for them. He was a great uncle and friend and will be greatly missed by all who loved and knew him.

Survivors include his brother, Gordon Nagozruk, and sisters Evelyn Hendrickson and Margaret Trigg, brothers-in-law, Jerry Trigg and Charles Lucier; sisters-in-law, Florence Nagozruk and Deloras Nagozruk, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur Sr. and Lucy Nagozruk; brothers, Arthur Jr., Howard, Floyd, and Walter Nagozruk; and sisters, Laura Baker, Grace Lucier and Bertha Piscoya.



Elmer Kighiktuk Nagozruk

Saying it Sincerely

By Rev. David Elmore  
Community United Methodist Church  
For the Nome Ministerial Association

Reference: Hebrews 10: 11-14, 19-25

Have you ever been to a worship service where you just felt so out of place watching others worship God? I remember going to a church once in my hometown of Houma, Louisiana. The praise and worship music was very good, and I enjoyed that. I actually don't remember much else about this service until it came to the end. Towards the end people started getting carried away, raising their arms, speaking in tongues, and perhaps other things I don't recall. I had heard of these spiritual gifts, but had never seen them. And though it wasn't and still isn't my style of worship, it was apparent that these persons were experiencing something powerful in worship. They were lost in their worship of God. The Holy Spirit had taken hold of them.  
Today, we read a sermon from the writer of Hebrews. Our preacher is concerned with tired forms of worship, and this preacher goes on and gives us a few pointers to how we are to worship God in this new and living way.  
First, we are to approach worship with a "true heart in full assurance of faith." We are to remember that God is faithful. Worship happens when God's church joins together to remember their creator and savior. And our preacher reminds us that it is through our baptism that we are made part of Christ's body the Church. Through our baptism, we are washed clean.  
Second, we are to "hold fast with the confession of our hope without wavering." We are not only to remember that God is faithful, but we are to remember the hope we have in Jesus Christ. The life of these Hebrew Christians in the Roman Empire was tough. Not only did they have to go to church before work, but also at times they had to endure severe persecution. They likely were ridiculed. Their employment opportunities may have been limited due to their faith. Our hope is that in God through Christ, all will be made new.  
Third, we are to "provoke on another to love and good deeds." Because we know that God works through us as the Church to help bring about the new world that is promised, we are to be a foretaste of this kingdom to each other and to the world. The way we show God's love to others is through our witness. Our witness is more than our confession of faith, but our love and good deeds.  
And so, my challenge to is not only to be present in worship today as often as you are able, but to be actively present in the knowledge, in the expectation that you may catch a glimpse of the divine, and through this activity we call worship – a human activity where God is mysteriously present, we will be made new, be recharged to be God's faithful disciples in this world.

Church Services Directory

**Bible Baptist Church Service Schedule, 443-2144**  
Sunday School 10 a.m./Worship Hour 11 a.m.

**Community Baptist Church-SBC**  
108 West Third, 443-5448  
Small Group Bible Study 10 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
Pastor Bruce Landry

**Community United Methodist**  
2nd Ave. West, 443-2865  
Sunday 11 a.m. Worship  
Tuesday 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

**Thrift Shop** — Tuesday & Thursday 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

**Nome Covenant Church**  
101 Bering St. 443-2565 • Pastor Harvey  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m./Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Wednesday: Fellowship Meal 5:30 p.m./Ladies' Bible Study, Mens' Fraternity & Children's Choir 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday: Youth Group 7 p.m. (call 443-7218 for location)  
Friday: Community Soup Kitchen 6 - 7 p.m.

**Our Savior Lutheran Church**  
5th & Bering, 443-5295  
Sunday School & Bible Study 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11 a.m.

**River of Life Assembly of God, 443-5333**  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m.  
Wednesday Night Service 6:30 p.m.

**St. Joseph Catholic Church, 443-5527**  
Corner of Steadman and Kings Place  
Mass Schedule: Saturday 5:30 p.m./Sunday 10:30 a.m.

**Seventh-Day Adventist (Icy View), 443-5137**  
Saturday Sabbath School 10 a.m.  
Saturday Morning Worship 11 a.m.

**Nome Church of Nazarene**  
3rd & Division, 443-2805  
Sunday: Prayer Meeting 9:30 a.m./Sunday School 9:45 a.m./Worship Service 11 a.m.

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Week Fourteen

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**Sunday, Dec. 13**  
( ) New England ( ) at Atlanta  
( ) Detroit ( ) at Baltimore  
( ) Green Bay ( ) at Chicago  
( ) Denver ( ) at Indianapolis  
( ) Buffalo ( ) at Kansas City  
( ) Carolina ( ) at New England  
( ) St. Louis ( ) at Tennessee  
( ) N. Y. Jets ( ) at Tampa Bay  
( ) Cincinnati ( ) at Minnesota  
( ) Miami ( ) at Jacksonville  
( ) Seattle ( ) at Houston  
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( ) Arizona ( ) at San Francisco

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**Kawerak Administration Division –Recruitment Notice – 11/24/09 to close of business on 12/11/09.**

DEPARTMENT: Administration  
**JOB TITLE: General Counsel**  
**POSITIONS STATUS: Regular Full Time**  
**LOCATION: Nome, Alaska**  
EXEMPT STATUS: Exempt  
PAY SCALE GRADE 21, 22, 23 (\$78,031–101,813) DOE  
REPORTS TO: President  
**QUALIFICATIONS:**  
1) Law degree from accredited law school. Must be licensed to practice law in the State of Alaska, or able to become licensed in Alaska within six months of employment.

2) Two years related experience as an attorney. Working knowledge of Alaska Native legal issues, Construction Law/Contracts, Employment Law, Tribal/Native issues (ICWA, Tribal Jurisdiction), Corporate in house (policy drafting, resolutions) preferred. Work in directly related field may substitute for the two years as an attorney, on a two-years-for-one basis.

3) Must possess strong research, writing, verbal communication and organizational skills.

4) Must be dependable, self-motivated, and able to work with minimum supervision.  
5) Must possess basic knowledge and skills in Microsoft Word, Excel, Windows and internet.  
6) Must be able to work and communicate in multi-cultural setting.  
7) Must be willing to travel extensively within and outside the Bering Strait region.  
Native Preference in hiring under PL 93-638.

DEPARTMENT: Administration  
**JOB TITLE: Sr. Planner**  
**POSITION STATUS: Regular Full Time**  
**LOCATION: Nome, Alaska**  
EXEMPT STATUS: Exempt

**FIREMEN’S CARNIVAL**  
**Saturday December 5**  
**Nome Rec. Center**  
**Doors open at 7 p.m.**

PAY SCALE GRADE:15-16-17 (\$51,309-66,947)DOE

REPORTS TO: President

**QUALIFICATIONS:**  
1) Four years of planning experience or college education on a year for year basis, plus two years of supervisory experience.  
2) Must possess strong writing, budgeting, research and communication skills.  
3) Ability to work well with others and under pressure.

4) Must possess basic computer knowledge and skills in Internet usage, Word, Excel and Windows. Native Preference per Public Law 93-638.  
**Interested individuals may contact Human Resources with questions at 907-443-5231. Applications can be accessed via Kawerak’s website at [www.kawerak.org](http://www.kawerak.org) or by contacting Human Resources at 907-443-5231. Applications may be faxed to Kawerak Human Resources at 907-443-4443 or sent via email to [personnel@kawerak.org](mailto:personnel@kawerak.org).**

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If you have questions, contact the Alaska Court System Human Resources Department at (907) 264-8242. Completed applications must be received through Workplace Alaska no later than 5:00 p.m. on December 17, 2009.

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## Seawall

11/24  
Joseph Cross, 36, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.

11/25  
Terry Stamey, 56, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation and Criminal Trespass in the 2nd Degree.

Six Nome juveniles received citation for Minor in Possession of Tobacco.

A Nome juvenile was detained at the Nome Youth Facility for Assault in the 4th Degree.

11/26  
Marie Lawlor, 53, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault in the 4th Degree, Domestic Violence.

Kristine Carlisle, 24, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault in the 4th Degree, Domestic Violence and Violating Conditions of Probation.

11/27  
Youl Rhee, 52, received a citation for improper display of decals.

11/28  
James Alvanna, 25, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.

Gabriel Muktoyuk, 36, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violation of Conditions of Probation.

Dickson Ozenna, 46, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault in the 4th Degree, Domestic Violence and Interfering with Report of Domestic Violence.

Two Nome juvenile received citations for Minor Consuming Alcohol.

11/29  
Walter Rose, 47, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Disorderly Conduct, Resisting Arrest, and Violating Conditions of Probation.

David Hopper, 46, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault in the 4th Degree and Resisting Arrest.

Dannita Malewotkuk, 23, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault in the 4th Degree.

James Bloomstrand, 29, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violations of Conditions of Release.

Marie Lawlor, 53, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violation of Conditions of Release.

Michael Lawlor, 53, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.

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## Legals

### NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND ELECTION TO SELL

#### UNDER DEED OF TRUST

Trustee's Sale No: 04-FMG-84944

This NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND ELECTION TO SELL is given by REGIONAL TRUSTEE SERVICES CORPORATION, as Successor Trustee under that certain Deed of Trust executed by HATTO EBERL, UNMARRIED, as Trustor, to JOHN M. MERCER, as Trustee, in favor of AMERICA'S MONEYLINE INC., as Beneficiary, dated 2/11/2005 12:00:00 AM, recorded 2/25/2005 under Instrument No. 2005-000371-0, in the CAPE NOME Recording District, SECOND Judicial District, State of ALASKA. The beneficial interest in the Deed of Trust has been assigned to Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as Indenture Trustee for Saxon Asset Securities Trust 2005-2 and the record owner of the property is purported to be HATTO EBERL, UNMARRIED. Said Deed of Trust covers real property situated in said Recording District, described as follows:

LOT 5A, BLOCK 88 OF NOME, ALASKA TOWNSITE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT FILED MAY 14, 1984 AS PLAT NUMBER 84-5; RECORDS OF THE NOME RECORDING DISTRICT, SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT, STATE OF ALASKA.  
Commonly referred to as 309 EAST 6TH AVENUE., NOME, AK 99762.

A breach of the obligation which said Deed of Trust secures has occurred in that FAILURE TO MAKE PAYMENT OF \$1,792.70 WHICH BECAME DUE ON *7/1/2009*, AND ALL SUBSEQUENT PAYMENTS THEREAFTER, TOGETHER WITH LATE CHARGES AND ADVANCES, IF ANY; ANY ADVANCES WHICH MAY HEREAFTER BE MADE; AND ALL OBLIGATIONS AND INDEBTEDNESSES AS THEY BECOME DUE.. By reason thereof, and under the terms of the Note and Deed of Trust, the Beneficiary has declared all sums so secured to be immediately due and payable, together with any trustee fees, attorney fees, costs and advances made to protect the security associated with this foreclosure. There is presently due and owing the principal balance of \$159,634.83, plus interest, late charges, costs and any future advances.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to demand of the Beneficiary, the Trustee will sell the above described real property to satisfy the obligation, together with all accrued interest and all costs and expenses, at public auction, for cash, to the highest and best bidder, ROOM 230 OF THE

NOME COURTHOUSE, 113 FRONT STREET, NOME, AK, on February 4, 2010 at 10:00 AM. Beneficiary will have the right to make an offset bid at sale without cash.

Anyone having any objection to the sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the same.

DATED: 10/27/2009  
REGIONAL TRUSTEE SERVICES CORPORATION  
Trustee  
By: ANNA EGDORF, AUTHORIZED AGENT  
When Recorded Return to: REGIONAL TRUSTEE SERVICES CORPORATION, 616 1st Avenue, Suite 500, Seattle, WA 98104  
11/19-26; 12/3-10

### NOTICE OF DEFAULT — SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

A foreclosure sale will be held **January 19, 2010, at 9:30 a.m.** outside the Clerk's Office, Nome Superior Court, 113 Front Street, Room 230, Nome, AK of the Deed of Trust recorded November 30, 2007, as Instrument No. 2007-002104-0, Cape Nome Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska, as a lien against real property described as: Lot 8A, Block 45A, NOME TOWNSITE; Located in the Cape Nome Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska; which has a street address of 806 E. 3rd Avenue, Nome, AK 99762. Trustors/Record Owners Frances I. Contreras and David E. Contreras, wife and husband, have breached the obligation for which the Deed of Trust is security: failure to make payments when due under the Deed of Trust. Present Beneficiary, Alaska Housing Finance Corporation, by Assignment recorded November 30, 2007 as Instrument No. 2007-002105-0, is owed the principal amount of \$252,811.97 plus interest from March 1, 2009 at the rate of 6.125% per annum, plus costs, fees, and other charges incurred or advanced thereafter. The Trustee elects to sell the property and to apply the proceeds against the obligation. Trustee reserves the right to postpone the sale, set a minimum bid, submit an offset bid, and establish other bidding procedures at the sale. Questions should be directed to the Law Offices of GROH EGGERS, LLC, 2600 Cordova Street, Suite 110, Anchorage, AK 99503, phone (907) 562-6474.

Dated: 10-1-09  
Fidelity Title Agency of Alaska, Trustee  
By: Leslie Plikat, Agent  
11/19-26; 12/3-10

**NOTICE OF SALE** Trustee, Alaska Trustee, LLC will sell realty for cash to the highest bidder at the Main entrance to the Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street on January 25, 2010, at 10:00 AM with other sales that may be conducted. Proceeds will apply to the Deed of Trust naming Edith Nageak formerly known as Edith Nashaolook, Trustor, Edith Nashaolook, who also appears as Edith Nageak, Record Owner, recorded on July 02, 2003 under Reception No. 2003-000819-0, Barrow Recording District, Second Judicial District, Alaska, describing: Lot 12, Block 3 of a Resubdivision of Barrow Townsite, according to the plat filed February 29, 1980 as Plat Number 80-25; Records of the Barrow Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska, a/k/a 2151 Itta St., Barrow, AK 99723. \$76,743.86 is due, plus interest, advances, etc. Go to [alaska-trustee.com](http://alaska-trustee.com) or [usa-foreclosure.com](http://usa-foreclosure.com) for status. 11/26; 12/3-10-17

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Anchorage, AK 99510

In Anchorage phone 330-8276, outside Anchorage phone toll-free 800-478-2432.  
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### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA

#### SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME

CASE NO: 2NO-09-00267CI

In the Matter of

A Change of Name for:

Cissie RoseAlee Kimoktoak,

Current Name of Adult

JUDGMENT FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Notice of Judgment—Change of Name

A judgment has been issued by the Superior court in Nome, Alaska, in Case Number: **2NO-09-00267CI**, ordering that the petitioner's name be changed from **Cissie RoseAlee Kimoktoak** to **RoseAlee Ivianna Quanlin**, effective upon issuance of the clerk's Certificate of Name Change.

12/3

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## All Around the Sound



**NEWLYWEDS**—Zacharia Olson and Emily Davis were wed this past June in Alabama

### New Arrival

Octavia Wilson and Robert Tokeinna of Anchorage announce the birth of their daughter, **Iris Jovanika Faye Tokeinna**, born November 5, at 3:25 a.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. She weighed 6 pounds, 12.2 ounces, and was 18" in length. Her Paternal grandparents are Jonathan Weyiouanna and Barbara I. Weyiouanna and the late Robert Tokeinna Sr. Her maternal grandmother is Irene R. Wilson. Her brothers and sisters are Leah, Rochelle, Emma, Florence, Walter, Randy and Wendell Tokeinna.

### Wedding Bells

Sharon Keeney, David Olson and family are happy to announce the marriage of their son, Zacharia Olson, to Emily Davis. Emily is the daughter of Jan Davis of Birmingham, Alabama. The couple was wed June 29, 2009.

Zacharia graduated from Nome-Beltz High School in 2003 and earned a bachelor's degree in political science while pursuing a minor in economics from the University of Idaho in 2006. He is currently working in U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski's Washington, D.C., office and completing his second year of law school at George Mason University. Emily graduated from Mountain Brook High School in 2002 and from Rhodes College in Memphis, Tenn. in 2006 with a degree in political science. Emily will be teaching secondary math through TeachAmerica during the 2009-2010 school year. The couple met in Montana where they were both working for VoteSmart and are now living in Arlington, Va.

### Catching Up

Former Nome Elementary teacher and *Nome Nugget* publisher Mark Fuerstenau is now administrative captain of jail operations in Ohio's new Auglaize County jail operations. He ventured from southeastern Michigan to Alaska before settling back in the Midwest.



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## Public Reminder

City of Nome issued Licenses and Permits for 2009 expire on Dec. 31, 2009. The following Licenses and Permits should now be renewed for 2010:

Sales Tax License  
Health Permit  
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Pulltab License  
Resale Certificate  
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Chauffeur's License  
Taxi Cab License  
Motor Bus License

IT IS ALSO TIME TO APPLY FOR EXEMPTIONS FOR:  
Municipal Tax Exemption - DUE by February 1, 2010.  
Senior Citizen/Disabled Veteran's Property Tax Exemption - DUE February 1, 2010.

Contact the City Clerk's office if you have questions **443-6663**.

**CITY OF NOME**

## CITY OF NOME

In May 2005, the Alaska Legislature authorized cities to increase their E911 surcharge to help pay the costs of Enhanced 911 services.

Starting **January 1, 2010**, the City of Nome will impose a **monthly E911 surcharge of \$2.00** for both wire lines and wireless phone lines sold to customers having an address within the City of Nome E911 service area.

The added charges are intended to improve public safety by updating the E911 system to facilitate faster and more accurate emergency response.

### Public Notice

12/3-10-17-24

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President/CEO Report

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Nome, Alaska 99762  
443-5256 or 5257  
FAX No. (907) 443-2160

To inform our region on what Bering Straits Regional Housing Authority is doing in respect to Modernization, Development, and Weatherization programs. Each program has different rules and regulations that we must follow to keep in compliance. In the fall of 2005, BSRHA shut down and went into a reorganization mode. We successfully brought BSRHA back into compliance and have had 2 years (2007 & 2008) with clean audits. This would not have happened if it were not for the Board of Commissioners and staff involvement in correcting the past financial and compliance issues.

**Modernization:** New boilers are being installed in our oldest homes first in our current assisted stock. This is a three year phased project and our goal is to address all of our homebuyers heating issues with energy efficient boilers which should lower their fuel costs. NAHASDA homes are not included because we do not receive funding to maintain them. That is the responsibility of the homebuyer. BSRHA is also doing electrical assessments and upgrades, project by project throughout the region. Our main goal right now is to address Life, Health, and Safety issues, to bring current our yearly home inspections, to keep in compliance with HUD requirements and to address the high Tenant Account Receivables. BSRHA has become a policy driven organization and will enforce our policies. BSRHA continues to rehabilitate vacant units around the region.

**Development:** We are contracting out the next phase of houses that are to be built (3 in Golovin, 5 in Koyuk, and 4 in Elim). Elim will be getting sewer & water extensions for the 4 new houses, Koyuk will be getting laterals for their 5 new houses and Golovin will be getting septic systems for their 3 new houses. We are going to provide 2 houses for Council and 1 for Solomon by acquisition and then use modernization and weatherization funds to bring these homes up to speed before we turn them over to new homebuyers. BSRHA is encouraging our homebuyers and home owners in the villages to apply for the weatherization program.

You can contact Frank Johnson at BSRHA and/or the IRA's in your village for applications. BSRHA has a 5 year plan for units to be assessed each fiscal year. All units in this plan are presently HUD/CAS, although we now know that home owners can also apply. Of the units assessed in a given year, a minimum of 24 will receive weatherization services based upon the preference standards established by AHFC. BSRHA would encourage people to call the office if you have any issues and hopefully we (BSRHA) can help resolve them following our policies and procedures.

Robert Mocan  
BSRHA  
President/CEO



## 2009 Nome Kennel Club Annual Meeting

- **Thursday, Dec. 10, 2009**
  - **5:30 p.m.**
  - **Nome Council Chambers/City Hall**
- <http://www.nomekennelclub.com>**



# Trooper Beat

On November 13, at 6:23 a.m., the Alaska State Troopers received a report of a domestic disturbance in Savoonga. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Vincent Toolie, 42, of Savoonga, for three counts of Assault 3 and Misconduct Involving Weapons 4. Toolie was remanded to the Anvil Mountain Correctional Center.

On November 21, at approximately 12:20 p.m.,

AST seized seven (7) bottles of alcohol from Travis Ningealook, 22, of Shishmaref, while in route to Shishmaref, which is a dry community. Travis Ningealook was issued a summons to appear in court.

On November 21, at about 5:00 p.m., AST received a report Carlson Tingook, 49, of Teller, assaulted his 46-year-old girlfriend. An arrest

warrant was issued and Tingook was arrested in Teller on November 24.

On November 24, at approximately 1:00 p.m., Nome AST arrested Carlson Tingook, 49, of Teller, on an outstanding arrest warrant issued by the Nome Courts for assault in the fourth degree. Tingook will be arraigned telephonically and bail and transport will be decided by the presiding Judge.

On November 25, at 6:30 p.m., AST received a report of overdue snowmobilers en route to Shaktoolik from Unalakleet. Open water on the trail was the main cause of concern. At 8:00 p.m., a search party located Marlene Nakarak, 22, of Unalakleet, and her traveling companions in good condition on the trail near Shaktoolik.

On November 28, at 4:38 a.m., AST received a report of vandalism at the old Savoonga School. Investigation continues.

# Court

Week ending 11/27	
Civil	
Ellanna, Lisa vs. Brandt, Erik; DV: Long Term Only lyatunguk, Nora vs. Nayokpuk, Timothy; DV: ExParte Only Green, Louise H. et al vs. Catholic Diocese of Fairbanks et al; Real Estate Matter - Superior Court	
In the Matter of: Anasogak, Kelvin Charles Jones New Name: Lewis, Kelvin Charles; Change of Name of Minor	
Small Claims	
No current Small Claims filed	
Criminal	
State of Alaska v. Jeremy Elias Pete (5/16/86); Notice of Dismissal—counts 2 and 3, only; Charge 002: Theft 2°; Charge 003: Criminal Mischief 5°; Filed by the DAs Office 11/23/09.	imposed: All remaining time, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-06-338CR and 2NO-09-121CR; Remanded into custody.
State of Alaska v. Bobby D. Foster (1/8/66); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110826297; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 10 days; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.	State of Alaska v. Ada Snowball (3/10/78); 2NO-09-121CR Count 2: Disorderly Conduct; Date of offense: 3/4/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 1 (001); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 10 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 10 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC consecutive to 2NO-06-338CR and 2NO-08-342CR; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.
State of Alaska v. Martin L. Saccheus (5/18/84); Count 3: Importation of Alcohol; Date of offense: 8/24/09; Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: 1, 2 (001, 002); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 300 days, 180 days suspended; Unsuspended 120 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC by 12/20/09; Fine: \$1,500 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$1,500 through Nome Trial Courts by 11/20/10; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 11/20/12; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer; Person and baggage subject to warrantless search en route to a dry or damp community by any means; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation.	State of Alaska v. Ada Snowball (3/10/78); 2NO-09-681CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Violation of Conditions of Release; Filed by the DAs Office 11/25/09.
State of Alaska v. Alfred Kakoona (6/30/78); 2NO-06-763CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109423836; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, remanded into custody.	State of Alaska v. Fabian Ungott (9/9/79); 2NO-09-258CR Count 1: Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 5/11/09; Partial Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: Count 2 (002), Count 4 (004); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 360 days, 270 days suspended; Unsuspended 90 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC consecutive to Count 3; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 11/25/14; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in his residence, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence; Not be where alcohol is present; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare; Other: No firearms in residence.
State of Alaska v. Alfred Kakoona (6/30/78); 2NO-09-720CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4°; Charge 002: Interfering with Report of DV; Charge 003: Criminal Mischief 4°; Filed by the DAs Office 11/20/09.	State of Alaska v. Fabian Ungott (9/9/79); 2NO-09-258CR Count 3: Misconduct Involving Weapons 4°; Date of offense: 5/11/09; Partial Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 360 days, 270 days suspended; Unsuspended 90 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC consecutive to Count 1; Probation until 11/25/14, subject to the following conditions: Same as Count 1; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law pertaining to alcoholic beverages; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in his residence, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence; Not be where alcohol is present; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare; Other: No firearms in residence.
State of Alaska v. Ada Snowball (3/10/78); 2NO-06-338CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109062432; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-08-342CR and 2NO-09-121CR; Remanded into custody.	State of Alaska v. Edith A. Sookiayak (4/17/61); Violation of Custodian Duties; Date of offense: 7/21/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 30 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Police Training Surcharge:
State of Alaska v. Ada Snowball (3/10/78); 2NO-08-342CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 109525671; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and	

# 2009-10 Snow Removal Policy & Procedures

Listed below are the prioritized actions that the City of Nome will undertake during the 2009-2010 snow season. These actions are meant as a guide and DO NOT commit the City to any course of action other than that which is deemed to be in the best interests of safety and City resources.

I. During major blizzards and ground storms, City crews will stand by and only attempt to open streets as required in emergency situations.

II. Once the storm has abated, every effort will be made to open fire lanes (one lane) on every street in town.

III. Once fire lanes have been established, crews will begin to open major (school bus) routes to two lanes of traffic. Streets identified as priority are:

- East and West 5th Ave. • East 1st Ave. • West 2nd Ave. • West E Street • East K Street • Icy View Loop • East N Street • Steadman Street

IV. Once major routes have been opened to two lanes of traffic, crews will begin opening the remaining streets to two lanes of traffic.

V. Once all streets have been opened to two lanes of traffic, crews will systematically begin to widen, clean and haul snow to designated snow storage sites. Service areas will be rotated in order that all areas of town receive equal treatment during this clean up.

VI. Sanding of **select streets** will be performed by ADOT. Other streets will be sanded when conditions warrant and resources allow.

VII. The major snow storage for the City of Nome will be: The snow storage site located off the By-pass road.

Once again these plans are meant as a guide. We will take actions contrary to this plan as necessary. We urge citizens of Nome to help us keep the streets safe and usable. Some things that will help our efforts are:

- Cars should be parked off the rights-of-way as much as possible during the clearing and removal of snow;
- Obstructions (buildings, dog houses, snow machines, 4-wheelers, trash boxes, etc.) that prevent removal of snow should be moved farther on to private property if at all possible;
- Be alert to the area of town in which we are working and, if at all possible, keep parked cars and traffic to a minimum in these areas;
- **Pushing of snow into the public right-of-way after a street has been cleared is discouraged.**

After hours, on weekends and holidays, City crews will be on-call as needed. Due to the limited resources within the City, local contractors will be utilized to provide additional manpower and equipment as necessary. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Public Works Dept. at **443-5653**.

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# Foster follows father's footsteps to Finance Committee

By Tyler Rhodes

Nome and the surrounding district's newest legislator is wasting little time in establishing himself in among his legislative peers.

Appointed to his late father's seat by Gov. Sean Parnell Oct. 10 and confirmed by the House Democrats just a few days later, Rep. Neal Foster took another step in his father's footsteps Nov. 16 by receiving an appointment to the powerful House Finance Committee.

Richard Foster had held the seat at the time of his Oct. 13 death, albeit as a Democrat working with the Republican majority. The new Rep. Foster takes the seat as a member of the minority Democrats.

The path to the committee seat has also served as a crash course in Juneau politics. At the outset, the House Democrats said they would not confirm a candidate who would

wants to change that. "I just got word that Chevak is having a Dec. 10 council meeting. If I can pull it off, I would like to attend," Foster said. "I just really want to make sure I am focusing on everybody."

A pilot, Foster said he may try and fly throughout the district after the winter. He also admitted that he may not be able to visit as much of the district personally as he would like, citing limitations of time and funds. Foster said he is working on reaching out more via social media applications, such as e-mail and Facebook to try and make more connections with his constituents. "I'm getting a lot of people adding me [as friends on Facebook] that I've never met before," he said.

As a younger legislator at 37, Foster said the use of newer communication technologies could help

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— Rep. Neal Foster

not align him or herself with the minority caucus. That additional caucus member gave the Democrats one more seat on the committee. Whether or not the seat was the carrot on the stick or a reward for allegiance is simply fodder for political speculation. What is known, however, is that the position is rather helpful in steering funds back to a committee member's home district.

Neal Foster is aware of the appointment's significance. "I know there are people who have been around longer than me and have more seniority," he said. He is also aware of who put him there. "It's not House District 39's seat, it's the Democratic caucus's seat."

"We welcome Neal to our caucus, and we have put our trust in his ability to serve our state well in this important capacity," said Minority Leader Rep. Beth Kerttula (D-Juneau) in a press release from the House Democrats.

While Foster had gained seats in the Legislature and the Finance Committee, it has come at the expense of one at a local table. Foster said he resigned from the Nome Common Council Nov. 23.

Initially after his appointment by the governor, Foster indicated that he would remain on the council. He said his opinion changed after discussing the matter with the state ethics officials and fellow legislators. He was advised that remaining on the council did not run afoul of ethics rules, per se, but he was also told it was the appropriate move as to avoid any conflicts of interest. He has signaled, however, that he will remain on the boards of directors for Sitnasuak and Bering Straits Native corps.

Foster pledges that he wants to remain directly involved in the district's affairs and throughout an interview with *The Nome Nugget* and other news outlets has suggested an aggressive attempt to make better connections with the southern portion of the district. Foster's district covers the Norton Sound region as well as the area around the lower Yukon, including villages like Hooper Bay and Chevak, which are accessed by Bethel.

All the candidates who applied to fill the vacant House seat admitted to have little experience in working or traveling through the southern area. Served by a different hub city than the northern portion of the district, the southern area is limited in access to its representative and vice-versa. Foster said he

expand his ability to connect with the district. "My dad didn't even know where the on button on the computer was," he laughed.

Among the issues he wants to broach with his constituents are the creation of more jobs and combating many of the social problems experienced in the region. For Foster, the two issues go hand-in-hand, noting that a stable economy and jobs helps improve the quality of life for a region.

On that note, he said he wants to support the growth of manufacturing or value-added economies in rural Alaska that can replace the state's dependence on resource extraction. He said, however, that doesn't mean he is opposed to resource development. He noted that he supports projects like Nome's currently idled Rock Creek Mine. "I want to see them succeed. I just want to see that it's done the right way," he said.

On another hot-button issue, Foster said he is optimistic in regard to the recent announcement that the federal government would be taking another look at subsistence rights in Alaska. "Now is such an opportune time to work on the issue of subsistence," Foster said. "Gov. Parnell has signaled he's willing to sit down and talk on it." Foster said he supports an Alaska Native preference for subsistence rights, followed by a rural preference. "If we can't [have a Native preference], the next best option would be to get the rural preference." Foster, however, admitted that gaining statewide support for such changes would be a challenge.



Photo by Denise Olin

**HONORED**—Rep. Neal Foster accepts a plaque given in honor of his father, the late Rep. Richard Foster, from the Nome Youth Facility Nov. 25. The plaque commemorates the funding the elder Foster sought for the construction of the new facility which was dedicated in 2005. The younger Foster will also find himself in a position to influence funding throughout the state with an appointment to the House Finance Committee, a spot where his father also sat. The appointment to the powerful seat is a rarity for a legislator making his or her debut in office.



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CHRISTMAS TIME IN NOME—Holiday lights brighten up the day along Front Street during the dark winter season.

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CHRISTMAS WISHES—Rebecca Kulukhon-Slwooko gives Santa her wish list at the City of Nome Christmas Extravaganza at Old St. Joe's Hall Dec. 9.

## Public bowls over plans to remove alley

*Council to re-examine bowling alley removal*

By Laurie McNicholas

The Nome Common Council agreed to reconsider plans to remove the Nome Recreation Center's inoperative bowling alley and replace it with space for meetings, storage and other uses after hearing public appeals to repair and revitalize the facility during a council meeting Dec. 14.

Nome business owner Matt Tomter is leading an effort to up-

grade, reopen and staff the bowling alley with a manager certified to maintain its equipment. He told council members he had asked about plans for the bowling alley at the Rec Center two weeks ago and was told public interest in the facility is lacking, equipment parts are unavailable and there is no one in Nome to maintain the equipment.

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## Sitnasuak again rescues JROTC

By Tyler Rhodes

With Sitnasuak Native Corp. assuming the role of Santa, the Nome Public Schools Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps received an early Christmas present during the Nome Board of Education meeting Dec. 8.

Armed with an oversized check, Sitnasuak board president Crystal Andersen-Booth and fellow members Neal Foster and Janice Doherty were on hand to announce the \$100,000 gift to keep the program afloat for another year. This is the second \$100,000 gift Sitnasuak has presented for the program, repeating a move the Nome area's Alaska Native corporation made in July.

Both substantial donations were made through a recently enacted law

that allows offsets of donations to vocational programs against taxes owed to the state. Using the same tax-credit program, Bering Straits Native Corp. announced a \$200,000 donation to the Northwest Alaska Career and Technical Center, or NACTEC, on June 1. Donations of \$100,000 to \$200,000 receive a 100 percent tax credit while lesser donations receive a 50 percent credit.

The gifts have kept the military-styled program alive as it appeared to be headed for the chopping block at the start of this school year. The program has teetered on the edge of existence for a number of years as the district first pulled JROTC out of its budget for the 2008-2009 school

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## Pilgrim to go to the highest bidder

By Diana Haecker

In the continued bankruptcy proceedings of the Catholic diocese of Fairbanks the end is in sight as the diocese and the claimants filed a joint consensual bankruptcy plan at the federal bankruptcy court in Anchorage on Monday, Dec. 14.

The diocese—the business side of the church is known as the Catholic Bishop of Northern Alaska or CBNA—has filed for bankruptcy protection when confronted with hundreds of claims of sexual abuse at the hands of priests and lay workers decades ago.

On Monday, CBNA's chancellor Robert Hannon, director of finances

George Bowder and business administrator Tom Buzek told *The Nome Nugget* that the claimants have agreed to a third amended bankruptcy plan which includes an agreed upon minimal payment of \$9.8 million to the close to 300 victims of sexual abuse at the hands of former priests, including KNOM founder and former Nome priest Jim Poole.

Part of the settlement money is to come from the sale of Pilgrim Hot Springs to the highest bidder. The cemetery is excluded from the property and will not be sold. Hannon said that the estimated price for the 320-acre property is somewhere in the neighborhood of \$1.8 million on

the low end. The deadline to submit a bid has been extended from Dec. 10 to Feb. 24, 2010 at 5 p.m. The sealed bids will then be opened in the bankruptcy court in Anchorage.

The court will then decide if the correct financial information is included in the bid, and if equal amounts are bid, the court will then decide if there will be an oral auction. Hannon said whoever wins the bid on Feb. 25 has to transfer the cash of the sale within 30 days to the settlement trust account administered by a court-appointed official.

A recent U.S. Department of

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## City throws \$100,000 into the pool

By Laurie McNicholas

The Nome Common Council voted unanimously to allocate the City's 2009 community benefit share of \$100,000 from Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. for repair of the Nome-Beltz High School swimming pool at a meeting on Monday.

During a public hearing prior to the decision, Mitch Erickson asked that part of the community benefit share funds be used to add lighting at the

skating rink for the safety of hockey players and others, and to plant grass at ball fields at the Nome Recreation Center to reduce dust.

However, council members cited a written recommendation from Acting Project Manager Randy Romenesko to use the \$100,000 to complete replacement of old pumps, valves, controls, fans and piping in the heating system, both air and water, at the pool. Last year the council allocated the 2008 community benefit share of

\$100,000 from NSEDC to the swimming pool project, which originally was estimated to cost \$155,000. Romenesko said additional work components had been added at the school's request—\$6,000 to replace all valves in the pool heating system and \$30,000 for a new motor and VFD for the main air handling unit—bringing the total project cost close to \$200,000.

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cally requests more involvement of rural residents and called for more direct consultation with a broader base of affected individuals, organizations and communities. The department urged the Department of Interior to conduct more traditional public meetings and to consult with members of regional advisory councils as well as local fish and game advisory committees.

Murkowski introduces bill to study feasibility of an Arctic deep-water port

Last week, U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski introduced legislation to study the feasibility of building a deep-water port in the Arctic. Murkowski did not specify which areas the study should focus on. The Arctic Deep Water Sea Port Act would direct the Secretary of Defense to conduct the study in an effort to protect U.S. strategic interests in the region. The two-year study would investigate strategic capabilities of a deep-water port as well as the best location. It also would look at the resource and time frame needs to establish such a port, given the complex environmental constraints that the Arctic marine environment provides. Murkowski said that the United States needs to be able to guard its territorial claims and its economic interests in the Arctic, especially as a decrease in seasonal ice is leading to increased marine activity in the region.

ICC chair says Eskimos should be exempt from greenhouse gas cutbacks

According to Canadian news outlet CBC news, Jimmy Stotts, the Alaska chairman of the Inuit Circumpolar Council, said during the United Nations climate change summit in Copenhagen that people living in the circumpolar North should be exempt from mandatory greenhouse-gas cutbacks. Stotts said Eskimo and Inuit should be allowed to making their economies grow through mining and oil and gas exploration opportunities. ICC members are worried about the impact strong greenhouse-gas emission targets would have on those economic drivers, he said. The ICC represents indigenous people from northern Canada, Alaska, Greenland and Russia.

Governor proposes FY 2011 budget

Governor Sean Parnell announced his budget proposal for 2011 on Monday, December 14, a day before the budget was released. Parnell said in a press conference that he focused on education, public safety, transportation and resource development. The operating and capital budgets total \$4.7 billion and the operating budget funds K-12 education and increases law enforcement throughout the state. The capital budget is \$1.5 billion for resource development, infrastructure and investment. Last week, Parnell declared war on domestic violence and sexual assaults, but his budget only provides \$7 million for DV and sexual assault prevention. Other line items of the governor's budget are oil and gas exploration tax credits with \$180 million, community revenue shar-

ing worth \$60 million and gas line projects totaling \$177 million, including \$150 million for the AGIA reimbursement fund and \$6.5 million for in-state gas development. Parnell budgeted \$708 million for highway and aviation projects, \$38 million for the DEC Village Safe Water and \$23.2 million for municipal water and sewer projects, \$25 million for the renewable energy grant fund, \$75 million for a state crime lab and \$108.6 million for a University of Alaska science building. Parnell also continued Gov. Murkowski's Road to Resources program and submitted an aggressive transportation plan to build a road to Umiat to connect to known and prospective oil and gas resources from the Dalton Highway. The road would provide year-round access to the Umiat oil field and the Gubik gas complex. It would also allow putting seasonal equipment at the doorstep of the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska. Parnell's budget includes \$8 million for the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities to pursue permitting to build the road. Comparably pocket change, Parnell proposed \$1.3 million for improved research and management of Western Alaska salmon stocks.

As details of the budget were released past the Nome Nugget's press time, it was unsure if Parnell included funds for the DOT's current study to see if a road or transportation corridor to Nome would be feasible. The report on the study was supposed to be released in December, but DOT requested more information and pushed back the report's release to January, 2010.

Judge halts timber sale in Tongass

U.S. District Judge John Sedwick issued an injunction halting the Orion North timber sale in the Tongass National Forest last week. The court ordered the Forest Service to reevaluate the project because the costs for the timber sale have skyrocketed since the project was proposed a decade ago while revenues have dropped dramatically.

The Orion North project was planned in a roadless area on Revilla Island near Ketchikan in the Tongass National Forest. The sale would have required six miles of new roads to clear-cut an old-growth forest. The Orion North plan would have cost taxpayers \$1.6 million to build roads for a timber sale in a national forest that would generate only \$140,635 for the trees. This expense would have cost taxpayers nearly 11 times the revenues generated by the sale.

Better Business Bureau warns of puppy scams in Alaska

Robert Andrew, CEO of Better Business Bureau in Alaska, Oregon and Western Washington alerted the Alaska public of con artists posing as dog breeders. The typical scam involves ads for inexpensive or free puppies in a newspaper or online classified. The scammers often only communicate through e-mails and ask the buyer to wire money for shipping, vaccinations and licensing paper work. The BBB says to buy pets locally from a



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EVENT PLACE TIME

Thursday, December 17

*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*High School Practice	Pool	6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*Preschool Story Hour	Kegoayah Library	10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Lap/Open Swim	Pool	11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	noon - 2 p.m.
*Birth Control: Myths & Methods vid	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Medicaid/Denali KidCare class	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
*Wiffleball (3rd - 6th grades)	Nome Rec Center	4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*City League Basketball	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Water Aerobics	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
*Swing Dancing with Seiji	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.

Friday, December 18

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:15 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 4 p.m.
*The New Mother: Putting it All Together video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Childbirth-A Guide to Self Health vid	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Master Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.

Saturday, December 19

*UMW Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Water Aerobics	Pool	1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
*Be Who You Are: Wellness From Within video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*7 Steps To Reduce the Risk of SIDS video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
<b>Nanooks vs. Monroe HS-Bball</b>	<b>Nome Rec Center</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>

Sunday, December 20

*Early Infant Care video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Staying Sane: Time Saving Tips video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.

Monday, December 21

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:15 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 6 p.m.
*Audiology class	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Beginning Yoga with Karl	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*When to Call the Dr. if Your Child is Ill video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Circuit Training with Kelly S.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Water Aerobics	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
<b>Nanooks vs. Monroe HS-Bball</b>	<b>Nome Rec Center</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.

Tuesday, December 22

*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*High School Practice	Pool	6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*Preschool Story Hour	Kegoayah Library	10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Lap/Open Swim	Pool	11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	noon - 2 p.m.
*Social Services class	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*14 Steps to Better Breastfeeding vid	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*AA Teleconference: 1-800-914-3396	(CODE: 3534534#)	7 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY

Wednesday, December 23

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:15 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Rotary Club	Airport Pizza	noon - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 10 p.m.
*Infant Learning class	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*FAS Life Sentence video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Step Box with Kelly S.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Master Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Hello Central (also on Channel 98)	Nome Visitors Center	7:30 p.m.
*Open Space Yoga	Nome Rec Center	9 p.m. - 10 p.m.

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year. The City of Nome stepped in to take up the slack with a \$136,000 appropriation that year after receiving impassioned pleas from parents and community members. The Nome Common Council declined a \$118,000 request this summer, and it wasn't until the Sitnasuak donation in late July that JROTC was able to again breathe a sigh of relief for the 2009-2010 school year.

The announcement came as a surprise to many in the room, including Superintendent Jon Wehde. The district's top administrator had been working on a plan to provide the program with sustainable funding at the time of Sitnasuak's announcement. Much of Wehde's effort was based on convincing local businesses to also participate in the tax credit program. That job appeared much easier following the Dec. 8 announcement. "With Sitnasuak behind us, I'm sure the business community can make up the difference," he said.

### Operations foreman position approved

The board gave its blessing to the creation of a new administrative position within the district, allowing Wehde to start searching for a district operations foreman. The position will cover a bit of everything that goes into making the district's operations run smoothly. The operations manager will coordinate food service activities, manage the district's apartment building, supervise custodial work and manage the transportation fleet, among other tasks.

The position will be a year-round job, a fact that elicited concern from board member Barb Nickels. Noting that many of the items in the position's job description are only needed during the school year, Nickels questioned the need to have a new employee report to work all year. "Will they still have things to do?" she asked.

Wehde assured Nickels that especially with custodial duties assigned, the operations foreman will not simply be punching the clock come summer. "There's plenty to do ma'am," Wehde said. "There's no shovels to lean on here."

The board also got a peek at another position that the administration is proposing. Native programs director Jon Berkeley gave the board a short presentation on a potential Alaska Native education coordinator position.

Berkeley told the board the position would serve four main categories: direct service to students; ensure compliance with the various state and federal programs that underlie certain funding streams; serve as a liaison between the district and the community in regard to Alaska Native education; and serve as an inter-agency liaison between the district and organizations such as the

area's Alaska Native corporations and tribal entities.

The draft proposal received support from board president Gloria Karmun. "I'm really glad to see it being implemented and considered, since so many Native entities in this town are contributing to the schools," she said.

### Green light given for budget revision

The board gave its approval to revisions made to the district budget. The revisions come after the final student count and the negotiated salary agreement between the district and the education association were finalized. The revisions result in a balanced budget. The changes resulted in a decrease in expenditures of \$118,131 and a decrease in revenues of \$123,514. An additional \$5,383 was transferred out of the budget to reflect the actual costs of providing student transportation.

The October student count, which determines the level of state funding for the district's schools, was two students short of what was projected in the initial budget. However, the district gained more students who need more intensive support, which reflected in more state funding.

The budget report notes offsetting decreases in both revenues and expenditures for retirement payments to the tune of hundreds of thousands of dollars. On the revenue side, the state will provide \$274,828 fewer dollars than the district originally budgeted for retirement payments. However, the district noted savings of \$302,874 in benefits it provides due to the retirement payout reduction, a less-than-expected increase in health insurance premiums and fewer employees participating in the district's health insurance plan.

### In other business:

- Wehde said the district will open salary negotiations again with teachers in January.

- Nickels requested that the administration make further inquiries as to developing an online version of district policies with the aid of the Alaska Association of School Boards.

- The board passed three district policy changes and/or additions. Students will now have to be immunized against varicella (chicken pox) prior to first entry into school. The second change dealt with the district's response to and planning for a pandemic disease outbreak. The third change dealt with the timeframe in which the district needs to notify parents of the option to transfer their children to another public school if the current school is found to be failing in terms of the No Child Left Behind Act.

- The board opted to not hold its work session scheduled for Dec. 22. The next board meeting is slated for Jan. 12.



Photo by Tyler Rhodes

**BIG CHECK**—Sitnasuak Native Corp. board president Crystal Andersen-Booth displays a ceremonial check given to Nome Public Schools to help fund the JROTC program. SNC board member Neal Foster also joined in the presentation while school board president—and SNC board member—Gloria Karmun accepts the check.

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# Schubert promoted to Bering Straits CEO

The regional Alaska Native corporation representing Nome and the Norton Sound region promoted one of its own to the rank of chief executive officer.

Bering Straits Native Corp. announced Dec. 9 that longtime BSNC board member and former executive vice president Gail Schubert would step into the CEO role as current president—and former CEO—Tim Towarak prepares to retire as an officer within the next few years. In a prepared statement, Towarak described the move as a “transitional leadership change.”

Schubert, originally from Unalakleet, has also served as general counsel to the corporation since 2003. She has been on the board of directors since 1992. Towarak served as CEO for a decade. “I am really honored to have been given the title and position as CEO,” Schubert said. “I look forward to continuing to work really hard to advance the business and affairs of Bering Straits Native Corp.”

Schubert said that after working closely with Towarak for the past five or six years, there will be little visible change as she assumes the role of CEO. “I think that things will continue along the same manner in which the work is currently conducted, with the exception that the Nome office will now fall under my supervision,” she said.

Schubert said one of her main priorities in moving the corporation forward will be to ensure proposed changes to the Small Business Administration’s 8(a) contracting program do not adversely affect BSNC. The government contracting program has been vital to the corporation’s financial recovery over the last decade, currently accounting for 90 percent of BSNC’s revenues. “There’s some changes to the mentor/protégé program that we’re keeping an eye on,” she said. “Smaller [Alaska Native corporations] like us are more reliant on having a mentor who is able to do what mentors do, which is help us get the kind of experience we need to do the work ourselves, or, in some cases, provide the liquidity we may not have.”

Prior to joining BSNC, Schubert practiced law in Anchorage for 10 years after working at several Wall Street firms, including the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. She is the daughter of Betty Anagick and the late Lowell Anagick Sr.

Schubert, who will continue to serve as the corporation’s general counsel for now, earned an undergraduate degree from Stanford University, followed by an MBA from Cornell University’s Johnson School of Management with an emphasis in accounting and finance. She graduated from Cornell University School



Gail Schubert

of Law and joined the New York bar. In addition to the BSNC board, Schubert serves on the boards of several other Alaska organizations, including the Alaska Federation of Natives, the Alaska Native Heritage Center, Alaska Native Justice Center and the Alaska Retirement Management Board.

Towarak has led the company since August

2000, during which time BSNC’s gross revenues have grown from \$9 million to today’s \$162 million. During the past several years, BSNC expanded its Anchorage office leading to dramatically increased involvement in federal contracts through the Small Business Administration’s 8(a) program. That effort resulted in the recent award of the contract to build the new Norton Sound Regional Hospital to BSNC’s joint venture with Neeser Construction Inc. In October, the BSNC Board declared a dividend of \$1.50 a share, the corporation’s largest to date.

BSNC has approximately 6,300 shareholders and includes the villages of Brevig Mission, Council, Diomed, Golovin, King Island, Koyuk, Mary’s Igloo, Nome, Shaktoolik, Shishmaref, Solomon, St. Michael, Stebbins, Teller, Unalakleet, Wales and White Mountain.

Headquartered in Nome, the corporation’s regional operations include real estate management and development, tourism, construction, mining services, and sales of rock and aggregate. BSNC’s Anchorage office and other subsidiaries outside Alaska provide services to the federal government and other customers through the Small Business Administration’s 8(a) program.

## Sen. Hollis French makes an early campaign stop in Nome

By Tyler Rhodes

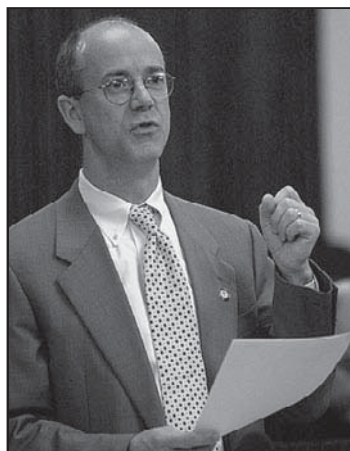
State senator and gubernatorial hopeful Hollis French paid Nome a visit last week that was as much an effort to familiarize himself with the region and its issues as it was a campaign stop.

French, a former assistant district attorney and oil field worker, has served as a Democratic Anchorage representative to the Alaska State Senate since 2003. He stepped into the race for governor in July.

French made a quick trip to Nome Dec. 9, meeting with leadership from Kawarak, giving interviews to KNOM radio and *The Nugget*, and attending the Nome Christmas Extravaganza and tree lighting ceremony. French had attempted to visit Nome Dec. 5 to also make a stop at the Fireman’s Carnival, but the morning flight was canceled that day due to a storm.

French and his wife, Peggy, were treated to a beautiful day and mild temperatures on their successful attempt to make it to Nome Dec. 9. As the sun set, French stopped by *The Nugget*’s offices to speak about his campaign and what he sees as the primary issues facing Alaska.

French said he believes the defining issue of the fall election will be the state’s effort to spur development of a natural gas pipeline to the Lower 48. French is a supporter of the Alaska Gasline Inducement Act (AGIA), former Gov. Sarah Palin’s pipeline initiative. French said AGIA has so far served its purpose in that there are currently two pipeline projects moving forward—one within the framework of the legislation proposed by TransCanada and a competing project being developed of AGIA by ConocoPhillips and BP.



Sen. Hollis French

If the gas line is finally realized, an economic dream of Alaska’s for decades, the benefits to Southcentral Alaska are perhaps more readily apparent in terms of cheaper energy from a possible spur line supplying gas to communities along its path. Anchorage and the surrounding area would also likely see a general boost as the probable headquarters and staging grounds for much of the pipeline work.

French acknowledged that outside of potential jobs on the gas line’s construction, rural Alaska will not feel that first bump that comes with the project. French said the benefit to Bush Alaska will come in more of a rising tide that lifts all ships scenario. “You get [the benefit] in the form of state revenues, municipal revenue sharing, tuition scholarships,” he said.

For that reason, French said striking the right deal to ensure Alaska receives the highest possible return

for the resource is paramount, especially when the economics of natural gas are not nearly as robust as oil. “The real measure of a gas line is if you do it on terms that benefit the entire state and not just the Railbelt,” he said.

French acknowledged the impacts of high energy costs in rural Alaska and their detrimental effects to communities, often forcing people to move to urban areas. “It’s not good for the state to have the rural economy collapse and everyone move to Anchorage,” French said.

As for where some of that revenue from oil and gas should go, French is a big proponent of developing alternative energy systems throughout the state. “The point right now is to take the dollars from the sales of nonrenewable resources and invest them in renewable energy projects,” he said.

French also said education would figure large in his campaign. French said he would like to see pre-kindergarten educational opportunities offered statewide. “You get enormous benefits from pre-K,” he said. For older students, French said he advocates more vocational education offerings.

The third major issue on which French said he is basing his campaign is safety. “The social ills that plague parts of the state are horrific,” he said. French cited his work as an assistant district attorney based out of Anchorage as giving him insight into the issue.

Prior to earning his law degree from Cornell, French worked for five years in the oil industry in Cook Inlet before a seven-year stint at Kuparuk on the North Slope during its peak production days. While working on the Slope, French took classes at the

University of Alaska Anchorage, earning his bachelor’s degree. French feels his diverse experience will serve him well as he campaigns. “Alaskans expect people to be well-rounded. They like to see someone who has worked with their hands

sometime in their lives,” he said.

Others besides French so far vying for the Democratic nomination include Bob Poe, a former executive director of several state-level authorities and offices, and former Rep. Ethan Berkowitz.




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A GOOD SHOT—Lloyd Bloodgood tends to Artley the pitbull while Dr. Derrick Leedy administers a vaccination Dec. 10 during the City of Nome’s annual pet vaccination clinic.

Photo by Tyler Rhodes

# Planners to call in the expert

## Commission tackles full slate as Irene Anderson retires

**By Sandra L. Medearis**

The Nome Planning Commission has a table loaded with planning issues and has started to roll up sleeves to get busy in 2010.

Issues needing attention include updating the comprehensive plan, deciding on a process for permitting land use changes under the recently adopted zoning ordinance, honoring and identifying historic buildings, and the transfer of the Nome Bypass Road to City of Nome.

Nome’s planning panel met Dec. 8 in a work session to discuss these work orders and followed with a brief regular commission meeting.

The Bypass Road is off the slate as a pending punch-list of work orders has been completed. The city has already taken responsibility for that route north of town that runs from Front Street to the Nome-Teller Highway.

The commission voiced strong support for once more retaining the expert services of contract planner Eileen Bechtol of Bechtol Planning and Development in Homer for work on zoning and historic building issues. Bechtol worked with the planning commission in creating the zoning package and other comprehensive and coastal lands issues.

Planners also discussed a solution to the apparent practice of some people picking up hammer and saw and getting a project underway before buying a building permit. Some members

of the commission advocated adding a penalty amount to tardy building permits. Overall, members thought this suggestion could go to the city and the issue would properly become an NCCI—Nome Common Council Issue. Through Nov. 30, the city has collected about \$200,000 for permits for a \$55 million valuation in building and remodeling projects started in 2009.

In other business, the commission granted to Alaska Gold a two-year extension for Phase 2 of the Nome 21st Century Subdivision. The Commission approved Phase 1 and Phase 2 in October 2007; the Phase 2 approval was about to expire. The request for a time extension stems from “unanticipated cash flow restrictions attendant with the Rock Creek Mine,” according to a note to the commission from subdivision surveyor George Krier. He said he expected work orders attached to approval to be finished within the next two years.

Chair of the Nome Planning Commission Irene Anderson announced her retirement from the group after many years’ service. She and hubby Babe Anderson plan to become snowbirds.

Planners praised Anderson’s dedication.

“She is the definition of professional,” commission member Jeff Darling said in a separate interview. “She has worked hard in everything she has undertaken. She cuts right through the BS and gets it done.”

## • Pilgrim

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Agriculture grant administrated by the University of Alaska Fairbanks to locate the geothermal source has elevated the property’s value, Hannon said. Church officials hope for many bidders to participate in the sale and get the word out via ads, contacts in the geothermal energy development community and other business contacts.

Buzek said there has been a great deal of interest in Pilgrim Hot Springs, both in and outside of

Alaska. While outside companies may see Pilgrim as a business opportunity, it harbors memories and emotional connections to Nomeites. In meetings with Nome residents, Tom Buzek said, everybody expressed the wish to keep Pilgrim Hot Spring open for public use. “That will be difficult to add as a stipulation to the sale,” Buzek said. “It is going to be up to the new owner how accessible the hot springs will be.”

CBNA is to release details on timeline, location and required information for the sealed bidding process

within the next week.

Hannon said that the parties are still working out last details, and if the court accepts the consensual joint bankruptcy plan, money has to be in the settlement account in the last week of January and first payments may be out as early as the beginning of February 2010.

**VALUABLE PROPERTY—The property surrounding Pilgrim Hot Springs could soon be out of the Catholic Church’s hands.**



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# THE “TOP TEN” WAYS TO AVOID THE EMERGENCY ROOM DURING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

- #10 Don’t go “through the river and over the woods”.  
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- #9 Don’t “roast chestnuts on an open fire”.  
(Be careful not to overload electrical outlets or leave wood stoves unattended.)
- #8 Be careful “rocking around the Christmas tree”.  
(Celebrate sanely and wisely.)
- #7 Respect the “silent night”.  
(Drive cautiously in the dark.)
- #6 Beware of the “the new fallen snow”.  
(Shovel snow slowly, stop periodically to rest.)
- #5 Use caution “up on the house top”.  
(Be careful hanging lights outside the house.)
- #4 Watch for “Frosty the Snowman”.  
(Dress appropriately for the weather.)
- #3 Yield to sleighs.  
(Obey the rules of the road when walking or driving.)
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**TOUGH PLAY**—Nome's Renee Lammer works to get an in-bounds pass past Monroe's Talia Lundgren during Saturday's game at the Rec Center.

## Lady Nanooks split openers

The Lady Nanook basketball squad came out of their open weekend with a split record of 1-1 after hosting Monroe-Catholic at the Nome Recreation Center.

Hilary Stiles led Nome in its come-from-behind win Friday night with a 15-point effort in the 35-33 victory. Stiles was four-for-seven from the three-point line. Devynn Johnson also contributed a double-digit effort, knocking down 10 points and grabbing 13 boards as the Lady Nanooks battled back from an 11-point deficit.

Monroe battled back the next day, edging out Nome 34-29. Johnson led the Lady Nanooks in scoring for the Saturday game, notching 11 points and pulling down 15 rebounds. Stiles and Richelle Homer each added six points.

"The girls played a great man-to-man defense both nights. I believe the girls put on a great show for just 10 practices and showed a small percentage of their potential that will come in the future," said head coach Doug Boyer. "We are taking this experience and moving forward to pre-

pare for Valdez at the first round of the ACS tournament."

The Lady Nanooks will celebrate the new year in Anchorage while attending the Anchorage Christian School tournament Dec. 31-Jan. 2. In the meantime, women's basketball action will continue in Nome as former Nanooks take the court for an alumni tournament to be held this Friday starting at 6:15 p.m. at Nome-Beltz and Saturday starting at 11 a.m. at the Rec Center.

### Lady Nanooks vs. Monroe game summaries

#### Friday

Nome 35 def. Monroe 33  
Leading Nome scorers:  
Hilary Stiles - 15 points (4-7 from 3-point line)  
Devynn Johnson - 10 points, 13 rebounds  
Richelle Horner - 5 points  
Renee Lammer - 3 points  
Iris Warnke-Green - 2 points

#### Saturday

Monroe 34 def. Nome 29  
Leading Nome scorers:  
Devynn Johnson - 11 points, 15 rebounds  
Hilary Stiles - 6 points  
Richelle Horner - 6 points, 7 rebounds  
Iris Warnke-Green - 5 points, 6 assists  
Elizabeth Sherman-Luce - 1 point

## Boys basketball kick off the season at Rec Center

The Nanook boys basketball team is ready to take their game to the court.

Coming on the heels of a runner-up finish at state last year, Nome will open its season at the Nome Recreation Center this Saturday and Monday against Monroe-Catholic High School. The Rams, visiting from Fairbanks, should prove a good early-season test for the Nanooks as they are coming off a 21-win season with a state tourney berth themselves.

Familiar faces will dot the court again this season for the Nanooks as many of last year's players will return this year. Notably absent, however, will be former standout Jesse

Blandford who graduated last year and is now playing for the University of Alaska Anchorage. Nome is again coached by Pat Callahan this year.

Monroe is coached by Frank Ostanik, who is widely regarded as one of the top coaches in the state. Monroe competes in the Aurora Conference with Valdez, Delta, Eielson, Glennallen and Nenana.

Both Saturday's and Monday's games start at 7 p.m. at the Rec. Center.

On Dec. 26 and 27, the boys will host an alumni tournament at Nome-Beltz. Over New Year's the boys will travel to Anchorage to compete in the Anchorage Christian School tournament Dec. 31-Jan. 2.

# Golovin again nets runner-up honors at mixed-6 state tourney

By Jeff Erickson

Not many high schools with fewer than 20 students field athletic teams that are competitive on a statewide level.

Even fewer win a state championship.

And only one that this writer knows of can boast of three state championships. But with only a couple of sets between them and that fourth championship during the state mixed-six volleyball tournament, the Golovin Lynx fell just short of the title Dec. 12.

Golovin had to feel a bit of déjà vu as Point Hope bested them on the court for the second year in a row to take the title. Fellow Bering Strait School District competitors, Unalakleet, worked their way to fourth at the tourney.

After winning the Western/Interior Conference tournament in a tightly fought contest with the Unalakleet Wolfpack, the Golovin Lynx mixed-6 volleyball squad entered the eight-team state tournament looking to add to their school's legacy.

Led by senior hitter Frank Amaktoolik, Jr. and junior setter Sheralyn Sockpealuk, the purple and gold were a team to be reckoned with. Joining them at the state tournament was the second-place Wolfpack, another formidable team who had split contests with Golovin during the season.

The state tournament pairings are determined by a rotation schedule, and the result is that often top teams face each other in opening round matches. This was the case as the Unalakleet squad found itself facing the defending state champion Point Hope Harpooners.

It was an epic battle with Unalakleet squandering a late first game lead to lose 27-25, only to bounce back to win the next two games and take a 2-1 lead. In the fourth game a string of successful serves gave the Harpooners a lead they didn't relinquish, and a fifth game was necessary to determine the winner. After some furious rallies, the team from the north began to pull away and squeaked out a 15-11 victory to advance to the semi-finals.

Golovin had no such trouble with

the second-ranked team from the arctic, the Noatak Lynx. With a powerful offense and excellent serving, Golovin dominated their opponents. Amaktoolik delivered many crushing kills to emphasize the victory.

Though disappointed in their first round loss, the Unalakleet team regrouped on Friday to crush an over-matched Russian Mission team in straight sets in a match reminiscent of their meeting in the 2008 tournament. All-stars Pete Kotongan and Katiya Erickson, hitter and setter respectively, led the Wolfpack both offensively and defensively. Kotongan's all-court hitting was easily the most impressive of any player at the tournament.

Golovin took further advantage of their bracket by easily handling a Kwethluk Kings team in the semi-final match. The Lynx overwhelmed the team from the Kuskokwim with swarming defense and powerful hitting by Amaktoolik and Robert "Bam" Moses, Jr.

Bam also added his special skill of accurate "dinking" to score many points en route to an easy 3-0 set victory.

Unalakleet's second-round victory put them into the fourth-place match against the Noatak Lynx. Again, Kotongan showed senior leadership by hitting from every position on the court and delivering his booming serve to win points every time his team needed them. Solid play by the rest of the Wolfpack earned them a straight-set victory.

The championship match was a re-match from 2008, and many in attendance believed that this would be Golovin's year to defeat Point Hope. The Lynx quickly showed that they believed the same as they took game one. But, after a couple of critical serving errors in game two, the Harpooners offense began to pick up steam. With emotions high, they put the pressure on the Lynx and won games two and three. Backs against the wall, the Golovin squad fought to push the match to a fifth and final game, but came up short.

Point Hope won the match to add to their championship run and the Lynx were left to ponder what might have been. While second place in state is a commendable achievement, Golovin measures its success in championships won—something they've done more than any school their size.

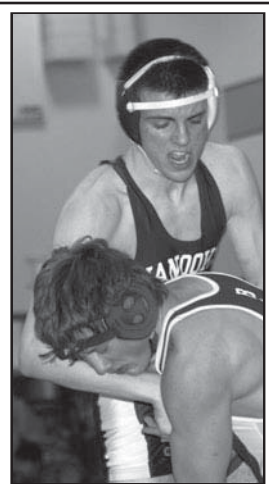
**Team results:** 1) Point Hope, def. Golovin, 3) Newhalen def. Kwethluk, 4) Unalakleet def. Noatak

**Team sportsmanship:** Unalakleet  
**Top setter:** Katiya Erickson, Unalakleet  
**Top hitter:** Frank Amaktoolik Jr., Golovin  
**Top server:** Pete Kotongan, Unalakleet  
**Top defensive player:** Robert Moses Jr., Golovin

**All-tournament team:** Shralyn Sockpealuk, Golovin; Matthew Akoak, Newhalen; Fred Luther Jr., Noatak; Katiya Erickson, Unalakleet; Freddi Wassillie, Newhalen; Joshua Sergie, Kwethluk; Tammy Papp, Marshall; George Vincent, Point Hope; Pete Katongan, Unalakleet; Bruce Morgan, Russian Mission; Raymond Koenig, Tikigaq; Frank Amaktoolik Jr., Golovin.



**Correction**—*The Nugget* last week incorrectly identified the wrestlers in the above photo from the Northern Conference regional tournament. Pictured are Nome's Chris Harvey grabbing the legs of Carl Crockett of Brevig Mission, not Nome's Dawson Kauer (standing) vs. Sam George of Barrow—pictured on the right—as was printed.



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**LOOSEN THE GRIP (left)**—Gabe Cabrera attempts to get Jared Miller of Dillingham to loosen his grip on both his legs and ribs at the State Wrestling Tournament on Dec. 12.

**CARRYING HIS WEIGHT (above)**—Derek Wieler is lifting his opponent, Cameron Lynch of Unalaska, in an attempt to bring him down on his back for a pin.

## Nanook wrestlers place at state

Two Nanook wrestlers worked their way to runner-up finishes as Nome earned the 11th place slot at the state Class 1A-2A-3A wrestling tournament in Anchorage last week-end.

Lonny Booshu, 125 lbs, and Gabe Cabrera, 112 lbs, each placed second to lead their teammates in the competition held at Bartlett High School. Nome's Derek Wieler was the only other Nanook to crack the top six in his weight category, placing fourth among the 215-pounders.

ASAA/First National Bank Alaska Class 1-2-3A wrestling championships

Team scores: 1) Dillingham 192; 2) Bethel 179; 3) Cordova 120.5; 4) Kotzebue 118; 5) Nikiski 111; 6) Craig 108; 7) Mt. Edgecumbe 89; 8) Seward 80; 9) Anchorage Christian 75; 10) Valdez 73; 11) Nome 71.5; 12) Petersburg 60.5; 13) Voznesenka 53; 14) Hoonah 52; 15) Barrow 49; 16) Sitka 39.5; 17) Hutchison 30; 18) Grace Christian 29; 19) tie, Metlakatla, Unalaska 28; 21) tie, Glennallen, Wrangell 24; 23) Galena 22; 24) Newhalen 19; 25) Unalakleet 18; 26) tie, Eielson, Yakutat 16; 28) Seldovia 10.5; 29) Chevak 9; 30) Aniak 7; 31) New Stuyahok 6; 32) tie, Haines, Quniagahak 4; 33) Hooper Bay, Ninilchik, Noatak, Skagway 3; 38) Koyuk 2; 39) Buckland, Elim, Emmonak, Gambell, Klawock, Koliganek, Noorvik, St. Michael 0.

### Championship Finals

103 lbs: Zach Pleasant, Bethel, p. Dhanmark Angeles, Barrow 2:33  
112 lbs: Jared Miller, Dillingham, dec. Gabe Cabrera, Nome 9-8  
119 lbs: Jesse Rogers, Dillingham, dec. Dennis Wilson, Dillingham 3-0  
125 lbs: Randy Hanson, Bethel, dec. Lonny Booshu, Nome 4-2  
130 lbs: Luke Charters, ACS, dec. David Scerbak, Hutchison, 10-3  
135 lbs: Matthew Downing, Valdez, dec. Corey Green, Nikiski, 8-6 (sv)  
140 lbs: Kyle Mundy, Cordova dec. Brooks Sutter, Grace Christian, 10-8 (sv)  
145 lbs: Reed Tennyson, Dillingham, dec. Terry Rogers, Mt. Edgecumbe 4-3

152 lbs: Blake Platt, Cordova, p. Dylan Castle, Craig 5:43  
160 lbs: Andrew West, Kotzebue, dec. Justin Allen, Valdez 9-7  
171 lbs: Jared Miller, Kotzebue p. Jerry Hulsing, Dillingham, 1:01  
189 lbs: Tyler Thain, Craig, m.d. Tony Craig, Petersburg 11-1  
215 lbs: Quentin Backford, Dillingham, dec. Pat Quigley, Craig, 7-6  
285 lbs: Jaylin Prince, Mt. Edgecumbe, p. Henry Eidi, Nikiski 5:25

### Placewinners:

103 lbs: 1) Zach Pleasant, Bethel; 2) Dhanmark Angeles, Barrow; 3) Keifer Groenveld, Valdez; 4) Tanner Thain, Craig; 5) Gabe Schaffer, Kotzebue; 6) Anthony Tambllyn, Grace Christian  
112 lbs: 1) Jared Miller, Dillingham; 2) **Gabe Cabrera, Nome**; 3) Mario Kujo, Bethel; 4) Dillon Gilroy, Anchorage Christian; 5) Mark Seifert, Barrow; 6) Jed Wilde, Seward  
119 lbs: 1) Jesse Rogers, Dillingham; 2) Dennis Wilson, Dillingham; 3) Landon Eck, Kotzebue; 4) Daniel Villaseñor, Mt. Edgecumbe; 5) Tom Schwartz, Petersburg; 6) Carsen Trumblee, Cordova  
125 lbs: 1) Randy Hanson, Bethel; 2) **Lonny Booshu, Nome**; 3) Will Patrick, Sitka; 4) Timmy Coutlee, Hoonah; 5) Nathan Stangel, Nikiski; 6) Brayton Lieb, Bethel  
130 lbs: 1) Luke Charters, Anchorage Christian; 2) David Scerbak, Hutchison; 3) Seth O'Brien, Bethel; 4) Ryan Baxter, Craig; 5) Matt Parker, Nikiski; 6) Matt Rae, Kotzebue  
135 lbs: 1) Matthew Downing, Valdez; 2) Corey Green, Nikiski; 3) Daniel Brandon, An-

chorage Christian; 4) Trevour Chavez, Bethel; 5) Matt Seifert, Barrow; 6) Matthew Rogers, Dillingham

140 lbs: 1) Kyle Mundy, Cordova; 2) Brooks Sutter, Grace Christian; 3) Ryan Chavez, Bethel; 4) Shane Douglas, Seward; 5) Clayton Rolf, Dillingham; 6) Conor Ferguson, Chevak

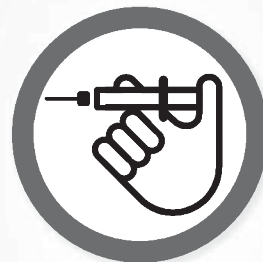
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152 lbs: 1) Blake Platt, Cordova; 2) Dylan Castle, Craig; 3) Kaden Spurgeon, Nikiski; 4) Tyler Anelon, Newhalen; 5) Paul Amore, Anchorage Christian; 6) Zach Ivanoff, Mt. Edgecumbe

160 lbs: 1) Andrew West, Kotzebue; 2) Justin Allen, Valdez; 3) Kole Skaflestad, Hoonah; 4) Zenon Martushev, Voznesenka; 5) Matt Adams, Cordova; 6) Matthew Gain, Seldovia

171 lbs: 1) Jared Miller, Kotzebue; 2) Jerry Hulsing, Dillingham; 3) Michael Vera, Metlakatla; 4) Kyle Armour, Eielson; 5) Joe Nyholm, Seward; 6) Nichols Lewis, Wrangell

189 lbs: 1) Tyler Thain, Craig; 2) Tony Craig, Petersburg; 3) John Kavairlook, Galena; 4) Billy Markowitz, Seward; 5) McKyer Trumblee, Cordova; 6) Shyler Johnson, Unalakleet  
215 lbs: 1) Quentin Backford, Dillingham; 2) Pat Quigley, Craig; 3) Cameron Lynch, Unalaska; 4) **Derek Wieler, Nome**; 5) Kyle Kain, Seward; 6) Jacob Craig, Petersburg  
285 lbs: 1) Jaylin Prince, Mt. Edgecumbe; 2) Henry Eide, Nikiski; 3) Leo Polushkin, Voznesenka; 4) Dakota Ekis, Yakutat; 5) Casey Mills, Hoonah; 6) Timothy Robb, Bethel.

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## All Around the Sound

### New Arrivals

Shanelle C. and Shawn E. Bergamaschi (with the United States Air Force) of White Mountain announce the birth of their son **John Livingston Bergamaschi**. He was born

on November 26 at 11:06 a.m. He weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces, and was 20" in length. Maternal grandparents are Peter and Rachel Olson of Golovin. Paternal grandparents are James Jr. and Katherine Bergam-

aschi of White Mountain.

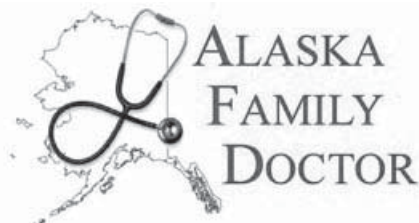
### Wedding Bells

David and Lori Head are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Sonja Marie to Patrick Charles son of Michael and LuAnn Callahan in Salt Lake City, Utah Temple, Friday, December 18. A celebration in their honor will be held on Friday, December 18, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Wadley Historic Farm at 35 East 400 North, in Lindon, UT., on Tuesday, December 29, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Old St. Joe's Hall in Nome, and Saturday, January 2, 2010, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Callahan Home at 1355 West River Drive, Eagle River, Alaska. Patrick and Sonja are registered at Target and Bed Bath & Beyond.



Photo by Elsa Bronson

Alaska Airlines friends celebrate their second eldest employee's 80th birthday Dec. 11. Celebrating France Whitmore's birthday are, left to right, Trisha Schield, Sue Greenly, Brenda Johnson, Kooper Piscoya, Annette Piscoya, Janice Doherty and Whitmore.



### Giving: The Healthy Part of the Holidays

Bob Lawrence, MD

#### Alaska Family Doctor

Many parts of the holiday season make your doctor cringe. High carbohydrate desserts, sedentary feasting, high-stress family gatherings, and the new mix of viruses from all over the country conspire to undo months of hard work toward a healthy lifestyle. But the season also contains protective elements.

Research shows one part of the season that is good for us is giving. Whether the motive is altruism, religious conviction, tradition, or even compulsion, charitable giving and its counterpart volunteering, which are both so much a part of the holiday season, are consistently associated with improved health.

Helping others has been shown to strengthen the immune system and boost endorphins, the body's natural pain-killers, and the social interactions associated with volunteering have long been recognized as having a protective effect on the cardiovascular system.

Furthermore, people who give money, volunteer their time, or share their skills with others tend to live longer. A study of elderly persons in California published in the *Journal of Health Psychology* in 1999 showed that regular volunteers lowered their risk of death by 63 percent. A similar study out of Michigan in the early 1990s suggested that doing volunteer work increased life expectancy more than any other activity.

There is also an intrinsic reward to charitable giving. According to a study published in the journal *Science* in 2007, charitable giving excites the same area of the brain known to process other pleasurable behaviors like eating food, tasting chocolate, sitting with a friend, or receiving gifts.

The study involved an MRI scan of the brain when volunteers were subjected to three scenarios: first when given \$100; second when taxed on this amount to support a food-bank; and third when allowed to voluntarily give an amount to charity. Not surprisingly, the reward centers of the brain—the caudate, nucleus accumbens, and the insula—responded to receiving money. Somewhat surprising was the finding that the same areas light up when subjects watched their account taxed for support of a local food bank. Who knew paying taxes could be rewarding? The greatest effect of all, however, was seen when subjects were allowed to voluntarily give from their accounts.

This modern MRI data supports the idea that giving is better for us than receiving. It reminds us that the healthiest and most rewarding part of season is the tradition of giving gifts to those we love and those in need, perhaps in celebration of the birth of the Savior who himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Have a Merry Christmas.

### Bering Land Bridge National Preserve



## Winter Workshops

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Saying it Sincerely

David G. Elmore  
Reference: Luke 1: 68-79  
“What Do You Want for Christmas?”

So what’s on your Christmas list this year? And all this talk of Christmas gifts begs the question – why do we give each other gifts for Christmas? I suggest that we give gifts this season is in remembrance of the wonderful Gift that God has given us in becoming human in the person of Jesus Christ and walking among us. Giving gifts for this reason changes our outlook from what can we receive this holiday season – to what can we give this holiday season.

The speaker in this passage is Zechariah, the father of John the Baptist, just after he regained his voice after being silenced by an angel for 9 months for his disbelief. He begins singing a song of praise to God – a song of praise to God for delivering him. And Zechariah was praising God for more than giving him his voice back – he was praising God for all the mighty works that he had done. He was praising God for bringing salvation from their enemies and all who hate them.

Who was Zechariah seeking salvation from? The Jews were looking for deliverance from the hands of the Romans. And Zechariah is singing this song of praise for he knows that God has repeatedly delivered the Jewish people from the hands of their oppressors – the Egyptians, the Babylonians and Assyrians, and now the Romans. He knows that God had made a covenant with the Hebrew people that they would be God’s people, and that the Lord God would be their God. And due to the visitation of the angel to himself, he knows that his newborn son, the one we know as John the Baptist, would be the one who would prepare the way for the coming of the messiah, Emmanuel, God with us. Now, even though Zecharaih thanked God for sending the one who would forgive our sins, I’m not sure he knew what all that meant. But he trusted in God and gave thanks for what God was going to do even before he saw that happen. He thanked God for what he was doing for all people, not just for himself.

What is standing in the way of our being the disciples that God calls us to be and trusting in God as Zechariah does so that we may minister Christ’s love to our neighbors at Christmas rather than simply reducing our celebration of Christ’s coming by exchanging gifts and possibly having a beautiful and enjoyable feast with those closest to us? What things do we need to be freed from this Christmas season that we may truly serve God this Christmas? So this Advent season, I challenge you to trust in Christ and be freed from the desire to have that perfect Christmas we’ve always wanted receiving the perfect gift and having that flawless Christmas feast. I challenge you to free yourself from going into debt to pay for the perfect gift for children or loved ones this Christmas season and share the message of God’s love and hope with those in our lives who need hope and acceptance. I challenge you to free yourself from slavery to overbooked schedules and lengthy gift lists to experience God’s grace for yourself.



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**Small Group Bible Study** 10 a.m.  
**Sunday** Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
Pastor Bruce Landry  
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2nd Ave. West, **443-2865**  
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**Tuesday** 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
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**Nome Covenant Church**  
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**Sunday** School 9:45 a.m./**Sunday** Worship 11 a.m.  
**Wednesday:** Fellowship Meal 5:30 p.m./Ladies’ Bible Study, Mens’ Fraternity & Children’s Choir 6:30 p.m.  
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**Wednesday** Night Service 6:30 p.m.  
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Obituaries

**Norma Dean Feagins Silook**  
Norma Dean Feagins Silook was born August 26, 1932 to Susie Tiepelman-Feagins and Henry Feagins on *U.S.S. Derby* in the Pacific Ocean. She died on December 1 in Anchorage. Norma was raised by Jimmy and Mabel Toolie at Savoonga. Norma was briefly married to Mark Nupowhotuk, Sr. and later to Roger Saavla Silook for 49

years. Norma worked as a cook for the North Star Restaurant and Nome-Beltz High School. She worked for Bering Strait School District as a cook at the Gambell Schools for many years until she retired. Norma will be missed dearly by family and friends.  
She is preceded in death by her parents, husband Roger Silook, Sr. sisters Ilene Kakaruk and Jean Pun-  
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Norma Dean Feagins Silook

**HOROSCOPES**  
December 17 - 23, 2009

 <b>CAPRICORN</b> December 22–January 19 Time’s whittling away, Capricorn. Sit down, make out a list and get shopping. A little effort now will make for less fuss later. Your calendar begins to fill up.	 <b>ARIES</b> March 21–April 19 Your gift list grows, but you don’t have to break the bank, Aries. With a little thought, you are sure to come up with some nice but inexpensive ideas. Travel plans begin to shape up.	 <b>CANCER</b> June 22–July 22 Dramatic pursuits continue. Keep your eye on the prize, Cancer, and it will be yours. A new face welcomes you into the fold. Reciprocate their actions.	 <b>LIBRA</b> September 23–October 22 Wonders never cease, Libra, and that young friend who almost always bails on you fulfills a promise. Praise them for their efforts and include them in your plans again.
 <b>AQUARIUS</b> January 20–February 18 The clutter at home grows out of control. It’s now or never for the big overhaul. A pesky auto problem is resolved once and for all. Hooray, Aquarius.	 <b>TAURUS</b> April 20–May 20 Don’t look now, Taurus, but a blast from the past is about to roll into town and beat down your door. Enjoy the walk down memory lane and stay in touch.	 <b>LEO</b> July 23–August 22 Feel like you’re getting a little too close to the action, Leo? You just might be. Duck out of the limelight and keep your nose to the grind for a while.	 <b>SCORPIO</b> October 23–November 21 The windfall begins, and your future looks brighter than it has in some time. Make sure you put the funds to good use, or you could wind up with a new problem. Careful, Scorpio.
 <b>PISCES</b> February 19–March 20 Names will never hurt you, Pisces. Overlook the criticism and continue moving forward. The object of your desire is at hand. A friend rejects your offer. Don’t take it personally.	 <b>GEMINI</b> May 21–June 21 Fitness goals fall by the wayside with holiday festivities. Get back on track, Gemini. Your waistline will thank you later. A winter activity elevates your energy level.	 <b>VIRGO</b> August 23–September 22 Your indifference begins to show in your work. Check yourself, Virgo, and find out what the source of the problem is. A special treat starts the weekend off right.	 <b>SAGITTARIUS</b> November 22–December 21 The days are slipping by, and a deadline is approaching. Don’t try to go it alone, Sagittarius. Seek help wherever you can get it. A book inspires a bold move on your part.

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Week Sixteen

Friday, Dec. 25

( ) SD ( ) at Tennessee

Sunday, Dec. 27

( ) Buffal ( ) at Atlanta  
( ) Kansas City ( ) at Cincinnati  
( ) Oakland ( ) at Cleveland  
( ) Houston ( ) at Miami  
( ) Jacksonville ( ) at New England  
( ) Denver ( ) at Philadelphia  
( ) Baltimore ( ) at Pittsburgh  
( ) Tampa Bay ( ) at New Orleans  
( ) Carolina ( ) at N. Y. Giants  
( ) Seattle ( ) at Green Bay  
( ) St. Louis ( ) at Arizona  
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( ) Minnesota ( ) at Chicago

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11/26; 12/3-10-17-24; 1/7

**Position opening**  
**Nome Eskimo Community**  
is recruiting for two (2) positions:

## Seawall

**12/7**  
Michael Saclamana, 47, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault 4°.  
**12/8**  
Bibiana Snowball, 18, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Disorderly Conduct, and Resisting Arrest.  
John Saclamana, 28, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Release.  
**12/9**  
Three Nome juveniles received citations for Minor Consuming Alcohol.  
**12/10**  
Rhonda Weyiouanna, 39, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault 4°.  
**12/11**  
Jennifer Russell, 28, was arrested and re-

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12/17-24

manded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Release.  
**12/12**  
Duane Madsen, 32, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault 4°, DV.  
Kenneth Waltz, 58, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault 4°, DV.  
A Nome juvenile female received a citation for Driving Without a Driver's License.  
**12/13**  
Michael Mayac, 21, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violation of Conditions of Probation.  
David Walluk, 27, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violation of Conditions of Probation.  
During this reporting period we had seven (7) persons transported to the hospital for a Title 47, Protective Custody Hold.

## Trooper Beat

On December 3, Kotzebue AST received a report from Lena Sage of Noatak. Sage reported 23-year-old Frank Greist Jr. had telephoned her from Anvil Mountain Correctional Center in Nome in violation of a Domestic Violence Protective Order. Further investigation revealed Greist had also called several days before in an attempt to contact Sage. Charges were forwarded to the DAO for prosecution.  
On December 4, at 9:00 a.m., Unalakleet Alaska State Troopers received a report of an assault in St. Michael. AST responded and investigation revealed that the two Village Police Officers in St. Michael had been smoking marijuana on the job. Investigation also revealed VPO Richard Elachik, 19, of St. Michael, had been drinking homebrew on the job then became involved in an altercation with his girlfriend. AST investigation continues regarding the Assault IV and charges will be forwarded to the District Attorney's Office. Charges pending against Elachik for Minor Consuming Alcohol. Elachik and Cheemuk were terminated from their job.  
On December 4, at about 7:20 p.m., Nome AST received a report of an overdue hunter. Jason Connolly, 29, of Teller, left Teller by snowmachine on December 4, at about 10:00 a.m. and was to have returned to Teller on December 4, at about 5:00 p.m. Mr. Connolly told his family he was going out hunting but didn't say where he was going. Search and rescue volunteers searched Friday and Saturday in poor search conditions. On December 6, at about 11:40 a.m., Mr. Connolly was located on foot approximately 10 miles south of Teller. Mr. Connolly told rescuers he rolled his

snow machine on December 4. Mr. Connolly appeared in good condition but was taken to the Teller Health Clinic for examination.  
On December 5, at 11:10 p.m., Unalakleet AST received a report of an assault in St. Michael. AST responded and arrested Milton Tom, 30, of St. Michael for assaulting his pregnant girlfriend, his 1-year old daughter and his girlfriend's sister, it was also learned that he had manufactured homebrew. Tom was held at the St. Michael jail until being telephonically arraigned on three counts of Assault in the Fourth Degree and Manufacture of Alcohol; he was later transported to Nome and lodged at AMCC. All the victims were examined at the St. Michael Clinic and released.  
On December 6, at approximately 3:00 a.m., Amanda Toolie, 28, of Savoonga, was arrested for Assault IV DV, after the investigation revealed that she had assaulted a family member. Minor injuries were reported. Alcohol was a factor.  
On December 7, at approximately 1:00 a.m., AST received a report that Clyde Ongtowasruk, 49, of Wales, and Davis Ongtowasruk, 45, of Wales, were overdue from a snowmachine trip from Shishmaref to Wales. A hasty team from Shishmaref was sent out and located the overdue snowmachiners 40 miles east of Shishmaref. They were low on gas and were waiting on daylight to continue their trip. The hasty team returned to Shishmaref.

## Legals

**NOTICE OF SALE** Trustee, Alaska Trustee, LLC will sell realty for cash to the highest bidder at the Main entrance to the Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street on January 25, 2010, at 10:00 AM with other sales that may be conducted. Proceeds will apply to the Deed of Trust naming Edith Nageak formerly known as Edith Nashoalook, Trustor, Edith Nashoalook, who also appears as Edith Nageak, Record Owner, recorded on July 02, 2003 under Reception No. 2003-000819-0, Barrow Recording District, Second Judicial Dis-

trict, Alaska, describing: Lot 12, Block 3 of a Resubdivision of Barrow Townsite, according to the plat filed February 29, 1980 as Plat Number 80-25; Records of the Barrow Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska, a/k/a 2151 Itta St., Barrow, AK 99723. \$76,743.86 is due, plus interest, advances, etc. Go to [alaskatrustee.com](http://alaskatrustee.com) or [usa-foreclosure.com](http://usa-foreclosure.com) for status.  
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**Iditarod volunteer**  
needs spare room or couch for **March 10 - March 22.** Working at the Community Center. Can help with rent.

Either e-mail:  
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or phone:  
**423-253-4622**

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME**

CASE NO: **2NO-09-00318CI**  
**AMENDED ORDER FOR HEARING, PUBLIC NOTICE AND POSTING**

In the Matter of a Change of Name for:  
**Shawnte' Toni Oyomick-Haugan**  
Current name of Minor.  
Notice of Petition to Change Name  
A petition has been filed in the Superior Court (Case #2NO-09-00318CI) requesting a name change from (current name) **Shawnte' Toni Oyomick-Haugan** to **Shawnte' Toni Haugan**. A hearing on this request will be held on **February 02, 2010 at 1:00 pm** at **Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street PO Box 1110 Nome, AK.**  
12/17-24; 1/7-14

**NOTICE OF SALE** Trustee, Alaska Trustee, LLC will sell realty for cash to the highest bidder at the Main entrance to the Barrow Courthouse, 1250 Agvik Street, Barrow, AK 99723 on February 5, 2010, at 10:00 AM with other sales that may be conducted. Proceeds will apply to the Deed of Trust naming Kalen Kaohu Kau Texeira, Trustor, Kalen Kaohu Kau Texeira, Record Owner, recorded on April 27, 2007 under Reception No. 2007-000275-0, Barrow Recording District, Second Judicial District, Alaska, describing: Lot 5, Block 24 BROWERVILLE ADDITION NO. 3, according to the plat filed August 8, 1983 as Plat No. 83-6; Records of the Barrow Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska. EXCEPTING THEREFROM THE SUBSURFACE ESTATE and all rights, privileges, immunities and appurtenances of what so ever nature accruing unto said estate pursuant to the Alaska Native claims Settlement Act of 12-19-71 (85 Stat 688, 704; 43 U.S.C. 1601,1613 (f). (1976) as reserved by the United States of America) Also described of record as The "surface estate", as described in the Interim Conveyances recorded December 3, 1976 in Book 4, Page 648 and recorded October 23, 1981 in Book 31, Page 298 and recorded July 19, 1987 in Book 36, Page 886 recorded June 5, 1989 in Book 55, Page 255 and Corrective Interim Conveyance recorded December 17, 1990 in Book 58, Page 277; Records of the Barrow Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska in the following described land: Lot 5, Block 24, BROWERVILLE ADDITION NO. 3, according to the plat filed August 8, 1983 as Plat Number 83-6; Records of the Barrow Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska. EXCEPTING THEREFROM The Subsurface Estate therein, and all rights privileges, immunities and appurtenances of whatsoever nature, accruing unto said estate pursuant to the Alaska

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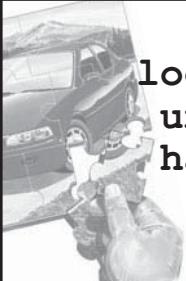


**Adopt a present this year!**

A new friend may be waiting for you at the Nome Animal Shelter!

Adopt a pet and get a **FREE** bag of dog/cat food from Doctor Leedy and the *Nome Kennel Club*. Dog food, cat food, cat litter and other donations are always welcome at the Nome Animal Shelter!

**Nome Animal Control & Adopt-A-Pet • 443.5212 or 443.5262**



**The XYZ Center is looking for donations of unopened puzzles. They have had past problems of missing pieces.**

Please bring donations to the XYZ Center next to the City Offices.

## MEMBERS WANTED

For Federal Subsistence Advisory Councils

Help advise the Federal Subsistence Board on the management of subsistence resources for your region.

For an application, call  
(800) 478-1456 or (907) 786-3877

**APPLICATION DEADLINE**  
January 8, 2010

For more information on the Federal Subsistence Management Program visit:  
<http://alaska.fws.gov/asm/home.html>

Native Claims Settlement Act of December 19, 1971 (85 Stat 688.704: 43 U.S.C. 1601, 1613 (f)., more commonly known as 7522 Transit Street, Barrow, AK, 99723., a/k/a 7522 Transit Street, Barrow, AK 99723. \$139,724.71 is due, plus inter-

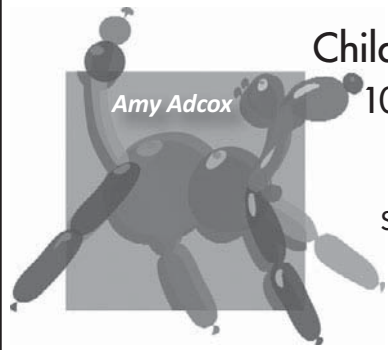
est, advances, etc. Go to [alaskatrustee.com](http://alaskatrustee.com) or [usa-foreclosure.com](http://usa-foreclosure.com) for status.  
12/17-24; 1/7-14

Happy Holidays!

**Kegoayah Kozga Library's 2009 Holiday Programs**

**Learn how to make balloon animals with Amy Adcox**

**Children's Library Hour**  
**Mon., Dec. 21, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. - noon**  
(recommended for ages 6 and up)



**Children's Library Hour**  
**10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**

- Tue., Dec. 22 (ages 0-5): Storytime & Crafts - *10:30 a.m.*
- Wed., Dec. 23 (ages 2-13): Design your own Holiday Cards - *10:30 a.m.*

All children under 6 years of age should be accompanied by an adult.

**Kegoayah Kozga Library • 443-6628**



• More Obituaries

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gowiyi and her son Daniel Silook. She is survived by her brother Walter Toolie, and daughters Dora Buchea, Carol Henry, Rosalie Azzam, Susie Hamilton and Lisa Silook, and her sons John, Roger Jr., Barry and Daniel Silook and many grand, great, and great-great-grandchildren.

David Edward Krier

David Edward Krier died Sunday, December 6.  
David was born March 17, 1957, in a broom closet at St. Joseph's

Hospital in Fairbanks. Being born on St. Patrick's Day with green eyes, David proudly represented the Irish line in the family.  
David attended University Park Elementary School, Main Junior High School and Lathrop High School. He also earned a mechanic's certificate at Seward Vocational Tech School. He worked as a mechanic at Mount McKinley Park, various mining operations around Fairbanks and in Nome.  
David got to spend part of his last summer in Nome where he had many friends and relatives.  
David leaves behind his daughter, Sandra Brown and grandchild, Kyle

Lowmack, and a granddaughter on the way; sisters, Joan Davis and husband Mark, Sandra Fevos and Cathy Legerat; nieces and nephews, Matt and Starr Davis and son Timothy, Dan and Datsha Davis and children Aurora, Cole and Logan, Joseph Davis and James Davis, Samuel and Jennifer Fevos and son Samuel Alex, Jenneca Fevos and Ray Fevos, Joshua Lott, Tina and Calvin Jaynes and children Haley and Alissa, and Betty Lott and Lisa Matter; the love of his life, Teresa Tittle; and numerous close friends and cousins from Nome to Pennsylvania.  
David has gone to join his parents, DeWayne and Bessie Krier; brother, Michael, uncle Tony and aunt Jeanette; and special uncle and mentor, Joseph Krier and nephews Eddie and Ricki Krier.  
A memorial service will be held in the near future.  
Arrangements were by Fairbanks Funeral Home.

David Edward Krier



**Note:**  
**The Nome Nugget will not be published the week between Christmas and New Year's.**

CITY OF NOME

In May 2005, the Alaska Legislature authorized cities to increase their E911 surcharge to help pay the costs of Enhanced 911 services.  
Starting **January 1, 2010**, the City of Nome will impose a **monthly E911 surcharge of \$2.00** for both wire lines and wireless phone lines sold to customers having an address within the City of Nome E911 service area.  
The added charges are intended to improve public safety by updating the E911 system to facilitate faster and more accurate emergency response.

Public Notice

12/3-10-17-24

NOTICE OF LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER

Sang Ton Yi, d/b/a Twin Dragon Restaurant located at 100 Front Street, Nome, Alaska is applying for transfer of a Beer & Wine/# 3142 liquor license to Twin Dragon Corporation located at 100 Front Street, Nome, Alaska.  
Interested persons should submit written comment to their local governing body, the applicant and to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board at 5848 E. Tudor Rd. Anchorage AK 99507

12/17-24; 1/7

NOTICE OF LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER

Stanley Sobocienski, d/b/a Bering Sea Saloon located at 309 Front Street, Nome, Alaska is applying for transfer of an (AS 04.11.090) beverage dispensary liquor license to T & C, Inc.  
Interested persons should submit written comment to their local governing body, the applicant and to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board at 5848 E. Tudor Rd. Anchorage AK 99507

12/10-17-24

CITY OF NOME

The **Nome Planning Commission** has one seat available for appointment.  
If you are interested in serving on the Nome Planning Commission, please submit an application form.  
Application forms are available at City Hall or on the City of Nome website at: **WWW.NOMEALASKA.ORG**  
ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY JANUARY 15, 2010 AT 5:00 P.M. TO CITY HALL, AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:  
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE  
CITY OF NOME  
P.O. BOX 281  
102 DIVISION STREET  
NOME, ALASKA 99762

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Public Notice



Alaska National Parks Seeking Public Comment

Alaska's National Parks are inviting comment on each park's Compendium. The Compendium is a compilation of all designations, closures and restrictions imposed under discretionary authority within the regulations covering national parks. The Compendium, as part of the park-related regulations, helps provide for the use, enjoyment and protection of Alaska's National Parks.  
A copy of each park's proposed compendium for the 2010 season will available at **www.nps.gov/akso/compendium** by January 1. A written copy may be requested directly from the park or the National Park Service, 240 W. 5th Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99501, Attn: Compendium.  
Comments will be accepted by mail or e-mail between January 1 and February 15. Comments are welcome at any time in addition to this timeframe, but comments received after February 15 will be considered in future compendium revisions.

Public Reminder

City of Nome issued Licenses and Permits for 2009 expire on Dec. 31, 2009. The following Licenses and Permits should now be renewed for 2010:  
Sales Tax License  
Health Permit  
Hotel/Motel License  
Pulltab License  
Resale Certificate  
Animal License  
Chauffeur's License  
Taxi Cab License  
Motor Bus License  
IT IS ALSO TIME TO APPLY FOR EXEMPTIONS FOR:  
Municipal Tax Exemption - DUE by February 1, 2010.  
Senior Citizen/Disabled Veteran's Property Tax Exemption - DUE February 1, 2010.  
Contact the City Clerk's office if you have questions **443-6663**.

CITY OF NOME

12/3-10-17-24

Public Notice

CITY OF NOME

VACANT SEAT

Nome City Council  
Do you have time to volunteer?  
Are you interested in nome's future?  
Nome city resident for at least one year?  
Qualified city voter?  
Submit a letter of interest to serve on the Nome City Council drop off letters at City Hall 102 Division Street or mail to Clerk's Office PO Box 281, Nome, AK 99762  
Letters of interest will be accepted until **5 p.m. on Wednesday, January 6, 2010** at the City Clerk's Office, 102 Division Steet.

12/10-17-24





*Photo by Nadja Roessek*  
**CHRISTMAS SPIRIT (Left) — Chick Trainor hands Annie Blandford a Christmas wreath she bought from the Nome Cancer Support Group.**

*Photo by Nikolai Ivanoff*  
**GONE FISHING (right) — Nugget photographer Nikolai Ivanoff catches himself fishing on the Snake River ice.**



## Court

Week ending 12/11  
**Civil**  
Mercurief, Rufina vs. Smith, Christopher R.; DV: Both ExParte & Long Term Wards Cove Packing Company vs. Waterman, Kenneth; Debt - District Court  
Garnie, Joe vs. Stiles, Don et al; Slander/Libel/Defamation - Superior Court  
North Country Legal Recovery vs. Jemewouk, Darla; Debt - District Court  
In the Matter of: Oliver Jr., Donald Stanley New Name: Austin, Zachariah Donald Oliver; Change of Name of Minor  
In the Matter of: Takak, Garrick Glen New Name: Jackson, Garrick Glen; Change of Name of Minor  
J.G. Wentworth Originations, LLC. vs. Atchak, Allen; Structured Settlement - Superior Court

**Small Claims**  
No current Small Claims filed

**Week ending 12/11**  
State of Alaska v. John Erlich, Jr. (2/2/85); 2NO-08-84CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110062998; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, shall report to AMCC by 11:30 p.m. on 11/19/09; Release or bail conditions remain in effect until defendant reports to serve sentence.

State of Alaska v. John Erlich, Jr. (2/2/85); 2NO-09-378CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Removal or Introduction of Alcohol; Charge 002: Criminal Mischief 5th; Filed by the DAs Office 11/18/09.

State of Alaska v. Alexis Mike (DOB: not on record); Disposition Order; The matter came before the Court 11/17/09 upon filing an Amended Fifth Petition to Revoke Probation on 7/20/09; The plaintiff was present through Gustaf Olson, Assistant DA; Defendant present and represented by Monica Elkinton, Assistant Public Defender; The court having accepted defendant's admission and having found defendant in violation of probation, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the balance of the defendant's sentence is imposed, flat-time; The court strongly recommends classification to a long-term residential substance abuse treatment program, such as RSAT, as soon as appropriate; Any appearance bond previously posted in above captioned case is hereby exonerated; ENTERED this 20th day of November, 2009, at Anchorage, Alaska; Michael L. Wolverton, Superior Court Judge.

State of Alaska v. Jerry R. Austin (6/10/47); 2UT-09-23CR Count 1: Guiding Without License In Possession; Date of offense: Fall 2008 (9/11/08); Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond in this case is exonerated; Police training surcharge due in 10 days: \$50 (Misdemeanor); Fined \$10,000.00 with \$8,500 suspended; Unsuspended \$1,500.00 is to be paid by 12/31/09; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; 30 days, 30 days suspended; Probation until 12/7/14; Comply with all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Commit no fish and game violations during the probation period; Guide license suspended for 3 years, which will not be imposed if no new violations of guiding, fishing or hunting laws; Follow medical recommendations and show proof to State by 6/1/10.

State of Alaska v. Jerry R. Austin (6/10/47); 2UT-09-23CR Count 2: Criminal Trespass 1st; Date of offense: Fall 2008 (9/11/08); Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: Counts: 3 (003), 4 (004), 5 (005), 6 (006); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; Fine: \$500 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$500 fine through Nome Trial Courts by 12/31/09; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Restitution: Shall pay restitution to satisfaction of B.L.M. by 4/1/10.

State of Alaska v. Harold Tactacan, Jr. (6/10/82); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; Misconduct Involving Controlled Substance 4th; Date of original offense: 1/24/07; PTRP filed 9/12/09; Conditions of defendant's probation modified as follows: Rejects Probation; The following part of defendant's suspended jail term must now be served: all remaining suspended time imposed.

State of Alaska v. John I. Kokulik (12/6/72); Dismissal; Assault 4th; Filed by the DAs Office 12/7/09.

State of Alaska v. Larry Kobuk (6/15/81); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110128122; Defendant refusing probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All Remaining Time.

State of Alaska v. Carrie Komonaseak (4/25/88); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110702718; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 10 days, from count 2, remanded to custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Nora Douglas (11/27/56); 2NO-09-663CR Assault 4th; DV; Date of offense: 10/23/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 20 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 20 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC consecutive to 2NO-09-731CR; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Nora Douglas (11/27/56); 2NO-09-709CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Violating Conditions of Release; Filed by the DAs Office 12/2/09.

State of Alaska v. Nora Douglas (11/27/56); 2NO-09-931CR Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 11/20/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 10 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 10 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Adrian E. Barr (12/25/75); 3PA-06-1287CR Notice of Dismissal—Petition to Revoke Probation #4; PTR filed on 8/29/09; Filed by the DAs Office 12/2/09.

State of Alaska v. Adrian Barr (12/25/75); 2NO-09-553CR Count 2: Assault 4th; DV; Date of offense: 8/29/09; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: Count 1 (001), Count 3 (003); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 360 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 360 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC consecutive to count 4; Restitution: Shall pay restitution as stated in the Restitution Judgment and shall apply for an Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend, if eligible, each year until restitution is paid in full; Amount to be determined within 30 days.

State of Alaska v. Adrian Barr (12/25/75); 2NO-09-553CR Count 4: Interfering with Report of Domestic Violence; Date of offense: 8/29/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 360 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 360 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC consecutive to count 2; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Restitution: Shall pay restitution as stated in the Restitution Judgment and shall apply for an Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend, if eligible, each year until restitution is paid in full; Amount to be determined within 30 days.

State of Alaska v. Andrew J. Amaktoolik (9/11/91); 2NO-09-575CR Assault 4th; DV; Date of offense: 9/6/09; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 75 days, 60 days suspended; Unsuspended 15 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC by 12/11/09; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 12/2/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not contact, directly or indirectly, or return to the residence of Rochelle Davison except communication through 3rd party for child visit and support.

State of Alaska v. Andrew Amaktoolik (9/11/91); 2NO-09-621CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4th; Charge 002: Violating Conditions of Release; Filed by the DAs Office 12/2/09.

State of Alaska v. Lynn Takak, Jr. (9/4/61); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110068029; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 20 days, remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Tauna L. Showalter (3/12/83); 2UT-09-14CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110063322; Defendant refusing probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time (counts consecutive to each other and 2UT-09-15CR); Consecutive to the term in Case No. 2UT-09-15CR; Remanded into custody.

State of Alaska v. Tauna L. Showalter (3/12/83); 2UT-09-15CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110063331; Defendant refusing probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time; Consecutive to the term in Case No. 2UT-09-14CR; Remanded into custody.

State of Alaska v. Franklin Kaningok, Jr. (11/29/65); Violation of Custodians Duty; Date of offense: 6/30/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance of performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 27 days suspended; Unsuspended 72 hours shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC by 1/8/10; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 12/7/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol in any dry or damp community; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer for alcohol.

State of Alaska v. James Walunga (11/9/79); 2NO-07-830CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110827116; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: Not be where Alcohol is Present; Comply with all conditions in 2NO-09-373CR; Probation extended to 12/4/11; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. James Walunga (11/9/79); 2NO-09-373CR Assault 4th; DV; Date of offense: 6/24/09; Any appearance of performance bond is exonerated; 300 days, 210 days suspended; Unsuspended 90 days have been served; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 12/4/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in his residence, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol; Not be alcohol is present; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare.

State of Alaska v. Kenneth Lee Henry (4/26/83); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110827863; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: Do not enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 10 days, remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Melinda Erickson (3/6/75); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110701719; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: may be at VFW in connection with Auxiliary Activities—not to possess/consume Alcohol; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 10 days, remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Brian Christopher Steve (10/10/68); 3AN-04-11139CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 108382266; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, remanded into custody.

State of Alaska v. Brian Christopher Steve, Sr. (10/10/68); 2NO-09-749CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001 and 002: Assault 4th; DV; Filed by the DAs Office 12/8/09.

State of Alaska v. Charlene Katchatag (9/1/87); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Violation of Custodians Duty; Filed by the DAs Office 12/8/09.

State of Alaska v. Kenneth James (5/11/80); Notice of Dismissal; PTR filed on 10/29/09; Filed by the DAs Office 12/7/09.

State of Alaska v. Cory Wells (8/15/79); 2NO-09-644CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4th; Charge 002: Interfering with Report of DV; Filed by the DAs Office 12/10/09.

State of Alaska v. Cory Wells (8/15/79); 2NO-09-667CR Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 10/25/09; Any appearance of performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 90 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Daisy Weinard (5/9/90); Count 1: Disorderly Conduct; Date of offense: 11/3/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 2 (002); Any appearance of performance bond is exonerated; 10 days, 10 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 12/10/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer for alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Raleigh Ahkvaluk (9/23/67); Drunken Person on Licensed Premises; Date of offense: 10/9/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance of performance bond is exonerated; 10 days, 10 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 6/10/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation.

State of Alaska v. Tawny Alowa (6/26/85); 2NO-09-564CR Count 1: Criminal Mischief 4th; Date of offense: 9/7/09; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 2 (002); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 30 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Restitution: Shall pay restitution to satisfaction of victim Ivana Pungowiyi by 1/31/10; Probation until 6/10/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law.

State of Alaska v. Tawny Alowa (6/26/85); 2NO-09-564CR Count 3: Resisting/Interfering with Arrest; Date of offense: 9/7/09; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 2 (002); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 30 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 12/10/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct; Shall not possess or consume alcohol in any dry or damp community; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer in such community; Other: Complete 20 hours work service and show proof to court by 3/1/10.

State of Alaska v. Harry R. Olanna (12/4/89); 2NO-09-595CR Count 1: Misconduct Involving Weapons 4th; Date of offense: 9/19/09; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 2 (002); Any appearance of performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 25 days suspended; Unsuspended 5 days have been served; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 12/10/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer for alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Harry Olanna (12/4/89); 2NO-09-683CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Violating Conditions of Release; Filed by the DAs Office 12/10/09.

State of Alaska v. Elizabeth Martha Chiskok (10/17/69); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Manufacture Alcohol; Filed by the DAs Office 12/9/09.

State of Alaska v. Letia Martin (3/8/84); 2NO-08-655CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110698407; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to 12/9/11; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Letia Martin (3/8/84); 2NO-09-561CR Count 2: Resisting/Interfering with Arrest; Date of offense: 9/5/09; Partial Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 1 (001); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 90 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 12/9/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer.

State of Alaska v. Bryce Warnke Green (3/2/89); 2NO-09-509CR Count 2: Motor Vehicle Insurance Required; Date of offense: 8/8/09; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 1 (001); 20 days, 20 days suspended; Fine: \$300 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$300 fine through Nome Trial Courts by 3/1/10; Police Train-

ing Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Probation until 12/9/10; Comply with all court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; No violations of law.

State of Alaska v. Bryce Warnke Green (3/2/89); 2NO-09-509CR Count 3: Improper Use of Evidence of Registration or Certificate of Title; Date of offense: 8/8/09; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 1 (001); Fine: \$300 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$300 fine through Nome Trial Courts by 3/1/10; Comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated.

State of Alaska v. Elmer Campbell (10/24/87); 2NO-08-732CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110698947; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to 12/9/10; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 15 days, shall report to AMCC by 1/31/10; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Elmer Campbell (10/24/87); 2NO-09-580CR Assault 4th; DV; Date of offense: 9/16/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 90 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 12/9/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not contact, directly or indirectly, Dwayne Ahkvaluk without consent; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in his residence, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Stewart R. Tocktoo (7/10/65); Assault 4th; DV; Date of offense: 7/8/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 90 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 12/9/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence.

State of Alaska v. Karl Peterson (4/1/44); Reckless Driving; Date of offense: 6/22/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 30 days suspended; Fine: \$300 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$300 fine through Nome Trial Courts by 4/1/10; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Driver's License: Driver's license, privilege to obtain a license and to operate a motor vehicle are revoked for 60 days concurrent with DMV action; Any license or permit shall be immediately surrendered to the court; Limited license to drive for employment purposes only for next 60 days; Probation until 12/9/10; Comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; No violations of law, including no 4 point or more traffic violations.

State of Alaska v. Jason M. Takak (1/31/76); 2NO-08-54CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110064681; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 45 days; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Jason M. Takak (1/31/76); 2NO-09-717CR Assault 4th; DV; Date of offense: 11/8/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 120 days, 120 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 5/9/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not contact, directly or indirectly, E.A. without consent.

State of Alaska v. Charles Slwooko (11/7/76); 2NO-08-389CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110826648; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All Remaining Time, remanded into custody.

State of Alaska v. Charles Slwooko (11/7/76); 2NO-09-673CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Resisting Arrest; Filed by the DAs Office 12/9/09.

State of Alaska v. Michael Dewey (7/20/67); 2NO-09-631CR Drunken Person on Licensed Premises; Date of offense: 10/10/09; Any appearance or performance bond is applied to surcharges, remainder forfeited; 10 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 10 days consecutive to 2NO-09-653, 696CR; Forfeit bail to State; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days, apply bail to costs; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated.

State of Alaska v. Michael Dewey (7/20/67); 2NO-09-653CR Count 2: Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 10/20/09; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 1 (001); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days consecutive to 2NO-09-631, 696CR; Forfeit bail to State, less surcharges; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Michael Dewey (7/20/67); 2NO-09-696CR Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 11/5/09; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 65 days suspended; Unsuspended 25 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Apply bail from 2NO-09-653CR; Probation until 12/9/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not return to Nome without written permission of court.

State of Alaska v. Justine Ahnangnatoguk (5/24/75); Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 10/25/09; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 20 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 20 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Derek Moses (8/8/89); 2NO-09-499CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Minor Consuming Alcohol; Filed by the DAs Office 12/10/09.

State of Alaska v. Derek Moses (8/8/89); 2NO-09-518CR Count 1: Assault 4th; DV; Date of offense: 8/13/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 2 (002); Any appearance of performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 90 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 12/10/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not contact, directly or indirectly, Jessica Russell without consent.

State of Alaska v. Colin Kulukhon-Lincoln (1/14/84); 2NO-08-649CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110698497; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: The condition of probation: Shall not possess or consume alcohol in dry or damp community is modified as follows: Shall not consume or possess alcohol; Probation extended to 12/10/10; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Colin Kulukhon-Lincoln (1/14/84); 2NO-09-477CR Liability Insurance Required; Date of offense: 7/25/09; any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 20 days, 20 days suspended; Fine: \$300 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$300 fine through Nome Trial Courts by 9/1/10; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Probation until 12/10/10; Comply with all court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; No violations of law, including any 4 point or more traffic violations.

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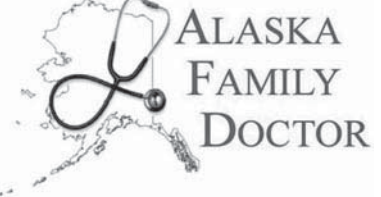
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## • Bowling

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Tomter said the explanation he received is reflected in the Rec Center master plan prepared for the City in June 2009. The master plan also notes: "At one time there were several bowling leagues and the alley was active every night.... The bowling alley officially closed in August of 2003, however it had been years since any leagues or teams flourished. An attempt in 2001 to start a league failed."

Tomter presented information to counter the master plan's statements that parts are not available and that no one in Nome can maintain the equipment. Ten other Nomeites expressed strong interest in restoring the bowling alley instead of demolishing it.

Tomter said he had learned that parts are widely available by Googling "Brunswick," the equipment supplier for the Rec Center bowling alley. He said the bowling alley was vibrant when it had a restaurant and was well maintained. "We already own it and if we get rid of it, we won't have it again," he said. He emphasized the potential for use of the bowling alley by kids after school and by families.

"I've got ideas to get it to work," Tomter said. His ideas include hiring a manager certified to maintain the bowling alley at an annual salary of about \$49,000, a rate specified for the vacant program assistant position at the Rec Center. Noting that bowling alley maintenance personnel were once paid \$12 an hour, Tomter said he can't get anyone to work at his restaurant for that wage.

Turning to Wally Johnson, who had maintained the bowling alley for 13 years, Tomter asked if Johnson would consider resuming the work for \$49,000. "Yes," Johnson replied.

"He's certified on the equipment, and it seems a huge benefit to the community if we look in that direction," Tomter said. A Brunswick representative recommended that Tomter contact Mark Nelson of Bowl Builders to evaluate the Rec Center bowling alley, according to e-mail correspondence Tomter provided to the council.

Tomter informed the council that Nelson recently replaced six A-2 pinsetters in perfect condition from Clear Air Force base and installed new models. The A-2 pinsetters will be stored at Fort Wainwright. Tomter said the City probably can obtain the pinsetters for little more than the cost of shipping them to Nome and they would

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**– Wally Johnson, former bowling alley employee**

last 30 years. He suggested that the City bring Nelson to Nome next week for two full days at a cost of \$4,000 to inspect the bowling alley and determine what it would cost to repair it.

### Support for bowling alley

Fred Moody said the city could use grant funds received for refurbishing the Rec Center to restore the bowling alley rather than tear it out. The facility could be used for recreation by kids after school, he added.

Lance Johnson, director of Nome Community Center, said he hopes city officials will make sure the bowling alley won't work before taking it away. "Teen activity is my interest," he said. He noted that teens have a new skate park at the Rec Center. He said supervision of youths at the bowling alley is important and he will be happy to discuss with the council the ways his agency can help.

Chris Busk, a teacher at Nome-Beltz High School, distributed a graph to council members showing strong support among students for making the bowling alley operational. Of 63 algebra students Busk polled, 43 strongly agreed and 13 agreed with the proposal. Busk said 20 teachers also support revitalizing the bowling alley. "It has educational value and monetary value," he noted. "Recreation is limited in Nome, and if you take away [the bowling alley], you are limiting our resources, especially in the cold, dark months."

Nelson] because I know the history behind the machines," he said.

In response to questions from Councilman Stan Andersen, Johnson said each Brunswick machine has 2,000 moving parts, the biggest concern is maintenance, and maintenance of the machines is a full-time job. "The Brunswick school certifies you to be capable for anything except a cracked housing," he said.

Andersen asked why interest in bowling had declined and whether league bowling dwindled after the restaurant closed down. Wally Johnson said the question is hard to answer, but possibly the mechanic who succeeded him could not keep the equipment running and bowlers became frustrated.

"It happened with the original bowling alley down the street," Andersen said. "A different generation came in and did not bowl."

"The people of Nome, especially children, should have an opportunity for other than basketball in the winter and softball in the summer," Wally Johnson replied. Others who spoke in support the bowling alley proposal were Mike Quinn, Paul Kosto, Russell Rowe, Mark Johnson, Jim Adams and Vicki Erickson.

Andersen, who presided at the meeting in the absence of Mayor Denise Michels, polled the council for responses to the public testimony. All agreed to review plans for the bowling alley in relation to questions and suggestions by those who testified at the meeting. Councilman Jon Larsen said he wished the issue had come up during the survey conducted a year ago to gather public input for the plan. Larsen and Councilman Jerald Brown attended the meeting by teleconference.

Councilwoman Mary Knodel asked City Manager Josie Bahnke to investigate bowling alley issues. Andersen told Bahnke the council is authorizing her to bring Mark Nelson to Nome to inspect the bowling alley at a cost of \$4,000.

Knodel said she had received a call from a constituent who told her a man who is coming to Nome for the holidays has offered to inspect machines at the bowling alley for free on Dec. 26. It was decided to delay Nelson's trip to Nome until after that date.

The council postponed action on a resolution to accept a proposal for the Nome Recreation Center Phase II Project from Northwind Architects until a thorough evaluation of the bowling alley has been completed.

## • Pool

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"I'd like to see the money go there to finish the project and bring the pool up to snuff," said Councilwoman Mary Knodel. She later suggested that funds for added lighting at the skating rink and grass planting at the Rec Center ball fields be added to the City's general fund budget when it is amended in January.

The council accepted the resignation of Councilman Neal Foster, the newly appointed representative for District 39 in the Alaska House of Representatives.

In other action, the council approved an ordinance to allow Banner Wind Farm to sell energy into the Nome Joint Utility System grid by a 4-0 vote. Councilman Jerald Brown, who attended the meeting by teleconference, abstained from the vote due to a conflict of interest.

Utility Manager John Handeland said this amendment to the Nome Code of Ordinances Chapter 15 deals with alternative energy and increases the limit of total energy flowing from sources outside the system to 1.2 megawatts (1,200 kilowatts). "As [Chapter 15] was set up 20-plus years ago, no one thought this far ahead or as big and the amount of energy input to the system was limited."

The wind farm will receive pay monthly with the amount depending on how much money the power coming off the farm saved the utility in expenses.

During a public hearing prior to the vote, Erickson expressed support for the ordinance, saying he and the Nome Chamber of Commerce are strong supporters of renewable energy.

"I saw my name in the paper, so I figured I'd better show up," said Jim Adams, whose 5-kwh system is the only other outside source currently going into the grid. Handeland said there is room for other alternative energy producers under the new limit

of 1,200 kilowatts.

The council unanimously adopted an ordinance affecting construction that incorporates into city law the most recent editions of the International Building, Mechanical, Residential and Uniform Plumbing and Fire codes. They replace codes for 2000.

The council approved resolutions to:

- Dispose of the City's right of reverter and reversionary interest in 50 lots of residential real property. The City retained a right of reverter and reversionary interest in the parcels from land sales in the early 1980s to assure that the deeded property was developed for residential purposes. The council is satisfied that the lots identified in the resolution were developed for those purposes.

- Authorize the city manager to execute a request for proposals for up to \$30,000 to revise the Port Development Plan.

- Authorize the city manager to enter into an agreement for professional services with Bering Strait Development Co. for up to \$30,000 to conduct technical energy audits on City facilities. Brown abstained from the vote due to a conflict of interest.

- Approved the design for the Nome-Beltz High School Building D and E roof replacement from Northwind Architects LLC.

The council approved a request for approval of the City's Rental, Use, Permit and Licensing Fee schedule for 2010; approved liquor license renewals for VFW Post No. 9569 and Nome Liquor Store; and approved a new liquor license application from Husky LLC.

The council said yes to Carl Emmons' request for a \$2,000 contribution from the City to the Lions Club to supplement funds raised by the club for the annual New Year's Eve fireworks display at Center Beach.

Bahnke congratulated Nome Police Officer Nicholas Harvey who graduated from the Alaska

law Enforcement Training Academy in Sitka Nov. 12.

Knodel noted the resignation of

Irene Anderson from the Nome Planning Commission and thanked her for many years of service.

The council decided not to hold a regular meeting on Dec. 28 but to call a special meeting if the need arises.

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**HERE COMES SANTA CLAUS**—Ian McRae, right, and Richard Beneville give the Jolly Old Elf a ride into the Nome Elementary School Kindergarten pageant Dec. 17. Program director Teresa Gartung and the young performers give the special guest a warm welcome.

## Contract puts a price on wind

By Sandra L. Medearis

Banner Wind's 18 turbines churning atop Banner Ridge are in full operation with repairs completed. Also complete, pending final approvals, is a lengthy power sales agreement by which the alternative energy company can sell power to the Nome Joint Utility System grid. The pact is good for 20 years unless terminated by breach of performance by one party. The NJUS Board went over the pact at its Dec. 15 meeting.

According to the final agreement, delivery of power from the wind farm to NJUS will formally start its commercial operation on Christmas Day. Key points of the pricing scheme are these:

- From Dec. 25 through Dec. 31, 2011, NJUS will pay the initial rate of a straight 18 cents per kilowatt hour.
- Sets a limit on how much electricity NJUS will accept from Banner Wind

- After the initial period, NJUS will pay based on an electric power rate formula reflecting NJUS' previous year's fuel costs and fuel efficiency as reported to the Power Cost Equalization office, along with the effect of the annual Consumer Price Index.
- NJUS will pay a maximum of 23 cents and 13 cents at the minimum, even if the formula yields a price higher or lower than these, according to the contract.
- Every four months a utility consultant will analyze any loss of NJUS generation efficiency caused by the hookup.
- Banner Wind LLC will pay for work by NJUS caused by its connection to the wind farm, but not over \$5,000 for any calendar year unless NJUS has provided a cost estimate and a justification for costs over the annual limit to Banner 10 days before starting

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## Rock Creek gaining the upper hand on water woes

### Mine achieving drawdown behind tailings dam

By Tyler Rhodes

Despite being idled for more than a year in terms of producing gold, the Rock Creek Mine is still playing host to a workforce of 50 employees and contractors.

Outside of maintaining the stalled operation's facilities, the main task at hand for the crew at the mine just north of Nome is the ongoing effort to reduce the massive buildup of water behind its tailings dam. With its water treatment plant processing approximately 400 gallons a minute and feeding nearly 30 injection wells, it appears operator NovaGold may finally be turning the corner on drawing down the more than 50 million gallons of water that built up behind a dam that was never supposed to hold back so much liquid.

"We are very pleased with the progress that our Rock Creek team has made in bringing the Rock Creek mine site into environmental compliance," NovaGold President and Chief Executive Officer Rick Van Nieuwenhuyse said via e-mail. "We look forward to getting the excess water removed from behind the TSF [tailings storage facility] dam structure and to evaluating our plans going forward."

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Jack DiMarchi of the Alaska Department of Natural Resource's Large Mine Permitting Team acknowledged that the company's effort has yielded good results and was meeting the department's expectations. DiMarchi said in less than a month, the mine was able to draw the pond down by approximately 13 million gallons of water. He said the water level measured 151.27 feet Nov. 15 and was down to 149.89 feet on Dec. 8. "This is good progress," he said.

The system to rid the storage facility of its overabundance of water is hinged on the performance of the 28 wells which inject water underground from the TSF after it passes through a treatment plant. Van Nieuwenhuyse said the system is now working well enough to abandon a plan the mine broached earlier this year to pipe its treated water all the way to Nome's sewage lagoons. That plan never advanced to the point where the City of Nome gave a final rejection or approval.

Van Nieuwenhuyse said the plan was dropped as Rock Creek was able to bring more of its injection wells online. "We evaluated this possibil-



Photo by Tyler Rhodes

**TROUBLED WATERS**—Several million gallons of water have been drained from the Rock Creek Mine's tailings storage facility since this September photo was taken.

ity further and decided that there were more viable alternatives to discharging water. Specifically, our injection well field is now working as designed and, we believe, will allow us to remove the excess water from behind the dam," he said.

Van Nieuwenhuyse added that since the dam

basin is "V" shaped, the pace of the water level's lowering should accelerate as the injection wells continue their work. As of Dec. 14, Van Nieuwenhuyse said the water level was dropping at a rate

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## Auxiliary missing \$8,500, former treasurer charged

By Tyler Rhodes

The former secretary and treasurer of American Legion Unit 19 Auxiliary is facing felony counts of theft, fraud and forgery for the alleged embezzlement of more than \$8,500 from the service organization.

According to a complaint filed in the Second Judicial District Court, Linda Jo Kimoktoak allegedly used her role in the Auxiliary to funnel approx-

imately \$8,550 to herself through writing herself checks and making unauthorized ATM and bank withdrawals.

The Auxiliary's president, Theresa Kenick, refused to comment on any aspect of the case or the organization's finances.

Kimoktoak also declined to comment on the charges.

The Auxiliary is a women's organization that compliments the

American Legion. Both are veterans service organizations. The local Auxiliary supports itself through a variety of fundraisers held throughout the year and provides assistance and support to veterans through a variety of projects and programs.

According to the complaint against Kimoktoak, a Nome Police Department investigation alleges the former secretary/treasurer used her

position to make unauthorized ATM withdrawals to the tune of \$1,600, write unauthorized checks to herself totaling \$2,650 and make other unauthorized withdrawals of \$4,300. The complaint claims Kimoktoak also presented unauthorized withdrawal slips for cash from the Auxiliary accounts held at Wells Fargo Bank.

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Letters

To: Senators Lesil McGuire and Bill Wielechowski with copy to U.S. Senator Mark Begich, U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Rep. Don Young, and Meera Kohler, AVEC Executive Director:

This is a response to your call to provide citizen’s feedback on the Draft State Energy Policy and Program Recommendations by Dec. 15. I’d like to provide some input on energy and other problems that have plagued the Wade Hampton area for many years. As stated in President Obama’s 2009 campaign theme, it is “Time for Change”.

When oil was first discovered in the North Slope, rural Alaskans were happy to anticipate purchasing fuel oil and gas at low cost; however, to our dismay the price was unexpectedly high. To this day it’s been increasingly rising, becoming a huge issue in recent newspaper headlines.

The current oil production is to have it first shipped to California refineries, shipped back to Alaska, distributed to retailers, then to the bush. This process is extremely expensive as the price of oil rises. Heating oil in Mountain Village is \$6/gallon and gasoline is \$5.62/gallon.

Please note there is a refinery at North Pole, AK. As the world-wide recession hit the country affecting all

types of businesses, I read this refinery was shut down due to financial losses in attempts to produce jet fuel for air cargo carriers. Should the refinery owners agree this refinery can be reopened with bulk holding facilities to meet energy needs at a reasonable cost and lessening financial hardships for rural residents? Should that happen it would mainly benefit the entire Yukon/Tanana region including entities, utility companies, etc. who depend heavily on gas for transportation, oil to heat buildings, etc., creating a win-win situation for everyone. Regulating organizations will need to be involved, as we all know.

As a 79-year-old elder I am giving my little input about this very important issue instead of complaining or asking for more welfare needs. Something must be done for this area of the state. Speaking of elders— we no longer harness our dogs to get a sled load of firewood. Our fixed income is based on what we have, but we are still thankful for it. I sincerely appreciate your efforts to develop strategies to benefit all Alaskans and going as far as asking private citizens’ input.

On behalf of all Alaskans I wish the legislature best wishes for a successful session. I encourage the leg-

islature to practice good stewardship of our state funds. God bless you all. Respectfully,  
Andrew Brown, Sr.  
Mountain Village, Alaska

Dear Editor,  
Looking at the world today the United States has become one of the most, if not the most policed country. We no longer are allowed to honestly write or say what we want, censorship. New laws are only there to stop others from becoming successful in life. Honest businesses are attacked when honestly helping the people. Remember the attack on NSEDC when they found a way to help us lower the cost of fuel, unlike their Denali Commission’s RUBA or some other name that was formed to find ways to save on our heating fuel.

Now we have this healthcare debate going on in Congress. If it passes, I believe our health will be in jeopardy. Look at all the indigenous people of the world. They never used to get sick until they got “westernized”.

Cancer has been an ongoing goal to cure in the medical industry. Their success rate of curing it is about two percent while the natural herbs cure rate is over ninety percent (naturalcures.com). When you deprive a living cell of oxygen for forty-eight hours, it becomes cancerous. (naturalcures.com). If the new healthcare bill passes, the natural remedies will be in their control because the proposed healthcare bill will mean a global healthcare regulation system (globalinformation-network.com) Because the FDA does not recognize natural remedies as cures, most or all natural cures are

being done outside of the United States. How many of your readers know that it is criminal to cure a person with natural remedies? In California, a lady was jailed for five years for curing her fourteen-year-old son of cancer with natural remedies. Look at “Magic Johnson”. We all know he had AIDS. The medical industry says there is no cure for it. He went overseas and got cured.

The public is numbed down through additives/preservatives in the food. They took Phonics out of the school system so that we will not be able to read. In religion, ninety percent of the helpful information is left out of sermons, a former pastor friend told me. They have a curricu-

lum just like the schools. Jesus was always teaching about love. Read the bible as a historical document and you will see what I mean.

“Just love yourself. Nature doesn’t make mistakes.” – Kevin Trudeau  
“Since honesty requires love, we should start from there.” – Visionary Mark Hamilton  
Warren S. Rock  
Brevig Mission, Alaska 99785

*Editor’s note: Ouch! The truth is so limiting.*

Sound Off

By Sue Steinacher

NEST (Nome Emergency Shelter Team) would like to clarify to the community and to our guests how we operate.

No one gets paid; all the workers, coordinators and cooks are volunteers. The shelter is only opened if the night temperature is predicted to be –10°F or colder, or –20°F or colder with wind chill because this is when people are at greatest risk to exposure, and because there are not enough volunteers to be open more often.

The Church of the Nazarene does not run the shelter. They graciously donate the space and are reimbursed for their expenses. Other organizations have donated needed supplies, and the volunteers come from across the community.

The shelter opens at 10 p.m. and everyone must be up and out, with the church cleaned, by 7 a.m., so that volunteers can get to their regular jobs. Guests assist with setting-up and cleaning up, and are always very appreciative.

We are in the process of incorporating as a non-profit organization, and are currently applying for grants that would allow us to hire some staff assistance. We are also seeking a more permanent location for next winter.

More volunteers are needed, especially for the 2 am – 7 am shift. For more information, or to offer a few hours of your time on a cold night, please e-mail [nomesteam@gmail.com](mailto:nomesteam@gmail.com) or call Abby Huggins at 304- 2898, or Sue Steinacher at 443-7673.

Letters to the editor must be signed and include an address and phone number. Thank yous and political endorsements are considered ads.

Editorial

No Place Like Nome for the Holidays

We live in a fantastic town. It’s home, it’s Nome. We welcome back our students who have been away at school. Meetings at the Nome airport are especially warm at this time of year when family and friends make it home for the holidays.

Let’s be of glad spirits this year as we head into a tough winter. The economy is rough. We have flu viruses to worry about, high fuel bills and the concern to go with making our fuel bills soar till they pop. We have a lot to contend with, but what an interesting time to live in Nome.

We have a town with spirit. Let’s be glad and enjoy the warmth of good neighbors and friends. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.  
—N.L.M.—

Please note: *The Nome Nugget* will not be published next week. We are closed the week between Christmas and New Year’s.

Nome Norton Sound Tide Predictions (High & Low Waters) — December 24 - 30, 2009

Day	Date	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height
Th	12/24	04:28 a.m. LST	0.7L	10:17 a.m. LST	1.1H	04:22 p.m. LST	0.3L	11:00 p.m. LST	1.3H
F	12/25	05:18 a.m. LST	0.6L	11:17 a.m. LST	1.0H	04:55 p.m. LST	0.5L	11:20 p.m. LST	1.3H
Sa	12/26	06:03 a.m. LST	0.5L	12:20 p.m. LST	1.0H	05:28 p.m. LST	0.6L	11:37 p.m. LST	1.3H
Su	12/27	06:45 a.m. LST	0.4L	01:23 p.m. LST	1.0H	06:03 p.m. LST	0.7L	11:50 p.m. LST	1.3H
M	12/28	07:27 a.m. LST	0.2L	02:25 p.m. LST	1.0H	06:43 p.m. LST	0.8L		
Tu	12/29	12:09 a.m. LST	1.3H	08:12 a.m. LST	0.1L	03:23 p.m. LST	1.1H	07:31 p.m. LST	0.9L
W	12/30	12:46 a.m. LST	1.4H	09:02 a.m. LST	0.0L	04:18 p.m. LST	1.1H	08:27 p.m. LST	0.9L

Daily variations in sea level due to local meteorological conditions cannot be predicted and may significantly effect the observed tides in this area. All times are listed in Local Standard Time (LST) or Local Daylight Time (LDT) when applicable. All heights are in feet referenced to Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW).

Weather Statistics

<b>Sunrise</b>	<b>12/24/09</b>	<b>12:04 p.m.</b>	<b>High Temp</b>	<b>36° 12/21/09</b>	<b>National Weather Service Nome, Alaska (907) 443-2321 1-800-472-0391</b>
	<b>12/30/09</b>	<b>12:01 a.m.</b>	<b>Low Temp</b>	<b>-17° 12/18/09</b>	
			<b>Peak Wind</b>	<b>46 mph, E, 12/21/09</b>	
			<b>Precip. to Date</b>	<b>14.42"</b>	
<b>Sunset</b>	<b>12/24/09</b>	<b>03:59 p.m.</b>	<b>Normal</b>	<b>16.26"</b>	
	<b>12/30/09</b>	<b>04:08 p.m.</b>			

Seasonal snow fall total (data collected since 7/1/09): 28.1" Current Snow Cover: 17.0" varies with sublimation/melting/blowing of snow.

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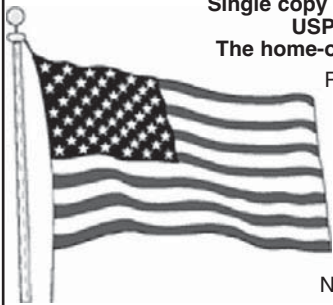
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# Alaska News Briefs

Compiled by Diana Haecker

## Native and environmental groups challenge Shell drilling decision, state rebukes

In a statement issued last Friday, Governor Sean Parnell vowed to continue to fight to protect jobs and resource development in Alaska as he requested the state's attorney general to file a motion to intervene in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals to uphold a federal decision allowing Shell to proceed with exploration for offshore oil. Parnell's statement said that several environmental groups challenged the decision by the Minerals Management Service to open the Chukchi Sea to oil drilling.

However, it was the Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission and the Inupiat Community of the Arctic Slope who first submitted the appeals to overturn Shell's drilling plan. At a later point, the locals were joined by environmental groups in the appeal. The groups claim that the Mineral Management Service did not properly evaluate the effects of the proposed drilling, including the risk of an oil spill. The state countered with an intervention to maintain that the federal agency adequately considered the impacts of oil drilling on the Arctic ecosystem and subsistence activities. Parnell said that oil development at the outer continental shelf would be critical to the state's economic future.

The state's attorneys have been intervening in several cases in which economic development was at stake, including litigation involving the Outer Continental Shelf and the Kensington Mine. On Thursday, the state filed a motion to intervene in a lawsuit challenging the federal National Marine Fisheries Service's decision not to list the ribbon seal as threatened under the Endangered Species Act. Under the legal theory that a warming climate endangers the existence of ice-dependent animals, the Center for Biological Diversity and others have petitioned to list ice seals and the polar bear under the endangered species act.

Polar bears were listed as a threatened species last year. Once a species is listed, environmental restraints on developments in their habitats become more regulated and restricted. This runs counter to the state's priority of resource and economic development. Governor Parnell's Fiscal Year 2011 budget includes funding for an additional attorney at the Department of Law specifically to handle only ESA issues, as well as \$800,000 for outside counsel to take on ESA-related work on the state's behalf.

## Road to Nome could get more funds

Last week Alaska Governor Sean Parnell unveiled his FY 2011 budget proposal and included \$1 million for continued work on the Western Access Study, or the study to blaze a road to Nome. The Department of Transportation is in its last weeks of completing a year-long study to identify costs and a potential route. A report was supposed to be out by December, but has been postponed and it will be published in January 2010.

## Millrock announces exploration agreement with Kinross for Council

Despite dropping the prospect at Divide, Millrock Resources still has interests in the Bering Strait region. Last week, the exploration company announced that it is about to enter an exploration agreement with Kinross Gold Corporation which includes mining claims near Council. Millrock has an agreement on the Council land block with the Bering Straits Native Corporation. Millrock had staked surrounding lands to form a large land package. Millrock and Kinross plan to do an initial drill test in summer of 2010.



## Salmon Lake land selection nears conveyance

Clearing one of the last hurdles before being conveyed to the Bering Straits Native Corporation, a Senate committee ratified the Salmon Lake Land Selection Resolution Act last week. The bill ratifies a settlement between the state of Alaska, the Bureau of Land Management and the Bering Straits Native Corporation completing land conveyances promised in the 1971 Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. The act was OK'd by the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee last week. Sen. Lisa Murkowski, the ranking Republican on the committee said that with passage of this bill the issues that have complicated land and wildlife management would be left behind and that the corporation's shareholders would finally realize the economic and cultural benefits of their land. The bill now must be passed by the full U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives before being signed into law by the president.

## UN climate conference ends with non-binding deal

The much-anticipated UN Climate Change Conference of Parties in Copenhagen, Denmark, ended with a legally non-binding accord on Friday, December 18. The key points of the accord include the objective to keep the

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR December 24 - 30, 2009

EVENT	PLACE	TIME
<b>Thursday, December 24</b>		
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*High School Practice	Pool	6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Preschool Story Hour	Kegoayah Library	10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Lap/Open Swim	Pool	11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	1:30 p.m. - 2 p.m.
*Happy Holidays	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
*Wiffleball (3rd - 6th grades)	Nome Rec Center	4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*City League of Women's Club	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Wine Tasting	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
*Swing Dancing with Seiji	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.

## Friday, December 25

Merry Christmas, watch for businesses being closed today!

<b>Saturday, December 26</b>		
*UMW Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Water Aerobics	Pool	1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
*RELAX-Award Winning Stress Relief video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*The New Mother: Putting It All Together video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

<b>Sunday, December 27</b>		
*Celebrate Birth-Be Gentle With Me vid	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Happy Healthy Babies & Moms video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.

<b>Monday, December 28</b>		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:15 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 6 p.m.
*Social Services class	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Beginning Yoga with Kari	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*The Innocent Victim video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Circuit Training with Kelly S.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Water Aerobics	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.

<b>Tuesday, December 29</b>		
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*High School Practice	Pool	6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*Preschool Story Hour	Kegoayah Library	10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Lap/Open Swim	Pool	11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	noon - 2 p.m.
*Audiology class	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Medicaid/Denali KidCare class	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*14 Steps to Better Breastfeeding vid	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*AA Teleconference: 1-800-914-3396	(CODE: 3534534#)	7 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY

<b>Wednesday, December 30</b>		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:15 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Rotary Club	Airport Pizza	noon - 10 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	1:30 p.m.
*Pregnancy: 9 Special Months video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Welcome to the World, 3 Birth Stories video	Prematernal Home	
*Step Box with Kelly S.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Master Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Hello Central (also on Channel 98)	Nome Visitors Center	7:30 p.m.
*Open Space Yoga	Nome Rec Center	9 p.m. - 10 p.m.

<b>Community points of interest hours of operation:</b>		
XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Tu - F)
Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (M - F)
Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	noon - 5:30 p.m. (M - F)
Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	additional hours by appointment
Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	noon - 8 p.m. (M - Th)
		noon - 6 p.m. (F - Sa)
		2 p.m. - 9 p.m. (M - Th)
		1 p.m. - 5 p.m. (Sa)

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• Wind

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work and receiving a signature.

- The two power producers will pay each other monthly, including power purchased from NJUS by Banner Wind when the winds are calm, for example.
- Banner Wind LLC will receive any benefits or advantages from the development, construction, operation and maintenance of the alternative energy source.

Meanwhile, NJUS is working with Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. to explore long-term membership in the NSEDC Consolidated Bulk Fuel Program to save money on power generation through cheaper fuel. NJUS has already used the lower interest and lower price afforded by the program to save dollars on 1 million gallons or so purchased to top off tanks when fuel

prices went down this fall. NJUS manager John K. Handeland and NSEDC executives signed the finance agreement for this fuel Nov. 24, saving the utility at least \$70,000 over commercial financing. According to NJUS, the transaction lowered the surcharge on ratepayers’ electric bills from 18.01 cents to 16.93 cents per kWh.

NJUS currently buys diesel fuel for its generators through the Western Alaska Fuel Group. Consultants are penciling out the costs to find the best deal for future purchases.

That contract notes that NSEDC and NJUS want to look at the potential benefits to Nome residents and other bulk fuel program member communities if Nome added its big demand to the current consolidated purchasing power to reduce high energy costs in the region.

NSEDC has already put out the welcome mat for NJUS participation in next year’s fuel

purchase. The program is restricted to entities with bulk fuel storage capacity and U.S. Coast Guard-approved fuel transfer equipment, and must be a municipal or tribal government, a local fuel vendor or a Native corporation. Organizations have to be paid up for the 2009 purchase by Jan. 4. NSEDC, a non-profit, does not mark up the fuel price.

“NSEDC views this program as an opportunity to further economic development in the region,” NSEDC Vice President and CEO Janis Ivanoff told NJUS in her letter. “By acting as a central point for the administration of fuel orders and backing purchases for fuel with its credit, NSEDC is working to do its part in helping Norton Sound communities cope with the high cost of fuel.”

Overdue payments would collect interest at 10 percent per annum. Also, NSEDC charges

each participant a proportionate share of administrative expenses—legal fees and value of staff time—based on the number of gallons bought by the program member.

In other business, board members received an extensive report on water and sewer system work completed in the 2009 season, which included total water main installed, 22,750 feet; total sewer main installed, 500 feet; total force main installed, 1,100 feet.

Proposed water and sewer activities for 2010 include:

- Water and sewer master plan update
- Complete Sixth Avenue pump house upgrades
- Bypass Road utilities and service to the new NSHC hospital
- Moonlight Springs water transmission main upgrades
- Gold Avenue water main construction.

• Rock Creek

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of a foot every two to three weeks.

Injection wells were not the only tool Rock Creek pulled out of the bag in its effort to remove water from behind the dam. In the fall before the cold weather set in, large water guns were used uphill from the dam to disperse the water and allow it to drain back into the ground. As the days dipped below freezing, the guns took on the appearance of snow-making equipment, painting the hillside with a wide swath of white. “[We] do plan to re-start when the weather warms up next spring as this was an efficient way of dispersing excess water in the system,” Van Nieuwenhuyse said.

NovaGold’s work on the TSF has not been limited to the water. The mining firm has also focused on the outside structure of the dam. “We added another layer of material in front of the Tailings Storage Facility (TSF) dam structure as an extra precaution to ensure long-term dam safety,” Van Nieuwenhuyse wrote. “There is some minor additional work actively going on to widen the working area on the dam face, and we have completed a number of monitoring wells and installed various monitoring equipment to monitor dam safety.”

The dam was originally designed to hold the tailings, the waste material after the gold is separated from the ore, which were to be about 65 percent solid and 35

percent water. The system was designed for the water to evaporate out of the impoundment. Aided by a couple of winters with considerable snowfall that were followed by significant runoff, the dam collected much more water than was originally permitted and planned.

Whether NovaGold’s buttressing of the dam will be sufficient for its future use will be the goal of a DNR study. “DNR is working with the mine to see that certain aspects of the dam’s past performance are addressed in the next few months and before the TSF is used for tailings disposal again,” DiMarchi said. “Basically there is a program being crafted to monitor the dam (settling, temperature, water levels) through the winter and then complete a geotechnical program to collect more data from the bedrock below the dam next summer to come up with some conclusions about the suitability of the original design or construction, any changes to the permafrost under the dam, and to characterize the bedrock conditions that might have contributed to the higher-than-expected seepage rates.”

DiMarchi said the program may result in additional modifications being required of the dam or it may find that the current design is sufficient.

Van Nieuwenhuyse said getting the tailings facility back to a state where it could again support a producing mine will be necessary before NovaGold de-

cides whether or not it will seek to restart operations at Rock Creek. “We are continuing to gather information related to a possible re-start of the operations; however, our first priority is to remove the excess water from behind the dam,” he said. “No re-start can occur until the water is removed. We will be addressing this during our 2010 budget plans.” NovaGold stopped work toward production in November 2008.

Van Nieuwenhuyse was also non-committal on whether NovaGold has been in negotiations to sell off portions of its Nome area holdings that do not include the Rock Creek operation. “We have been approached by several parties who have expressed interest in several of the business ventures ongoing on Alaska Gold lands,” he said. “We are under confidentiality and therefore it would be inappropriate to comment further.”

Running ahead of the runoff

As winter just starts, Van Nieuwenhuyse said Rock Creek is already preparing for the spring breakup. Van Nieuwenhuyse said work has been conducted and is continuing on and around three drainage channels installed at the mine site. The work is aimed at reducing sediment making its way into the naturally flowing waterways in the area.

“We have built a significant structure to manage water at the out-flow of Drainage Chanel No. 1 (DC No. 1 or upper-most channel to collect and manage storm water) as well as completed significant placement of liners and rip rap and vegetative re-seeding to ensure minimal run-off of turbid water from the mine site,” he said. He said similar work is occurring at the other two drainage channels.

Van Nieuwenhuyse said work will continue on the storm water prevention

aspects of the operation for the next six weeks. The state will be watching the results of that work when this year’s snowfall returns again to liquid. “The test will be the quality of their runoff this spring,” DiMarchi said.

High levels of sediment in the water, known as turbidity, discharged from the mine site into area creeks in the past have proved costly for Rock Creek. In May NovaGold agreed to pay the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency more than \$880,000 for fines related to storm water discharges into Rock, Lindblom and Glacier creeks from April 2007 to September 2008. The EPA faulted the company for what it described as unchecked runoff as well the lack of an adequate prevention plan to deal with such runoff. The fine was one of the largest levied for a general permit in the four states that make up the EPA’s Region 10.

• Auxiliary

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The complaint states that Kimoktoak held the secretary/treasurer position from March 2006 to April 2007. Kimoktoak faces charges of second-degree forgery, fraudulent use of access device and second-de-

gree theft. All three are felonies.

According to the police report, officer Byron Redburn spoke with Kimoktoak in October this year at which time she admitted owing the Auxiliary a substantial amount of money and agreed to pay it back.

Kimoktoak made a felony first ap-

pearance before Magistrate Bradley Gater Dec. 3 and was scheduled for a preliminary hearing Dec. 22. Public defender Kirsten Bey asked that the hearing be continued having just received discovery in the case. The hearing was reset for Jan. 5 at 1:30 p.m. before Gater.



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# Mukluks, midnight mass and Eskimo games

Story and photo by Reba Lean

Francis Alvanna, 69, spent his early years on the isolated King Island. Before he came to Nome for his high school years in the early 1950s, he remembers the Christmases he celebrated with the community on the Island.

"Every year we would go to the schoolhouse and watch a play," he said. The schoolhouse was the largest building on the small island—big and white. The play was the same each year, the priest's own spin on Christmas. Mary and Joseph's costumes were made from sheets, while the shepherds' were made from burlap bags. Francis was a shepherd. There were also about 30 sheep played by younger children. People would go watch in their brand new mukluks and new parkas they got

every Christmas.

At home they each had a traditional American stocking, and his was full of candies and crayons. At midnight, they would attend Mass.

Francis referred to Rie and Juan Muñoz's book, *The King Island Journal*, in which he's featured a couple times in photographs as a child. He remembers their years on the island and the 1951 Christmas described. The couple generously wrapped 150 gifts for students, ages five to 19, and made fruitcakes for several families.

Francis also remembers a Christmas dinner that the whole island contributed to. In the Muñozes' book, Juan talks about how Rie made a baked spaghetti dinner for more than 150 people. Others brought bread and Eskimo ice cream containing

berries, salmon eggs, reindeer fat and seal oil, of which Juan said he could only swallow "with the help of a large piece of bread, and many mouthfuls of coffee."

The day after Christmas, the village gathered in the evening for Eskimo dancing. For the rest of the days until New Year's, the kids competed in Eskimo games.

Nowadays Francis spends Dec. 25 with his wife, Edna, his seven grown kids and still attends the midnight mass.

**MEMORIES**—Francis Alvanna points out a picture of him as a young boy in *The King Island Journal* as he reminisces of Christmases past.



## Over the river and through the woods in Unalakleet

Story and photo by Sandra L. Medearis

They had community carolers, a big live tree cut fresh from the country and hauled in on a sled by snowmachine or dog team, but for Amber Bradley, Christmas in Unalakleet was about grandparents and family.

"I remember so much about going over to my Grandpa Shacky and Laurina Ryan's house. We had a big huge Christmas dinner, almost as big as Thanksgiving," Amber said. "My favorite was the turkey stuffing. There was my mom, Karen Bradley, my dad, Fred Ryan Jr., and my five siblings."

They were lucky that her grandparents had a present for them to open on Christmas day, Amber said.

"On Christmas Eve we would get to open one present, but always ended up opening all our presents—socks, clothing and Barbies," she said. "We tried to save at least one, but that never happened."

As a child, the Christmas tree was almost as important to her as the presents.

"Most people had a real live Christmas tree. I love the smell of the pine needles. My favorite part was decorating it. We had fun making decorations. One time we made little beaded felt hearts or Christmas tree shapes that were frames for pictures," Amber remembered. "Once I made a big Santa with cotton and a paper suit colored red. That sticks in my memory."

The family always watched Christmas movies. One movie was very educational in teaching her a lesson.

"When I was about 7 years old, we watched 'The Christmas Story.' Something that happened in there influenced me to try putting my tongue on a cold metal boat. I thought maybe my tongue wouldn't stick," Amber laughed. "I had to test it, but it did. I was outside alone. I had to pull it off, and it was cut."

Christmas day might hold ice-skating on the Unalakleet River near the house.

On the way to visit other folks, the family would stop by the home of her maternal grand-

*"On Christmas Eve we would get to open one present, but always ended up opening all our presents."*

— Amber Bradley

parents, Ransom and Annabelle Bradley, to visit and give presents.

Amber Bradley said she strongly believes in Santa Claus.



## THE "TOP TEN" WAYS TO AVOID THE EMERGENCY ROOM DURING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

- #10 Don't go *"through the river and over the woods"*.  
(Be careful of ice and overflow when traveling by snowmachine and four-wheeler.)
- #9 Don't *"roast chestnuts on an open fire"*.  
(Be careful not to overload electrical outlets or leave wood stoves unattended.)
- #8 Be careful *"rocking around the Christmas tree"*.  
(Celebrate sanely and wisely.)
- #7 Respect the *"silent night"*.  
(Drive cautiously in the dark.)
- #6 Beware of the *"the new fallen snow"*.  
(Shovel snow slowly, stop periodically to rest.)
- #5 Use caution *"up on the house top"*.  
(Be careful hanging lights outside the house.)
- #4 Watch for *"Frosty the Snowman"*.  
(Dress appropriately for the weather.)
- #3 Yield to *sleighs*.  
(Obey the rules of the road when walking or driving.)
- #2 Don't partake in *"sugar plums"*. (No street drugs.)
- #1 **The Christmas spirit is NOT what you drink; it is how you THINK!**



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# Erna enjoys homegrown Christmas

By Sandra L. Medearis

Erna Rasmussen's homespun Christmas unfolded on a small family farm in the mountains of Norway where hard work put the Christmas dinner on the table.

"Most of our presents were knitted or crocheted," Erna laughed, telling her tale over the dining room table in her home on Fourth Avenue. "If anyone got a purchased present from the store, that was wonderful!"

"My older sister Ingeborg [Handeland] and my mother, Amanda, knitted all kinds of things—curtains, tablecloths, almost everything we needed was made at home. Mother clipped the wool, washed it, carded it and spun it into yarn. Then we

made what we needed. I must have learned to knit the same time I learned to walk."

The family—mom, dad, three daughters and four sons—provided their food from their farm—potatoes from the garden patch, meat from cows and sheep they raised, clothing from the sheep, chickens and eggs, nut and fruit trees. They cranked butter in a churn.

"That was hard work. Your arm got very tired," Erna laughed.

From such hard work came their bountiful holiday dinner, the center of the Christmas Eve family celebration.

"The big celebration was always Christmas Eve, and it was for just

the cozy family of the household," Erna said. "Every business closed at 2 p.m. On Christmas Day, we had church and parties with the extended family. The second day we had more parties with extended family and relaxation. It was very nice. The third day we went back to regular activities."

The tree came in the door Christmas Eve, selected by her brothers from the countryside of spruce trees standing among the birches.

One of the best parts, Erna remembers, was when they would carefully move the tree away from the wall so everyone in the family could join hands to walk around the tree singing carols. That wasn't all. They played games, too.

"That was always the tradition," Erna said.

Then came time for "white mush."

"We called it 'white mush.' You

would call it "rice pudding. Whoever found the almond hidden in the pudding won a piece of marzipan," Erna said.

The family had to take extra caution in moving the tree when she was small, as the home didn't have electricity, so her mother clipped small candles onto the branches for lights.

Spareribs starred in the Christmas Eve feast. There were blueberries, cranberries and currants from summer trips to their cabin where they gathered grass for hay while the sheep grazed open range on the hillside. Fruit juice, potatoes and other vegetables came from the root cellar.

We would butcher lambs and cows, put them in salt brine, then hang them in the loft upstairs to drip and dry," Erna said. "The meat, the spareribs were so wonderful when you cooked them in the oven!"

When Erna was younger, the Christmas festivities never flowed

along without interruption.

"One of my brothers or my father, Aadne, would suddenly remember that the cows needed more hay or something else needed to be tended in the barn. They would go out," Erna grinned.

"A few minutes later, Santa would barge in and drop a big burlap bag off his shoulder onto the floor. We children never caught on."

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maximum temperature rise to below 2° Celsius; the commitment to list developed country emission reduction targets and mitigation action by developing countries for 2020; \$30 billion short-term funding for immediate action until 2012 and \$100 billion annually by 2020 in long-term financing, as well as mechanisms to support technology transfer and forestry. The accord was reached between the U.S., China, India, Brazil and South Africa. Many developing countries and climate change activists were disappointed with the non-binding outcome and the mere recognition of the accord by 193 nations. During the UN conference chaos ensued as many non-governmental organizations were expelled from the climate talks and thousands of people demonstrated outside the conference venue, demanding climate justice.

In reactions, Alaska Sen. Lisa Murkowski called the climate deal an "economically damaging climate action non-starter" and said in a statement that despite the Senate majority's failure to prioritize a climate bill ahead of the negotiations in Copenhagen, the past two weeks have made clear that domestic legislation would not resolve the full range of fundamental, international disagreements. She took an isolationist's approach to global climate change and said that this matter must be addressed in a way that strengthens the US economy and bolsters the American energy security. She said the American climate policy needs to stand on its own because it would be the right approach for the country, regardless of the actions other nations do, or do not, take.

The non-binding and non-committal nature of the accord also drew criticism from environmental

groups. Kieran Suckling, executive director of the Center for Biological Diversity, said that merely acknowledging the weaknesses of the deal does not excuse its failings. Suckling warned that humankind stands at the precipice of climatic tipping points beyond which a climate crash will be out of anybody's control. He said the only hope that flows from Copenhagen stems from the birth of a diverse global movement demanding real solutions and climate justice.

### Denali commission has new federal co-chair

U.S. Commerce Secretary Gary Locke appointed Alaskan Joel Neimeyer as the federal co-chair of the Denali Commission. Neimeyer is a former program manager for the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium to the Denali Commission and will be the first Alaska Native to serve as head of the commission. The Denali Commission is a federal-state partnership designed to provide critical utilities, infrastructure and support for economic development in Alaska by delivering federal services in the most cost-effective manner possible.

The Denali Commission operates hundreds of projects in rural communities across the state. A civil engineer, Neimeyer has worked as a program officer through the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium and as an environmental health officer for the Indian Health Service. He is active in civil affairs in Anchorage as president of the Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center Board and is a board member of the United Way. Neimeyer starts work at the Denali Commission on January 3. Sen. Mark Begich recommended Neimeyer to the Obama administration. George Canellos held the post prior to Neimeyer.

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## Inge tells of Norwegian-Nome Traditions

*They would sing around the tree*

**By Reba Lean**

On a cold December day, Ingeborg Handeland, 86, can be found inside her cozy yellow house with a tin of Norwegian sand cookies and recalling her earlier Christmases in both Sirdal, Norway and Nome.

"We didn't have Santa Claus in Norway when I was growing up," she said. Instead, on Christmas mornings, she and her siblings would receive a present from their parents. Inside the present was always a clothing item, "new mittens or new socks most of the time." Nevertheless, Christmases were memorable and Ingeborg can recollect all the way back to age three.

In 1953, the Handelands came to Nome. Ingeborg and her husband Kai were brand new to the American ways of Christmas and she remembers that first year. In a house across from the now-XYZ Center, "We put

our tree in the middle of the floor, and it was just me and my husband. We just walked around the tree and held hands and sang our Norwegian Christmas songs."

Seven years later, their son John was born, and then Arne in 1962, and finally Linda in 1963. Their children's early Christmases were spent in the American tradition with a Norwegian twist. "Then we knew about Christmas because then we had lived in America. We knew about presents and we knew about Christmas parties." But still, her son Arne said, they would celebrate with a few tricks learned in Norway. For their Christmas feast, it was primarily Norwegian food like the potato dish called lefse that all the kids really seem to love, and a prune and apricot pudding. Most presents were opened on Christmas Eve, he said, "It was more exciting than Christmas."



Photo by Denise Olin

**LOVE IS IN THE SNOW** (above left)—Doug Martinson's forklift left an unintentional pair of hearts on a snowy driveway.

**IS THIS FOR ME?** (above)—One year old Ernest Henry closely examines the Christmas present he received at the VFW Children's Party on Dec. 20.

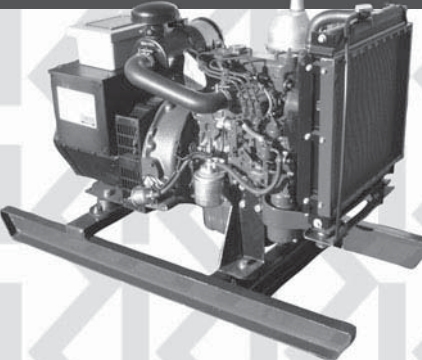
**REMEMBERING FONDLY, EARLIER CHRISTMASSES** (left)—Ingeborg Handeland tells of past Christmases in Sirdal, Norway and Nome.




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AWWW (above right)—Mrs. Claus attempts to comfort Karmun Johnson, 2, as she sheds a tear from Santa shyness at the Children's party at the VFW.

CASSICAL MUSIC – Laura Davis from the band “Classical Trio” performs at the City of Nome Christmas Extravaganza at the Old St. Joe's on Dec. 9.



Photo by Sandra L. Medearis

BEAUTIFUL CATHEDRAL—Oscar Contreras shows the large church, Jesus de Milagros, that was the center of activities in his enviable story of Christmas celebrations in El Salvador



# Watch out for Torito!

By Sandra L. Medearis

Oscar Contreras is standing behind the bar at Airport Pizza, talking to folks. Happy memories animate his face. His eyes flash as they reflect the Christmas Eve fireworks in the plaza. He puts his arms out, moose-rack wide, and steps side to side. Torito, all dressed up in his disguise, is running around the cobblestones and after young Oscar right now, the same way he waved his fireworks and ran after squealing kids in Contreras' native El Salvador years ago.

Oscar's audience leans forward into the drama of his Christmas story. They can hear the guitars, smell the cypress trees, hear the feet dancing in the square in front of the cathedral, feel the warm air on the arms of parents sitting on benches in short-sleeved shirts.

"We went to church first, Midnight Mass, then everyone went into the plaza for feasting, dancing, playing music. The whole town got together in the park, all night long. Everyone was waiting for Torito, the little bull. He ran around like lightning, like he was on fire with fireworks. It was the same guy for many years," Oscar said, speaking of men who traditionally put on cages covered with fireworks and charge at the crowd.

"We had turkey and special bread

in long loaves baked for that night. The women had been baking for the families, for the neighbors. There were lights all over the church and many, many Christmas trees," Oscar said. "Religion was strong. The other churches joined us at Jesus de Milagros, our big, big cathedral. There were little gifts for all the kids. The community got together and really took care of the kids. It was all about sharing and taking turns. It was a good time for everybody. All our arguments were forgotten."

Taking turns?

"You go to the church and they give you a day. You are so glad when your family gets their day. On your day before Christmas, everyone comes to your house," Oscar explained. "Everyone meets at the church and then walks in a body to the house where it is their turn. They open their doors and everyone goes in at once. We share our food. We celebrate. We talk. If a family doesn't have enough, the community and the church take all the food to the house"

Where in El Salvador?

"The town is Coatepeque, but it doesn't matter. It is the same all over Central America—Panama, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Costa Rica, El Salvador—we all have that same culture, that same celebration," Oscar said.



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**DEPARTURE (above)**—The group loads up the pupmobile in Nome, getting ready to head north to the hot springs.

**BOUNTY (right)**—Hunter and author George Schofield poses with ptarmigan along the tracks on the way home.

## A Seward Peninsula Outing

By George Schofield,  
Class of 1917

Another Christmas treat from the archives of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum. This article originally appeared in "The Aurora, '13" the yearbook published by the students of the Nome High School for the year 1912-1913 in Nome, Alaska.

The trip to Pilgrim Hot Springs in 1912 involved the use of a pupmobile drawn by a dog team on the old railroad tracks up the trail to the north of Nome along the route of the present day Kougarak Road. The trip was made by Frank Karrer, George Schofield, Hilda Johnson, Elizabeth Neuman and Harold Lyle (uncle of Donna Lyle Morgan).

All photos accompanying this story are from the Frank Karrer Collection at the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum. Frank Xavier Karrer was the superintendent, principal and teacher at the Nome High School from 1911 to 1914. The photo collection was given to the people of Nome by Frank Karrer's niece, Joan Karrer Boose in 2002. Museum notes or comments are italicized in parenthesis.

The advanced stage of twentieth century civilization makes it easy for the man of the city and the plains to follow the "call of the wild." He has but to board a steamer or train to be, within a few hours, in the heart of the wilderness, or to take his touring car or motor cycle and in a short time leave behind him the noises of the city.

Traveling in Seward Peninsula is quite different, for there the dog is indeed "man's best friend," ready at any hour of the day or night to start on a long mush at the call of his master.

Oh! for the joys of a ride in a dogmobile, with its intelligent motive power! Who would not prefer it to the automobile? No speed limits, leaking tanks, punctured tires, and the other griefs of the automobilists.

On the tenth of August last [1912],

a party from Nome started for an outing at the Kruzamapa Hot Springs [now known as Pilgrim Hot Springs]. Their dogmobile was a small flat car about four feet by seven feet, drawn by a string of bird dogs and malamutes. They started about eight o'clock on a sunny morning with just enough snap in the air to be invigorating. The dogs tugged at their lashes, eager to go, and the crowd piled on at the word from the driver and we're off in a mad rush across the tundra to the foot hills; past the famous Little Creek and Bessie pay-streaks, then steadily up, up, up over the foot hills, and down again into the valleys, between mountains along the sides of which could be traced mile after mile of ditches used for mining purposes; across trestles in the neglected road which hung in mid-air, held together only by fish plates, where the well trained dogs, unhitched from the car by the driver, Floyd Wheeler, jumped from the track, ran around the wash-out, and were again hitched to the car, all without a stop or a perceptible slackening of the speed. At noon they stopped for lunch at the U.S. Road House, [also known as Dorothy Creek Roadhouse] thirty miles from Nome, and the dogs were seemingly as fresh as in the morning and the passengers, after satisfying their hunger, were eager for another ride. Night found the tired but enthusiastic crowd at the Iron Creek Road House where they declared they had the best meal of their lives, on game and fish cooked to the hunter's taste.

The next morning they were off early and found it just as interesting as the first day. From Iron Creek there was a change in the scenery for they were traveling around the Coast Range, the Sawtooth Mountains, whose majestic tops were covered with snow even in the balmy August weather. The vegetation became larger and the bare iron-stained sides of the mountains showed many colored in the sun light. The road-bed grew worse,

the washout deeper, and in places there were glaciers on the track which the passengers had to walk around, and places where the ties were entirely gone, but the dogs pulled cheerily on. At noon the party reached Cottonwood and the end of their dogmobile ride. From there they were taken down the Kruzamapa River by the natives.

The rabbits and foxes ran out and took peeks at the strange intruders, and from every direction could be heard the songs of birds. After traveling eleven miles of such a winding river between mountain peaks so constantly changing their direction that it was impossible to believe they were the same range, the weary travelers landed on the bank of the river and after a walk of a quarter of a mile were at the Springs. And oh! those trees. After living for years where there are none it was like the first sight of a long absent friend. Some said they felt like hugging the trees. They found their sojourn at the Springs all and more than they had anticipated; with a comfortable log house to live in; delightful and rejuvenating hot mineral baths; long walks among the trees; hunting and picking berries; fishing in the many lakes; rowing on the river; and building bon-fires in the evening around which they told sto-



ries; sang songs and toasted marshmallows; so that when the three weeks had expired and it was time to return home no one wanted to go.

The trip back on the dog car had lost none of its attractions, and as the hunting season had opened, there was added excitement. The two leaders were trained bird dogs, and as the car was flying along the leaders would suddenly stop and point and the hunters would get off and in a few minutes come back with a bag of game. By the time the car reached the road house the party had over fifty ptarmigan.

The whole trip was a pleasant one and one long to be remembered, and it ended as it had begun, but with a fin-

ishing touch of enjoyment. Upon reaching the top of the foot hills the dogs suddenly stopped and looked around at their master, who proceeded to unhitch them, and after putting the leaders on the car with the passengers, and leaving the others to follow, gave the car a push, and away it flew down the mountain side giving the passengers an exhilarating coast of over seven miles, landing them within a short ride of home. The unanimous vote was that the outing had been a success and they would go again.

Story and photos compiled by Cheryl Thompson and Laura Samuelson of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum.

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**ALTERNATIVE ENERGY (left)**—A greenhouse at Pilgrim Hot Springs, or Kruzemapa Hot Springs as it was called in the early 20th century, utilized steam pipes to provide heat for the plants and flowers.

**STILL STEEP AND SNOWY (above)**—The Sawtooth, or Kigluaik Mountains, whose majestic tops were covered with snow even in the balmy August weather in 1912 have beckoned hikers and adventurers for generations. The snow-covered peak is the Seward Peninsula's high point, Mount Osborn.

## The Hot Springs and Sawtooth Range

By Lillian Simson for the 1911  
Aurora Yearbook

*Yet another Christmas story from the archives of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum*

Northward from Nome may be seen the low round-topped hills which are four miles back on the tundra. From the summit of these one can see a number of granite-peaked mountains that have the appearance of the tooth of a saw. From this appearance the Kigluaik Mountains received the name of Sawtooth. This range is 15 miles wide and 60 miles long.

Some of the peaks are capped with snow. This is the only place about Nome where there is "ice and snow, the year around."

Mt. Osborne, the highest peak on Seward Peninsula, is 4,700 feet high. The north side rises nearly 3,000 feet in a seemingly straight wall, which has evidently been made by volcanic action and looks as if it were polished. As it has many different kinds and colors of rock formation it makes one of the grandest and most impressive views of Alaska.

The Kruzemapa Hot Springs are 60 miles from Nome. The trip can be made in one day by dog team.

In the past as many as 100 people have been there at a time, but now the large hotel has been destroyed by fire and fewer people can be accommodated.

They are near the Pilgrim River, which flows north and then west of

them, where it empties into the Kuzietriem River.

The springs, by which many people have been cured of their different ailments, through the health-giving properties of the water, bubble up from the sand in the same manner as other hot springs, even in the coldest weather the creek is open and the snow melted for a half mile around.

The soil for a considerable distance is warm. In some places by digging for about three feet, water is reached; in other places the ground is quite dry.

East of the hotel there is a garden of 12 acres and west of it is a potato-patch of four acres.

Four years ago 70 tons of the finest flavored turnips, rutabagas, cauliflower, radishes, lettuce, carrots and potatoes were raised there. The last few years the amount produced has not been so large.

Near the springs is a large grove of cottonwood trees, which are the largest on the Seward Peninsula. This is a very pleasing sight to the people of Nome, as there are no trees for many miles around, and cottonwood recalls a summer climate.

Near the springs, in the Pilgrim River that is very clear, grayling, trout, pike, salmon and whitefish are plentiful.

Rabbits and ptarmigan are also found in abundance.

In the winter, after the holiday season, many people of Nome find the period of recreation at the Kruzemapa Springs both pleasant and beneficial.

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*Merry Christmas and a happy New Year from the staff of The Nome Nugget (and Santa too). We wish you and your family the best this Holiday Season! We are celebrating with family and friends and are unavailable for this next week; our next publishing date is on Jan. 8. Also from Flip, Snoopy, Neve, Grubby and Zorro*



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# Unalakleet Sewing Circle auction yields record \$22,000

## Elders and children receive Christmas money from sale of handmade items

By Laurie McNicholas

Every Unalakleet elder, orphan and child in a single parent household received Christmas cards with gifts of cash early this month from members of the Sewing Circle, an organization dating back to 1887 when missionary Axel Karlson established the community's Covenant Church.

The cash gifts are proceeds from the annual Sewing Circle auction of handcrafted goods and other donated items held Nov. 27 in Unalakleet Schools' multipurpose room. This year's auction produced a record \$22,000, reports Sewing Circle member Heidi Ivanoff.

"The auction was successful this

\$18,000 at its auction, always held the day after Thanksgiving, members told *The Nome Nugget* in an interview last month during a meeting of the group hosted by Olga Oyounmick, wife of Covenant Church pastor Joel Oyounmick. "We collect 85 percent of it that night," Ivanoff said.

In addition to handmade products, Sewing Circle members said auction items have included donated berries, salmon strips, bread, Bering Air tickets and for fun one year, 20 pair of men's pants. Winning bidders pay for store-bought items immediately, but for handcrafted products the Sewing Circle may accept a down payment of one third of the amount

bid on auction night. Giving buyers of handmade goods more time to pay helps the Sewing Circle obtain the best prices for them, Ivanoff explained.

"Not just the Sewing Circle makes things," she noted. "It's really a community-wide donating of handmade items. We provide supplies of cloth and yarn." She said most of the funds raised at the auction are distributed to elders and children a week after the auction. "The extra money after gifting elders and children goes for a variety of projects at the Unalakleet Covenant Church, including carpeting, renovations, roofing, etc.," she added. "We keep several hundred dollars in a kitty."

Other Sewing Circle members present at the meeting were Judie Katongan, Betty Oyounmick, Sarah Oyounmick and Annie Woods, president of the organization. Woods said her grandfather, Chief Nashalook, met Axel Karlson in St. Michael and invited him to come to Unalakleet.

"Karlson was on his way to Russia, but he had missed the boat and spent the winter in San Francisco," Woods explained. "He could not make it past St. Michael. My grandfather kept the missionary safe when he first came to Unalakleet. He kept him in his home." She said some Unalakleet residents were antagonistic toward Karlson at first.

Sewing Circle members credited Karlson's wife, Hanna, with helping to establish the organization in its early years.

Photo courtesy of Unalakleet Sewing Circle

**AUCTION HIGHLIGHT**—This handmade tapestry by Judie Kotongan fetched just over \$2,000 at the Unalakleet Sewing Circle's annual auction Nov. 27. Proceeds from the auction, which yielded a record \$22,000, have been distributed as gifts of cash in Christmas cards to all Unalakleet elders, orphans and children in single parent households. Kotongan serves as treasurer of the Sewing Circle.



Photo by Sandra L. Medearis

**MY WORD!** —Conner Merrill examines his new dictionary, provided to selected grades at Nome Elementary by Rotary International District 5010 through Nome Rotary Club, just before the spelling bee preparation kick-off. The edition contains high-interest entries for students, including a long word that takes up a whole page, American Sign Language, and other juicy information besides words and definitions. District 5010 includes Alaska, Yukon Territory and eastern Russia.

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year due to good attendance, a good selection of items and competitive bidding," Ivanoff noted. "The top selling item was a small beaded tapestry depicting a seal that went for over \$2,000. That was the highlight of the evening as the bids just kept going up. We also had moose jerky, buckets of herring eggs on kelp and many home-baked items." She estimated attendance at a little less than 100 persons.

"The doors opened at 4 p.m. to accept donations and display the items," Ivanoff said. "Bidding started at 6:30 p.m. and we were done about 1 a.m. This year the auctioneers were Middy Johnson, Karl Erickson, Jim Egli, Dave Cunningham, Jeff Erickson and Herb Ivanoff."

Refreshments served midway through the evening included a cake baked by Sewing Circle treasurer Judie Kotongan, coffee and juice. Kotongan also made the seal tapestry. Members of the Sewing Circle sang a hymn translated into Inupiaq that their mothers used to sing. The mothers and grandmothers of most current members of the Sewing Circle were prior members of the organization.

In previous years the Sewing Circle has raised from \$12,000 to



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## Christmas in Nome



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**SINGING THEIR HEARTS OUT** (top, left)—Kindergarteners (back row, left to right) Parker Kenick, Darius Ferreira, Ethan Hannon and Danielle Bogart, (front from, left to right) Cathy Nguyen, Hayley Barrera, Paris Hebel and Serry Iyatunguk sing *Santa Claus Is on His Way* during the kindergarten Christmas program Dec. 17.

**NOTE FOR NOTE** (top, right)—Mari Lammer's class performs a Christmas carol with garland and smiles at the Nome Elementary School Christmas concert Dec. 16.

**SWEET MUSIC** (left, center)—Danny Karmun treats Nomeites and visitors to a couple of accordion tunes during the City of Nome's Christmas Extravaganza at Old St. Joe's Dec. 9.

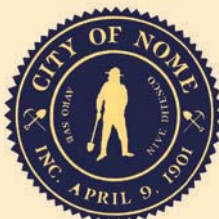
**BIG EYES** (above)—Jens Hildreth, 3 1/2 months, looks a bit bewildered upon meeting Santa Claus at the Alaska Native Brotherhood children's Christmas party Sunday.

## Merry Christmas

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## Sights and sounds of the season in Nome



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**CHRISTMAS SPIRIT** (above)—Paige Shield, 9, proudly holds a gift she made herself, while Rhonda Scheider, left, and Paige Shield stand behind her at the Old St. Joseph's Bazaar, Dec. 19.

**IT'S OVER** (top)!—Sam Bourdon, center, achieves "lift-off" during profuse applause at the end of the Nome Elementary Christmas program Dec. 16.



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**TOOTLE-OO**—A large number of recorder flute players—these are just a few—played well in the Nome Elementary School Christmas program Dec. 16.



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# By His Own Pen - The Story of the Discovery of Gold at Anvil Creek

By Jafet Lindeberg

A Christmas Gift from the archives of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum

Your museum, the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum, is fortunate to receive an abundance of donations every year. In early January 2009 the museum received a truly remarkable gift in the form of an original letter written by Jafet Lindeberg who, as one of the Three Lucky Swedes, discovered gold at Anvil Creek in September 1898. Let's let the e-mails written to the Museum provide the background.

January 13, 2009

Ms. Laura Samuelson, Would you be interested in a letter written by Jafet Lindeberg, written in 1951 describing the discovery of Nome. If you are I'd be happy to send you the letter he wrote to me when I was 10 years old.

Frank Cooper

January 13, 2009

Dear Frank,

Yes, we are very interested in Jafet's letter. Jafet Lindeberg was one of the founding fathers of Nome. He was responsible for giving us power and water. He was a generous man who lived here until about 1923. We admire him greatly.

Sincerely,

Laura Samuelson

January 14, 2009

Dear Laura,

My mother and father were friends of Jafet's. My father and Jafet were both miners and ran around with each other.

When I was in the fifth grade we were studying Alaska and my father wrote Jafet and asked if he would write a letter for me describing his experience.

As a child I met Jafet a few times but was too young to say I knew him.

I will send you the letter in the next couple of days. I have held it for 58 years, it will be good to know it is going somewhere that it will be appreciated.

It was good to hear from you

Sincerely,

Frank Cooper

The letter was gifted to the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum and the people of Nome by Frank Cooper. It was transcribed by Cussy Kauer for your reading pleasure. Please note that the transcription is not intended to be correct in grammar or spelling. A few corrections have been made (Golovin, Yukon). Mr. Lindeberg was Norwegian. His accent is often revealed in his written words.

LETTER OF APRIL 23, 1951 FROM JAFET LINDEBERG TO MASTER FRANCES COOPER

Written on letterhead belonging to Nevada Tungsten Corporation, Post Office Box 137, Mina, Nevada

April 23, 1951

Master Frances Cooper,

I have been informed that you are studying Alaska and its natural resources. Among which is the gold discovery in which I took part in 1898 about September. Gold had been discovered on the Seward Peninsula about 1872 but had not been considered in paying quantities. What is meant not in sufficient amount where a person alone or in company with others could earn an ordinary days wages or sufficient to warrant him or them to abandon further exploration of other areas where more remunerative alluvial deposits may exist.

My two partners and myself had explored for about a month in a district where gold was found in the Early spring of 1898 and named Council City a distance of 50 miles from Golovin Bay which was a trading settlement and missionary station

at the entrance to Fish River. Council City became a small town with population of about 50 people and has remained up to date about the same.

On September 4, 1898 my associates and myself decided to explore the country further to the westward and as we had two small boats we loaded these two boats with supplies food and mining equipment and traveled down river to Golovin Bay and there found a larger boat which we repaired and reconditioned for our purpose to travel along the open coast westward.

We left Golovin Bay on the 12 of September 1898 and reached the first river as an entrance to a Lagoon in two days on the third day to a river which we afterward name Snake River Where we found it to be very crooked. We camped about 1/2 mile up this river and while preparing our dinner that we were very much in need I dug a hole on a sand bar as deep as my rubber boots permitted and panned some dirt from the bottom of the hole and found a few colors of gold but not sufficient to pay wages, only an indication that some place there may be more. Next morning early we packed up for further journey up the river which was shallow in places and it took us two days before we could see a creek about two miles away meandering to the river. There we unpacked again.

One of my partners Erick Lindblom and I started out to investigate this creek while John Brynteson our third partner stayed at the camp to make it permanent. We found fairly good prospect on this small creek which we then and there named Mountain Creek. The next day we started out early providing ourselves with mid-day meals and traveled over large area of hills Eric digging holes and panning. In most of the creeks we found gold that we considered was in paying quantities as the following days we located claim for ourselves and others from whom



Courtesy of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum

**THE THREE LUCKY SWEDES—Erik Lindblom, Jafet Lindeberg and John Brynteson. In his letter to a 10-year-old boy, Jafet writes, "He who works gains what he works for and that very little comes to the ones who only wants and expect to get things without work."**

we had power of attornies. We named the creeks as well as the river, Some of the mountains and natural objects, the town Nome, also the Cape which protrudes out to Bering Sea. We called it Cape Noon and afterward changed the name to Cape Nome.

Anvil Creek was named from a rock which was visible for all of the creeks and resembled an Anvil. Snow Gulch was named from a Bank of Snow or a glacier which was still covering the lower end of the small gulch late in September. Moonlight Springs was named as it happened that we were late going back to our camp on Snake River and the moon was shining on the water in the spring, so it was named Moonlight Spring. Dry Creek was named appropriately because it was dry. Rock Creek was named because it was very rocky. Glacier Creek has a large bank of ice in the late September so we called it Glacier Creek.

After about a week's stay we returned to Golovin Bay Mission Station where we reported our discovery of gold to a few men only to be kept a secret until we had time to locate our claims according to law and form a mining district. That would take more than three men as a recorder had to be appointed and notices given and recorded. The Mission Station owned an 8 ton schooner that we wanted very badly, but the missionary wanted us to build him a school house and church before he would rent us the schooner. This we did in about five days as we hired help and the season was nearing close, ice would be forming on rivers and also on the ocean shores as well as on the bays.

October 9 1898 we had loaded our rented schooner and started out and in two days we again entered Snake River. This time we were eight of us and (illegible) we had unloaded the ship and pulled it up the river about 1500 ft.

The ice started forming on the river and the next morning the river was frozen over so we could walk on the ice. We were then 8 of us and began packing camp equipment and other supplies up to Anvil Creek where we built our main camp from which we traveled to different creek, measured the claims that had been located on our first trip the month before.

After the claims were measured

and staked and placed on records according to United States mining laws and the regulation made by us who formed the Cape Nome mining district, we built "rockers" for washing gold or separating gold from gravel and sand. We worked with these primitive tools for about two weeks and produced about \$2,000 in gold dust and small nuggets.

There after we began our journey back to Golovin Bay and St. Micheals, which was and is the port for the great Yukon River and the British town of Klondike. After arrival to St. Micheals we notified the outside world of our discovery. Great many prospectors came to Nome during the spring of 1899 and staked claims in the Nome mining district tho many of the prospectors did not believe that there was any placer gold in that area and left for parts unknown.

During the late spring and early summer of 1899 gold was discovered in the beach sands for 20 miles along the sea beach and a great deal of gold dust was mined from these sands. The number of miners on the Nome beach was about 1,500 and all of them produced sufficient gold to return to their homes in the States to live their natural way which in most cases was farming and no doubt a great many men acquired fortunes from that capital gained from Nome beach.

The rest of the Alaskan history you can find in your schoolbook and your teachers can give you authentic history of all the happenings to date. I am at present mining tungsten in this part of Nevada and especially in Sodaville, which is your native place to which you no doubt will return when you have reached the age that you have to earn your own living.

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Jafet Lindeberg

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**SWEET TOOTH**—Abe Morris (left) and Jeren Morris enjoy candies from the Christmas tree at the Nome Convention and Visitors Bureau's Open House Dec 19.



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**TASTY TREAT**—Donna Morgan hands Annie Conger a tasty plate of cake slices at the Helen Fagerstrom Bazaar at the Community United Methodist Church.



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**HOMEMADE ORNAMENT**—Carmill and Mecca Goldsberry (age 3) craft a Woolly Mammoth at the Ice Age Ornament Making Dec. 19 at the Bering Land Bridge National Preserve.



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MISS KATHY—Always volunteering when she can, Kathy Crayon got valuable help from the Wrenn brothers, Matthew and Jonah, in passing out programs for the school Christmas extravaganza.

## Crayon shares colorful Christmas memories

By Sandra L. Medearis

Don't get Kathy Crayon started on Christmas stories. Kathy loves to tell stories, and Christmas stories are at the top of the list.

Here's one:

"It was my last Christmas in upper state New York, Troy, N. Y. I was in the Fifth grade. Back in those days I had a voice that was accepted in the choir at St. Pats. My sister and I were in the choir; my brother was an altar boy. So Midnight Mass was not an option.

"We went to church, did our duty, all the singing, all the Latin stuff.

"Lo, and behold! When we got home, we discovered Santa had been there!

"At the bottom of the stairs there were two gifts. There was a blue Huffy bike for me. Of course, I couldn't ride it until summer, but no problem! I was just totally in awe of Santa that he gave me a bike I couldn't ride in winter, but he was looking ahead.

"The other gift was a Linda Lou doll. A Linda Lou doll couldn't just come from anywhere, even from Santa's workshop. Someone had to send in box tops. It was all on the

back of the cereal box. SOMEHOW, Santa must have eaten enough of that cereal to get that doll.

"It was a big doll, about 16 inches, with short black hair. It was one of the few toys I took to California with me six months later."

But Kathy Crayon has only begun:

"When my nephew Michael was three years old, the main thing he really wanted was a Wuzzles character by Disney. It was a Bumble Lion with stripes on the front and antennae on his head.

"But, my sister couldn't find that lion anywhere. All the stores were sold out. But friends of my sister went to Disneyland on Christmas Eve, and I got a phone call. They said there was one Bumble Lion, a demo model, did I want it?

"Of course," I said. That's what he wanted. If auntie could do it, they always got what they wanted. I wrapped him and set him under the tree. It was all worth it when he unwrapped it and said, 'Oh, Bumble Lion! I knew you would find me.'"

"Then there was the time when my youngest nephew..."

[Sorry, that's all you get—more Kathy Crayon stories next year!]



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It's the thought that counts

**By Sandra L. Medearis**  
Allison Wrenn tells about a surprising—but one of the best— presents she ever received.  
When her son Matthew, now six years old, was three, she was tickled when he came home from pre-school with a present for her.  
Allison, recently moved here from South Carolina with her husband Dr. Neil Wrenn, loves to cook healthy food from scratch.  
“Anyone knows I do not cook instant foods or prepared food from boxes,” Allison explained.  
So, she had to laugh when she pulled Matthew’s present from under the tree and opened it.  
“It was a cookbook with recipes from the kids. Matthew’s recipe was for the frozen meal Kid Cuisine. [Yikes! 60-70 g of carbs, 600 plus calories]:  
**KID CUISINE**  
• Take out of box.  
• Stick in microwave.  
• Push “Cook.”  
• Sit down at table and eat.  
“I was delighted, even reading the other kids’ recipes. They were precious and brought tears to my eyes. I love homemade gifts.”

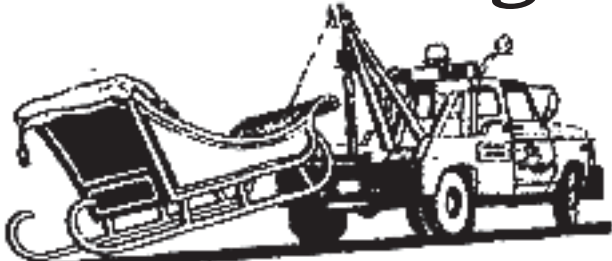
*Photo by Sandra L. Medearis*  
**LUCKY MOM**—Allison Wrenn, with hubby Dr. Neil Wrenn, received an addition to her cookbook shelf from son Matthew.

A time to renew old friendships:  
*The Seattle Nome Picnic 2009*

**By Laura Samuelson**  
The annual Nome Picnic held in Seattle’s Woodland Park has been a tradition for over 75 years. Every year the event brings together Nomeites who no longer live in Nome. There is no such thing as a former Nomeite, for once you have lived here you cannot ever get Nome out of your blood.  
At this year’s picnic there was yet another eclectic mix of people with amazing ties to Nome. Meet Will Russell. His dad was Bruce Russell who was manager of United States Smelting Refining and Mining (USSR&M) from 1940-1957. Will set thaw points for USSRM, worked at Marks Air Force Base and was base engineer at Galena for Larry Galvin.  
Richard B. McNees first came to Nome in 2009 on a Cruise West ship. After a visit to the Carrie McLain Museum, Richard decided to attend the Seattle picnic. His brother John A. McNees ran the Weather Bureau in Nome from 1942 -1964. John was also a Territorial Senator from Alaska. John bought Nome Beverages/ Nome Bottling Works and bottled Coca-Cola in Nome.  
Two sisters drove from Oklahoma to look for family ties at the Nome

Picnic. They wanted to find out more about their uncle who they believe was a saloon owner in Nome from about 1902 to about 1920 or 1930. He changed his name when he moved to Nome, so that makes this search a little trickier. What they do know is that their great uncle was born Virgil Marion Allen 1854 in Arkansas. He left home at 14 and as a cowboy rode with Pancho Villa. The ladies thought that perhaps he was affiliated with the Southern Saloon. The staff at the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum did find  
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**REMEMBER SUMMER?** —Rachael Ireton with her mother Anne Ireton at the Seattle Picnic last summer.

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# All Around the Sound

## New Arrivals

Proud parents Angela Marie Penatac and Will Graham of Fairbanks announce the birth of their son, **Ramir Peter Penatac Graham**. He was born Dec. 8 at 11:14 a.m. weighing in at 9 lbs. and 12 oz. Proud maternal grandfather is Joseph Martin Penatac aka Joe of Fairbanks and Auntie Nancy Analook of Nome.



Maya Michelle Malloy

Haywood and Helen Malloy of Anchorage announce the birth of their daughter, **Maya Michelle Malloy**. She was born Sept 14, at 1:59 a.m. weighing 6 lbs 6.2 oz and 19.5

inches long at the ANMC in Anchorage. She joins her proud brothers Miguel Malloy and Bradley Ningealook. Her paternal grandparents are Joanne and Anthony Keyes of Wales. Paternal grandfather is Danny Ningealook of Anchorage, and great-grandmother is Marjorie Ningealook of Shishmaref. Maternal grandparents are Angela Hale and Haywood Malloy, both of North Carolina.

## Bush Pilot

Folks in Nome will enjoy first-person stories of one of Alaska's pioneer bush pilots, who served Alaska from 1934 to 1941. Roy Dickson had heard of Nome from his flying-school friend, Hans Mirow of Mirow Air Service.

Dickson made frequent trips to Nome and became the first to fly air-mail to Shishmaref in November, 1938.

Roy found the July 4 celebration in Nome quite fascinating and recorded Eskimo games and high-lights in moving pictures, which are now available on DVD.

*Roy Dickson 1930s Alaska Bush Pilot* the book recently released by Dorothy Dickson McLaren and Roy

Dickson, Jr., is available locally at Arctic Trading Post, phone 907-443-2686.

Dickson flew for Alaska Exploration and Mining Company, McGee Air Ways, Star Air Lines and founded Bering Sea Airways. For information [www.alaskabushpilot.org](http://www.alaskabushpilot.org)

## Handeland appointed as student rep to state board

The Alaska State Board of Education has named Mt. Edgecumbe High School student Donald Handeland of Nome as student advisor-elect until June 30, 2010, after which Handeland will serve as the board's student advisor for the following 12 months. Handeland has a 3.9 grade point average, including advanced courses, and has served on Youth Court and the Student Council. He is the son of Dana and Arne Handeland. The board made the appointment while meeting in Anchorage Dec. 10-11.

## • Renew friendships

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that an A. F. Schmidt owned the Southern Saloon in 1901. A J. Alan was a bartender at the Southern Saloon in 1901. The Southern Saloon was, of course, right across Front Street from The Northern Saloon.

Dorothy Hartford Pearce was born in Nome in 1928 and lived here until World War II. She sends greetings to Caroline McLain Reader. Her dad was manager of USSRM from 1926 until he died in 1950. Dorothy last visited Nome in 1974.

And then there is Harry Vogen whose family was in Teller during the gold rush. He talked about his grandmother, Ethel Marx and her sister having a "baking tent" in Nome in 1900.

Those attending the Seattle Nome Picnic held in August 2009 were: Richard B. McNees, Dorothy Johansen, Grant Nelson, Dan Miller Jr., Amanda Ladd, Maya Jo Miller, Jim Walsh Sr., Tim Walsh, Jim Walsh Jr., Sharon Doyle Wheat, Dorothy Hartford Pearce, Jessie M. Adams, Anita Gray, Harry Vogen, Eddie Adams, Malvene Adams, Thelma Cobb Allen, Mary O' Farrell, Tom Anderson, Al Buscio, Sarah and Jerry Ringstad, Bethany Ryals, William Hawk, Mary Ann Mosler, Barbara Dadd Shaffer, John J. Shaffer, Gabriel Elachik, Dorothy McLain, Bunny Doyle Heiner, Brent Painter, Anna Ireton, Rachel Ireton, Doug Scott, Laura Samuelson, Florence Amarok Lister, William Amarok, Crystal Amarok

House, Roger Dipple, Dan Jones, John Fern, Galdyce Williamson, Cary Williamson, Curtis & Shirley Jacobs, Ruth Cook Greene, Fred Greene, Lois Swanberg, Lance Jensen, Bunny Fagerstrom Huffer, Evelyn Wallace Washington, Bruce

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## Saying it Sincerely

By Pastor Mike Christian, River of Life Assembly of God  
For the Nome Ministerial Association  
"The Gift of God"

"For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this." Isaiah 9:6-7

As I read these words I can't help but think about the beauty of Christmas. As exciting as the multi-colored lights, the beautiful trees with all the tinsel and bright colorful bulbs, and the wonderfully wrapped gifts are, I stand back in awe at the most beautiful gift that has ever been given to any of us throughout the years. I'm talking about the "Gift of God," Jesus Christ, his son. This "Gift" did not come wrapped in brightly colored paper with a shiny bow; instead it came to us in the form of a newborn baby. A baby that was born in a manger. On that first Christmas, there were no lights strung across the streets. There were no trees decorated with colorful bulbs, tinsel and lights. It was a night just like any other night, with one exception: the Son of God, Jesus Christ was born. Oh what a night!

I look at this passage in the book of Isaiah and my heart leaps with joy as I begin to recognize how precious this gift from God truly is to me. Throughout the years, He has proven himself to be my wonderful counselor. I cannot count the times Jesus has spoken to me through the word of God and brought direction to my life. His concern for me and my difficulties has always been shown by his loving words and instruction. As far as being "Mighty God" is concerned; he has not only shown me his awesome power, but has provided that power for me to live in on a daily basis. It is truly "in him that I live and move and have my being." Christ has proven to me that He is always there for me, regardless of the circumstance or situation I may be facing. Never has he let me down. And finally, he has always, and continues to bring his wonderful peace to my life. Without the peace of God being present in my heart and soul, my life would be in shambles. My existence would be meaningless. But because Christ lives, I can truly say, "I can face tomorrow." He is the glorious lord of glory, my friends.

My prayer for each of us this Christmas is that we will all recognize Jesus Christ as the most precious "gift" we have ever received. And that we will also allow Christ to rule in our hearts and minds so that we can experience all that he has for us.

He is truly the "gift that keeps on giving!" May you and yours have a wonderful, blessed Christmas and a glorious and Happy New Year!

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*Christmas Mass Schedule*

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Caroling - 11:45 p.m.  
Mass - midnight

Friday, Dec. 25,  
Christmas Day:  
Mass - 10:30 a.m.



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**Bible Baptist Church Service Schedule, 443-2144**  
Sunday School 10 a.m./Worship Hour 11 a.m.

**Community Baptist Church-SBC**  
108 West Third, 443-5448  
**Small Group Bible Study** 10 a.m.  
**Sunday Morning Worship** 11 a.m.  
Pastor Bruce Landry

**Community United Methodist**  
2nd Ave. West, 443-2865  
**Sunday** 11 a.m. Worship  
**Tuesday** 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

**Thrift Shop** — Tuesday & Thursday 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

**Nome Covenant Church**  
101 Bering St. 443-2565 • Pastor Harvey  
**Sunday School** 9:45 a.m./**Sunday Worship** 11 a.m.  
**Wednesday:** Fellowship Meal 5:30 p.m./Ladies' Bible Study,  
Mens' Fraternity & Children's Choir 6:30 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** Youth Group 7 p.m. (call 443-7218 for location)  
**Friday:** Community Soup Kitchen 6 - 7 p.m.

**Our Savior Lutheran Church**  
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Sunday School & Bible Study 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11 a.m.

**River of Life Assembly of God, 443-5333**  
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**Sunday Worship Service** 11 a.m.  
**Wednesday Night Service** 6:30 p.m.

**St. Joseph Catholic Church, 443-5527**  
Corner of Steadman and Kings Place  
**Mass Schedule: Saturday** 5:30 p.m./**Sunday** 10:30 a.m.

**Seventh-Day Adventist (Icy View), 443-5137**  
**Saturday Sabbath School** 10 a.m.  
**Saturday Morning Worship** 11 a.m.

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3rd & Division, 443-2805  
**Sunday:** Prayer Meeting 9:30 a.m./Sunday School 9:45 a.m./Worship Service 11 a.m.

# HOROSCOPES

December 24 - 30, 2009

  <b>CAPRICORN</b> December 22–January 19   Happy days are here again, Capricorn. Get out the punch bowl and let the merrymaking begin. A friend inadvertently gets a rumor started. Be there for them.	  <b>ARIES</b> March 21–April 19   A friend bares their soul. Listen carefully, Aries, and comfort them from the heart. Things will get better with your sage words and kind embrace.	  <b>CANCER</b> June 22–July 22   A stream of requests makes for a harried Cancer. Give, give and give some more, and you will receive in abundance. Your eye for detail is not lost on a project.	  <b>LIBRA</b> September 23–October 22   Make of it what you will, Libra, but the facts speak for themselves. All is not on the up and up. The festivities bring family closer together than they have been in some time.
  <b>AQUARIUS</b> January 20–February 18   Bodacious plans turn out beautifully. A foe turns friend. Financial woes end. Could life get any better, Aquarius? Drama ensues at work. Steer clear of it.	  <b>TAURUS</b> April 20–May 20   Magic surrounds you, and miracles crop up everywhere. Enjoy the moment, Taurus. Life will be back to normal before you know it. A hobby brings you great joy.	  <b>LEO</b> July 23–August 22   Opportunity knocks. Think twice before you open that door. You have a full plate as it is, Leo, and looks can be deceiving. A trade seems the best solution to a problem.	  <b>SCORPIO</b> October 23–November 21   Peace reigns at home, and all is right with the world. Gather everyone together, Scorpio, and spread the good cheer. An array of family recipes makes for a spectacular feast.
  <b>PISCES</b> February 19–March 20   Just believe in yourself, Pisces, and nothing will be impossible. A furry friend deserves a special gift. Time is of the essence with a home repair.	  <b>GEMINI</b> May 21–June 21   A trio of wishes is granted, and you must thank all those involved, Gemini. An organization comes calling, and you gladly help them. Clever planning makes for extra special times.	  <b>VIRGO</b> August 23–September 22   A family member proves an indomitable spirit. Take a page from their book, Virgo, and approach life with force. A long-lost heirloom makes its way to you again.	  <b>SAGITTARIUS</b> November 22–December 21   It is time for you to end a feud with a loved one. Ask for their forgiveness, Sagittarius, and watch your relationship blossom. Songs of the season put you in a festive mood.

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# Jump into January to start a year of good financial habits

By Loren Prosser

Now's the time many of us make resolutions for the New Year. With holiday bills arriving in the mail and tax season just around the corner, it's smart to make sure those resolutions include taking a fresh look at your financial picture and setting new financial goals and habits for 2010.

Do resolutions help? According to a study reported in the *Journal of Clinical Psychology*, people who make explicit resolutions are 10 times more likely to reach their goals than people who don't. The 2002 study* found 40 percent to 45 percent of American adults make one or more resolutions a year – and nearly half maintain them six months or longer.

We jump into January with great intentions. Yet for some, the goal of financial fitness fades into February then drops off the calendar entirely. The reason? They don't know where to begin. These ideas can help you stay on track:

**Talk to your banker** – One great way to get a jumpstart on a new financial plan is to meet with a personal banker or financial advisor. Just like staying on a New Year's diet, a little support and guidance from a "coach" can help you put together a great plan and turn it into an effective strategy you can stick with.

**Set goals.** When it comes to achieving financial success, you need to know where you are headed. Write down your financial goals –

down payment on a home, college education for the kids, paying off high credit card balances. Add short-term goals such as saving for vacation because early success can encourage you to keep going long-term. Some financial institutions offer online tools that allow you to establish savings goals and monitor your progress toward reaching them. Be specific about the amount you will need and the target date for reaching each goal, then set up a savings plan that will get you there.

**Take stock.** Add up all your expenses for at least a month. Again, some financial institutions have online tools to help monitor transactions and track spending. With many online services, you can download transaction records directly to personal finance software, making it even easier to monitor your costs – no more sifting through shoeboxes stuffed with receipts at tax time. What's more, online services could help you reduce taxes by keeping track of every deductible expense.

Make two lists of expenses – essentials such as mortgage, taxes, food and insurance, and non-essentials (or at least more flexible costs) such as entertainment and clothing. You may be surprised at how much you're spending on the non-essentials. After you've taken stock of your expenses, it's important to continue to keep track of your finances. Sign up for online banking and online bill payment services, which allow you to set up automatic payments for recurring expenses.

**Cut costs.** How can you save when you spend every dime to meet expenses? You don't need to live like a miser to trim dollars from your

monthly expenses – yet you do need to pay attention to every purchase and avoid impulse buying. Look again at those costs – you might find considerable savings.

For instance, does your financial services company have a relationship approach to service? In other words, does the company offer you more value and discounts – in time and money – the more business you do with them? Be sure to ask how you may qualify for relationship benefits that can reduce or even eliminate fees.

Also, talk with your insurer about

how you can lower your insurance costs – and shop around for discounts. For example, many insurers offer a discount if they insure your home and your vehicles.

**Cut credit card debt.** According to the Federal Reserve, consumer credit debt in the United States totaled about \$990 billion at the end of 2008. The average amount of credit card debt per household is estimated at about \$8,500.

If you have large credit card balances, consider a home equity loan

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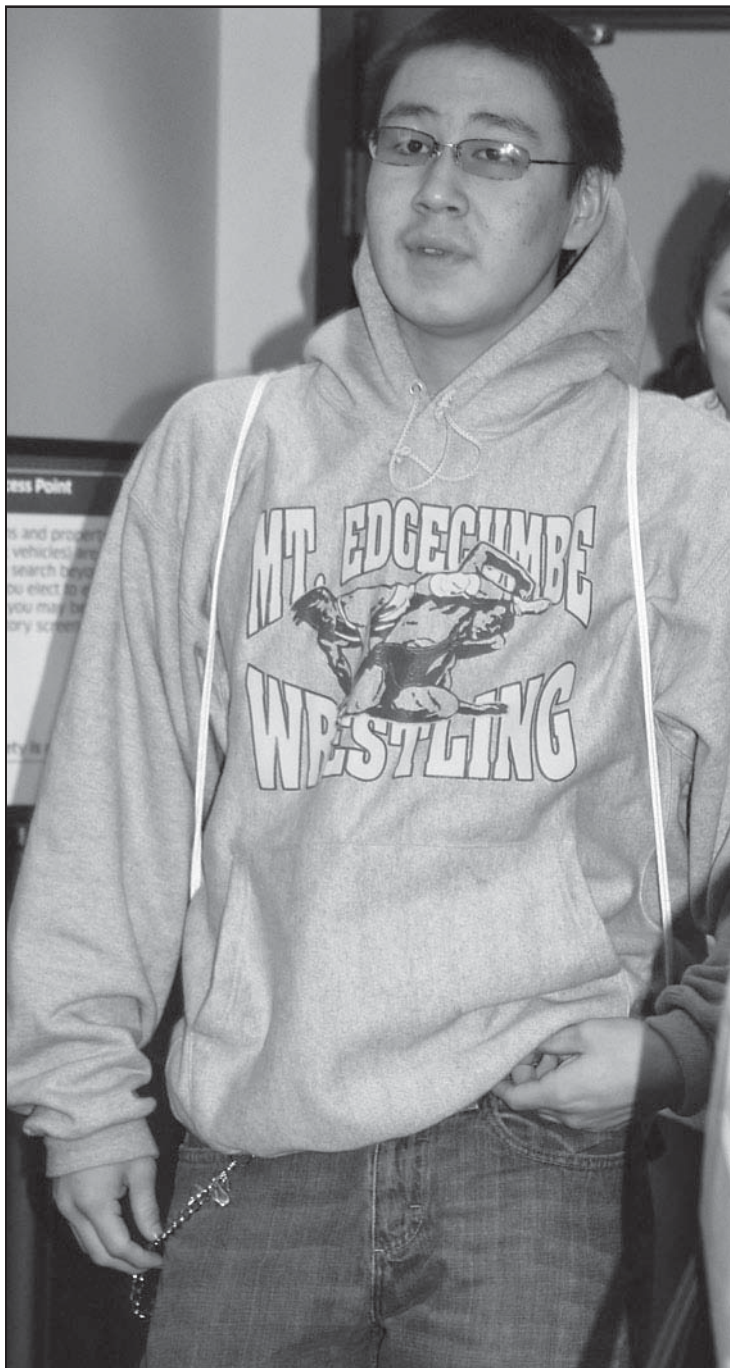


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HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS—Franklyn Ahkvaluk, a freshman at Mt. Edgecumbe in Sitka, is back in Nome for the holidays.

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## Legals

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT  
FOR THE  
STATE OF ALASKA  
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME

CASE NO: **2NO-09-00318CI**  
**AMENDED ORDER FOR HEARING, PUBLICATION AND POSTING**

In the Matter of a Change of Name for:  
**Shawnte' Toni Oyoumick-Haugan**  
Current name of Minor.  
Notice of Petition to Change Name  
A petition has been filed in the Superior Court (Case #2NO-09-00318CI) requesting a name change from (current name) **Shawnte' Toni Oyoumick-Haugan** to **Shawnte' Toni Haugan**. A hearing on this request will be held on **February 02, 2010 at 1:00 pm at Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street PO Box 1110 Nome, AK.**  
12/17-24; 1/7-14

**NOTICE OF SALE** Trustee, Alaska Trustee, LLC will sell realty for cash to the highest bidder at the Main entrance to the Barrow Courthouse, 1250 Agvik Street, Barrow, AK 99723 on February 5, 2010, at 10:00 AM with other sales that may be conducted. Proceeds will apply to the Deed of Trust naming Kalen Kaohu Kau Texeira, Trustor, Kalen Kaohu Kau Texeira, Record Owner, recorded on April 27, 2007 under Reception No. 2007-000275-0, Barrow Recording District, Second Judicial District, Alaska, describing: Lot 5, Block 24 BROWERVILLE ADDITION NO. 3, according to the plat filed August 8, 1983 as Plat No. 83-6; Records of the Barrow Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska. EXCEPTING THEREFROM THE SUBSURFACE ESTATE and all rights, privileges, immunities and appurtenances of what so ever nature accruing unto said estate pursuant to the Alaska Native claims Settlement Act of 12-19-71 (85 Stat 688, 704; 43 U.S.C. 1601,1613 (f). (1976) as reserved by the United States of America) Also described of record as The "surface estate", as described in the Interim Conveyances recorded December 3, 1976 in Book 4, Page 648 and recorded October 23, 1981 in Book 31, Page 298 and recorded July 19, 1987 in Book 36, Page 886 recorded June 5, 1989 in Book 55, Page 255 and Corrective Interim Conveyance recorded December 17, 1990 in Book 58, Page 277; Records of the Barrow

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## Seawall

**12/14**  
Madeleine Okpealuk, 27, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Release.  
Marie Lawlor, 53, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Release.  
**12/15**  
Blynn Iyatunguk, 19, was issued a citation for Driving in Violation of Instructional Permit.  
**12/17**  
Timothy Kost, 34, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.  
Aholagana Tukshaq, 26, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation times 2, Criminal Mischief 3rd Degree, and Vehicle Theft 1st Degree.  
**12/18**  
Gerald Aningayou, 33, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Disorderly Conduct.  
Sue Ann Kowchee, 24, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation; Driving While License is Suspended/Revoked, and Motor Vehicle Insurance Required.

**12/19**  
Lawrence Martin, 23, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.  
**12/20**  
Trina Larsen, 19, received a citation for Minor Consuming Alcohol.  
A Golovin juvenile received a citation for Curfew Violation.  
Patrick Newhall, 45, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault 4th Degree Domestic Violence, Assault 4th Degree.  
Andrew Ozenna, 23, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Criminal Trespass.  
**12/21**  
Vivian Washington, 26, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault 4th Degree, Domestic Violence.  
David Moore, 26, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Driving While Intoxicated and Violation of Probation Conditions.  
During this reporting period we had seven (7) persons transported to the hospital for a Title 47, Protective Custody Hold.

## Trooper Beat

On December 10, at approximately 8:20 p.m., Ernest Butler, 27, of St. Michael, was arrested after investigation showed he had assaulted a family member. Alcohol was not suspected to be a factor in the assault.  
On December 11, at approximately 10:30 a.m., Edwin Campbell, 35, of Gambell, was arrested after investigation revealed that he assaulted a family member the evening of December 10, after consuming alcohol. Edwin Campbell was also on Conditions of Release and not to consume alcohol.  
On December 11, at approximately 11:00 a.m., Alaska State Troopers in Nome received a report from Gambell VPOs that Lloyd Apatiki, 28, of Gambell had violated his Probation Conditions by consuming alcohol. Lloyd Apatiki was subsequently arrested and remanded to Anvil Mountain Correctional Center in Nome.  
On December 11, at approximately 11:00 a.m., AST in Nome received a report from St. Michael VPO's that Nimeron Mike, 33, of Stebbins, was involved in an incident to include Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, Leaving the Scene of an Accident and Tampering with Physical Evidence. The investigation is on going.  
On December 13, at 2:40 a.m., AST received

a report of a domestic disturbance in Saint Michael. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Timothy Lockwood, 29, of Saint Michael, for Assault 4, Driving Under the Influence, and Probation Violation. Lockwood was remanded to AMCC with \$2000.00 bail.  
On December 15, at approximately 2:15 p.m. AST received a report that Art Amaktoolik, 36, of Elim, was stranded on an ice flow. The investigation revealed he had gone to check his crab pots and when he tried to return to shore, there was a wide open lead. A rescue boat responded and picked Art Amaktoolik up and returned him to Elim. No injuries were reported.  
On December 16, at 11:00 a.m., VPSO John Peratrovich arrested Martin Willoya, 50, of Golovin, with an arrest warrant for failure to appear at status hearing. Willoya's original charge is Criminal Mischief IV. Willoya was remanded to AMCC with \$2500.00 bail.  
On December 17, at 4:37 p.m., AST received a report of a domestic violence assault in Gambell. A suspect has been identified. Investigation continues.



## Board of Directors Meeting

The Norton Sound Health Corporation (NSHC) Board of Directors is scheduled to meet January 18-20, 2010 at the **Pioneer Hall** located on **110 Front Street** in Nome, Alaska at **9 a.m.**

Portions of the meeting may be conducted in executive session. The public is invited to attend the meeting. Testimony from the public maybe limited. Members of the public wishing to receive information or a copy of the agenda may contact the Administration Office at **(907) 443-3226** as soon as possible, but no later than 24 hours before the meeting so that arrangements may be made.

If you are a person with a disability who may need a special accommodation in order to participate in the meeting, please contact **(907) 443-3226** as soon as possible, but no later than three days before the meeting to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

12/24-1/7

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## MEMBERS WANTED

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For an application, call  
(800) 478-1456 or (907) 786-3877

## APPLICATION DEADLINE

January 8, 2010

For more information on the Federal Subsistence Management Program visit:  
<http://alaska.fws.gov/asm/home.html>



*Arctic ICANS —*  
*A nonprofit cancer survivor support group.*

## Arctic ICANS next meeting

The Nome Cancer support group will meet at the XYZ Center on

**Thursday, Jan. 7 • 7:30 p.m.**

*General topics*

For more information call 443-5726.



United States General Services Administration



Notification is hereby given to the public of the U.S. General Services Administration's (GSA) intent to renew a lease in a building at 214 Front Street in Nome, Alaska.

Due to the location of Front Street and the city of Nome's location on the Bering Sea, a majority of the land in the vicinity is located in the FEMA 100 year floodplain. Therefore, the location of the building at 214 Front Street makes it susceptible to flooding at or above the 100-year flood level.

Under the President's Executive Order 11988, "Floodplain Management," GSA is required to review possible alternatives solutions to the proposed action. Alternatives that will be considered include taking no action.

Public comment is invited on possible alternatives. Interested persons may obtain more information about this action from GSA, Michael Levine, Regional Environmental Program Manager at 253-931-7263. Requests can be sent via e-mail to [michael.levine@gsa.gov](mailto:michael.levine@gsa.gov) or by mail to U.S. GSA (10PMP), 400 15th St. SW, Auburn, WA 98103 Attn: Michael D. Levine. Comments about this action should be submitted in writing to the above name within 10 days of this notice.

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CITY OF NOME

In May 2005, the Alaska Legislature authorized cities to increase their E911 surcharge to help pay the costs of Enhanced 911 services.

Starting January 1, 2010, the City of Nome will impose a monthly E911 surcharge of \$2.00 for both wire lines and wireless phone lines sold to customers having an address within the City of Nome E911 service area.

The added charges are intended to improve public safety by updating the E911 system to facilitate faster and more accurate emergency response.

Public Notice

12/3-10-17-24

NOTICE OF LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER

Stanley Sobocienski, d/b/a Bering Sea Saloon located at 309 Front Street, Nome, Alaska is applying for transfer of an (AS 04.11.090) beverage dispensary liquor license to T & C, Inc.

Interested persons should submit written comment to their local governing body, the applicant and to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board at 5848 E. Tudor Rd. Anchorage AK 99507

12/10-17-24

Public Reminder

City of Nome issued Licenses and Permits for 2009 expire on Dec. 31, 2009. The following Licenses and Permits should now be renewed for 2010:

- Sales Tax License
- Health Permit
- Hotel/Motel License
- Pulltab License
- Resale Certificate
- Animal License
- Chauffeur's License
- Taxi Cab License
- Motor Bus License

IT IS ALSO TIME TO APPLY FOR EXEMPTIONS FOR: Municipal Tax Exemption - DUE by February 1, 2010. Senior Citizen/Disabled Veteran's Property Tax Exemption - DUE February 1, 2010.

Contact the City Clerk's office if you have questions 443-6663.

CITY OF NOME

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• Good financial habits

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to pay them off. The interest likely will be lower than that of credit cards, and your tax adviser can tell you if the interest qualifies as a tax deduction. If a home equity loan is not an option, you still can pay down the balances. Pay the minimum on the lowest-interest cards and as much as you can on the higher-interest cards until they're paid off.

**Start saving.** Start now, even if it's just a few dollars a week. You can have money automatically transferred from your checking account to savings each month to help build a nest egg. Ask your financial adviser about 401(k) and other direct-deposit accounts that move money straight to savings or investment funds. This process makes savings much easier, and a 401(k) can cut your tax bill. If your employer

matches your 401(k) savings, try to have the maximum deducted each pay period.

**Be flexible.** Treat yourself to small splurges once in a while and don't get discouraged if an unexpected expense throws you off your budget one month. Just get back on the financial fitness track.

The most important step you take on any journey is the first one, so jump right in to January and head down the road to financial fitness. Come next December, you'll be glad you did.

Loren Prosser is Community

Banking President for Wells Fargo in Northwest Alaska. He can be reached at [loren.w.prosser@wells-fargo.com](mailto:loren.w.prosser@wells-fargo.com) or 443-5127.

*Auld Lang Syne: Success predictors, change processes, and self-reported outcomes of New Year's resolvers and nonresolvers, by John C. Norcross, Marci S. Mrykalo, Matthew D. Blagys, University of Scranton. Journal of Clinical Psychology, Volume 58, Issue 4 (2002).

NOTICE OF LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER

Sang Ton Yi, d/b/a Twin Dragon Restaurant located at 100 Front Street, Nome, Alaska is applying for transfer of a Beer & Wine/# 3142 liquor license to Twin Dragon Corporation located at 100 Front Street, Nome, Alaska.

Interested persons should submit written comment to their local governing body, the applicant and to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board at 5848 E. Tudor Rd. Anchorage AK 99507

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• More Legals

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Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska in the following described land: Lot 5, Block 24, BROWERVILLE ADDITION NO. 3, according to the plat filed August 8, 1983 as Plat Number 83-6; Records of the Barrow Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska. EXCEPTING THEREFROM the Subsurface Estate therein, and all rights privileges, immunities and appurtenances of whatsoever nature, accruing unto said estate pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of December 19, 1971 (85 Stat 688,704; 43 U.S.C. 1601, 1613 (f)), more commonly known as 7522 Transit Street, Barrow, AK, 99723., a/k/a 7522 Transit Street, Barrow, AK 99723. \$139,724.71 is due, plus interest, advances, etc. Go to [alaskatrustee.com](http://alaskatrustee.com) or [usa-foreclosure.com](http://usa-foreclosure.com) for status. 12/17-24; 1/7-14



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CITY OF NOME

The Nome Planning Commission has one seat available for appointment.

If you are interested in serving on the Nome Planning Commission, please submit an application form.

Application forms are available at City Hall or on the City of Nome website at: [WWW.NOMEALASKA.ORG](http://WWW.NOMEALASKA.ORG)

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY JANUARY 15, 2010 AT 5:00 P.M. TO CITY HALL, AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE  
CITY OF NOME  
P.O. BOX 281  
102 DIVISION STREET  
NOME, ALASKA 99762

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Public Notice

Public Notice CITY OF NOME

VACANT SEAT

Nome City Council

Do you have time to volunteer?  
Are you interested in nome's future?  
Nome city resident for at least one year?  
Qualified city voter?

Submit a letter of interest to serve on the Nome City Council drop off letters at City Hall 102 Division Street or mail to Clerk's Office PO Box 281, Nome, AK 99762

Letters of interest will be accepted until 5 p.m. on Wednesday, January 6, 2010 at the City Clerk's Office, 102 Division Steet.

12/10-17-24



Court

Week ending 12/18

Civil

Nayokpuk, Allison vs. Nayokpuk, Timothy; DV: Long Term Only  
Capital One Bank (USA) N A vs. Sookiayak, Kirby; Debt - District Court  
Goodhope, Leona Rosanne vs. Obruk, JoAnne; DV: Both ExParte & Long Term  
Geary, Daena Iris vs. Geary, Evans Hugh; DV: Both ExParte & Long Term  
Goodhope, Leona R. vs. Obruk, JoAnne V.; Stalking Protect Proceed: Both Ex Parte & Long Term

Small Claims

Cornerstone Credit Services LLC vs. Mike, Daniel N.; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Deft. Cert Mail

Criminal

State of Alaska v. Columbus Sobocienski (2/23/73) 2NO-09-252CR Count 1: DUI; Date of offense: 5/9/09; Counts (Charges) Dismissed: count 2 (002); 45 days, 42 days suspended; Remanded; Fine: \$1,500 with \$0 suspended; Unsuspended \$1,500 due 10/1/10; Payable to Clerk of Court; Police Training Surcharge: \$75 with \$0 suspended; \$75 due 10 days from date of this judgment (12/10/09); Payable to Clerk of Court; Jail Surcharge: \$150 (if probation) with \$100 suspended (if probation), \$50 payable to Collections Unit, AGs Office, Anchorage; Cost of Imprisonment: \$330 (first offense) with \$0 suspended; Full amount due payable to Collections Unit, AGs Office, Anchorage; Complete Substance Abuse Treatment Assessment: other: NSBHS or other provider by 1/15/10; File proof by 2/15/10 that assessment was received and file proof by 5/1/10 that assessment recommendations were followed; Obey Driver's License Directives: Driver's license revoked for 90 days; Concurrent with DMV action; Use an Ignition Interlock Device: Cost of IID will be deducted from fine if you file proof of payment before fine due dates; After you regain privilege to drive or obtain a limited license, you must us an ignition interlock device (IID) as directed in the IID Information Sheet (CR-483) for 12 months during your probation period; Probation for 1 year; Obey all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Commit no jailable offenses; Do not consume alcohol or possess or consume marijuana for a period ending 1 year from date of this judgment; Other: Warrantless test and arrest.

State of Alaska v. Columbus Sobocienski (2/23/73) 2NO-09-620CR Count 1: Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 10/6/09; Partial Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: 002 (count 2); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 20 days suspended; Unsuspended 10 days shall be served consecutive to 2NO-09-252CR; Forfeit bail; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 12/10/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not consume alcohol or possess consume marijuana; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer for alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Greg Long (3/31/70) Count 1: DUI; Date of offense: 9/20/09; 60 days, 40 days suspended; Report to AMCC by 1/15/10; Fine: \$3,000 with \$0 suspended; Unsuspended \$3,000 due 11/1/10; Payable to Clerk of Court; Police Training Surcharge: \$75 with \$0 suspended; \$75 due 10 days from date of this judgment (12/11/09); Payable to Clerk of Court; Jail Surcharge: \$150 (if probation) with \$100 suspended (if probation), \$50 payable to Collections Unit, AGs Office, Anchorage; Cost of Imprisonment: \$1467 (second offense) with \$0 suspended; Full amount due payable to Collections Unit, AGs Office, Anchorage; Complete Substance Abuse Treatment Assessment: other: NSBHS or similar agency by 3/1/10; File proof by 4/1/10 that assessment was received and file proof by 6/15/10 that assessment recommendations were followed; Obey Driver's License Directives: Driver's license revoked for 1 year; Concurrent with DMV action; Use an Ignition Interlock Device: Cost of IID will be deducted from fine if you file proof of payment before fine due dates; After you regain privilege to drive or obtain a limited license, you must us an ignition interlock device (IID) as directed in the IID Information Sheet (CR-483) for 24 months during your probation period; Probation until 12/11/11; Obey all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Commit no jailable offenses; Do not possess or consume alcohol for a period ending 2 year from date of this judgment; Other: Warrantless breath test at request of peace officer; Warrantless arrest for violation.

State of Alaska v. Rose Madden (1/17/61) 2NO-09-446CR Count 1: DUI;

Date of offense: 7/22/09; Counts (Charges) Dismissed: 2, 3, (002), (003), 30 days, 27 days suspended; Report by 1/10/10 to AMCC; Remanded; Fine: \$1,500 with \$0 suspended; Unsuspended \$1,500 due 9/1/10; Payable to Clerk of Court; Police Training Surcharge: \$75 with \$0 suspended; \$75 due 10 days from date of this judgment (12/10/09); Payable to Clerk of Court; Jail Surcharge: \$150 (if probation) with \$100 suspended (if probation), \$50 payable to Collections Unit, AGs Office, Anchorage; Cost of Imprisonment: \$330 (first offense) with \$0 suspended; Full amount due payable to Collections Unit, AGs Office, Anchorage; Complete Substance Abuse Treatment Assessment: other: NSBHS or ASAP within 4 weeks; File proof by 1/31/10 that assessment was received and file proof by 4/1/10 that assessment recommendations were followed; Obey Driver's License Directives: Driver's license revoked for 90 days; Concurrent with DMV action; Use an Ignition Interlock Device: Cost of IID will be deducted from fine if you file proof of payment before fine due date; After you regain privilege to drive or obtain a limited license, you must us an ignition interlock device (IID) as directed in the IID Information Sheet (CR-483) for 12 months during your probation period; Probation for 1 year; Obey all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Commit no jailable offenses; Do not consume alcohol for a period ending 1 year from date of this judgment; Other: Warrantless breath test at request of peace officer and warrantless arrest for violations.

State of Alaska v. Rose Madden (1/17/61) 2NO-09-514CR Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 8/11/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 20 days, 20 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 12/10/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer for alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Steffan Soonagrook (10/4/86); 2NO-09-533CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4°; Filed by the DAs Office 12/11/09.

State of Alaska v. Steffan E. Soonagrook (10/4/86); 2NO-09-674CR Count 1: Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 10/26/09; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: 2 (002), 3 (003), 4 (004); Any appearance of performance bond is exonerated; 180 days, 130 days suspended; Unsuspended 50 days shall be served consecutive to count 5 and 09-707CR; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 12/11/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not contact, directly or indirectly, or return to the residence I.O.; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in his residence, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar of liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol; Not be alcohol is present.

State of Alaska v. Steffan Soonagrook (10/4/86); 2NO-09-533CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4°; Filed by the DAs Office 12/11/09.

State of Alaska v. Steffan E. Soonagrook (10/4/86); 2NO-09-674CR Count 5: Disorderly Conduct; DV; Date of offense: 10/26/09; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: 2 (002), 3 (003), 4 (004); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 10 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 10 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC consecutive to Count 1 and 2NO-09-707CR.

State of Alaska v. Steffan Soonagrook Sr. (10/4/86); 2NO-09-707CR Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 11/7/09; Any appearance of performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC and consecutive to terms in 2NO-09-674CR; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Francis Milligrook (4/26/87); Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 9/17/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance of performance bond is exonerated; 120 days, 90 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC 1/15/10; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Sur-

charge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 12/11/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not contact, directly or indirectly, Yvonne Pete without consent.

State of Alaska v. Michelle Kulukhon (10/12/83); Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 11/8/09; Partial Plea Agreement; Any appearance of performance bond is exonerated; 45 days, 45 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 12/11/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in her residence, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar of liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Daniel Apok (3/7/76); 2NO-09-184CR Count 2: Leaving the Scene/Property Damage; Date of offense: 5/5/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: counts 1, 3 (001, 003); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 90 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC consecutive to 2NO-09-190CR; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Restitution: Shall pay restitution to satisfaction of victim; Comply with all court orders listed above by the deadlines stated.

State of Alaska v. Daniel Apok (3/7/76); 2NO-09-190CR Count 1: Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 2/5/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: counts 2, 3 (002, 003); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 150 days, 90 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC consecutive to 2NO-09-184CR; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 12/8/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer for alcohol; Other: Pay restitution in 2NO-09-184CR.

State of Alaska v. Barton Johnson (4/23/91); Criminal Trespass 1°; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 7 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 7 days have been served; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Geoffrey Milligrook (4/29/84); Assault 4°; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 180 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 180 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Forfeit Leatherman Tool to State; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Katrina Toolie (5/3/87); Dismissal; Count 001: False Information or Report; Filed by the DAs Office 12/7/09.

State of Alaska v. John Kakoona (3/10/54); Notice of Dismissal; Count 001: Theft 3°; Filed by the DAs Office 12/14/09.

State of Alaska v. Randy Myers (7/22/82); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4°; Filed by the DAs Office 12/11/09.

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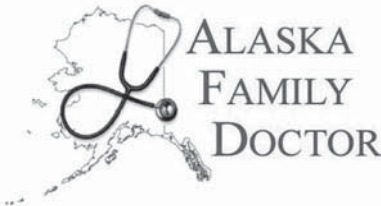
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# Nanook runner to continue stride in Idaho

By Tyler Rhodes

Nanook senior AnnieKate Olson is trading one Coach Collins for another.

With high school coach Jeff Collins at her side, Nome's captain and lead runner from the 2009 girls' cross country squad signed a letter of intent Dec. 16 to run for coach Mike Collins at Lewis-Clark State College in Lewiston, Idaho.

Olson, who was this year's Region I North champion, said it wasn't until her senior season that she considered running at the college level. She credits Nome's Coach Collins with pushing her toward continuing her running career. "Jeff gave me the idea to run in college," she said.

And Jeff Collins has a good idea of what Olson will be in for in Lewiston. Jeff Collins is no stranger to Mike Collins' running program at Lewis-Clark, since the Nome coach ran for the Idaho school during his collegiate years. The two Coach Collins are not related.

Olson said the running program and course offerings at Lewis-Clark appealed to her. Her initial academic plans are to focus her studies on either the humanities or social work. The college has roughly 4,000 students.

For the brief ceremony Dec. 16, Olson was joined at the trophy-laden table in the Nome-Beltz High School library by her parents, Sharon Keeney and David Olson, as well as Jeff Collins and assistant coach Erika Eaton. While the ceremony put the final punctuation mark on Olson's high school career, Jeff Collins said the program at Lewis-Clark should serve as the start of a whole new level of running for his top ward from the 2009 season. "I think she will be a great addition to the Warrior's program. Any program in which she is not leading the pack will help AnnieKate develop as a runner," he said. "She is competitive, has a strong desire to



Photos by Tyler Rhodes

**THE WORK**—AnnieKate Olson pushes it to the finish to win the Nome Invitational Cross Country Meet this fall.

excel and will learn what it takes to get back to the head of the pack again."

Jeff Collins said that when challenged to bring her performance up a notch in a quest for that regional title this year, Olson was able to shift gears and drive the pace of many races. "At the beginning of the season, after Kotzebue, I asked her how she felt about training to win regionals, to which she responded, 'Yeah, sure!'" Collins said. "I'm not sure if she believed in her ability enough then, but I and others saw the ability. When she realized what she was capable of, her times decreased, her focus increased and her goals started to become reality."



**THE RESULTS**—Nome-Beltz coach Jeff Collins looks over AnnieKate Olson's letter of intent to run at his alma mater Lewis-Clark State College in Idaho.

# Nanook boys blast out of the gate

If the opening two games of the season are any indicator of things to come for the Nanook basketball team, Nome's boys may find themselves again on a path to the state tourney.

Kicking off the season at the Nome Recreation Center Saturday and Monday nights, the Nanooks showed no mercy in two decisive wins over Monroe Catholic High School.

In Saturday's action, Nome and

Monroe were even paced out of the gate, coming into the second quarter nearly tied. Aided by three three-pointers by Tim Sullivan in the second, Nome ended the first half with a 14-point lead. The Nanooks poured it on in the third, outscoring the guests from Fairbanks by 24.

Sullivan led Nome in the 87-47 win with the game-high 24 points.

Christian Leckband added 19 off the bench. Nome's Jeremy Head scored all 17 of his points in the first three quarters. Monroe was led by Jon Sniegowski's 14.

In Monday's action, Monroe started a late-game rally to try and close the gap against Nome, but it was too little too late. Sullivan again led Nome in the 64-51 win, scoring 25 points, including five

three-pointers. Head chipped in 16 and Mason Evans went 6-6 from the charity line. Nick Gavora put up a respectable 21 points to lead the Rams.

Both the Nome boys and girls teams will next head to Anchorage over New Year's to participate in the Anchorage Christian School tournament. The boys will face Kotzebue in the first round Dec. 31.



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**AIR JON**—Jon Wongittlin splits Monroe's LaDarius Milton (34) and Jon Sniegowski during Monday night's Nanook win over the visiting Fairbanks team.

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